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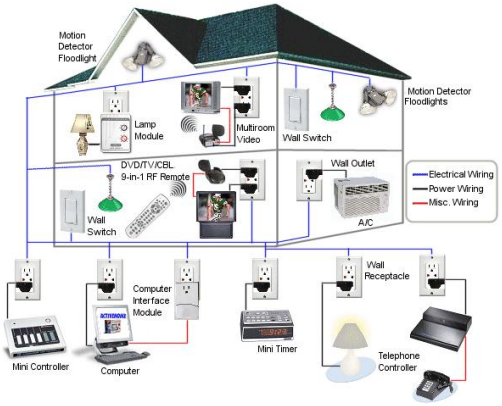
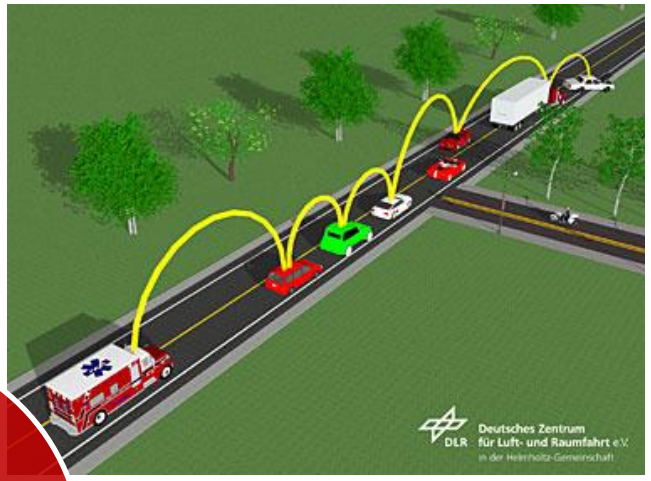
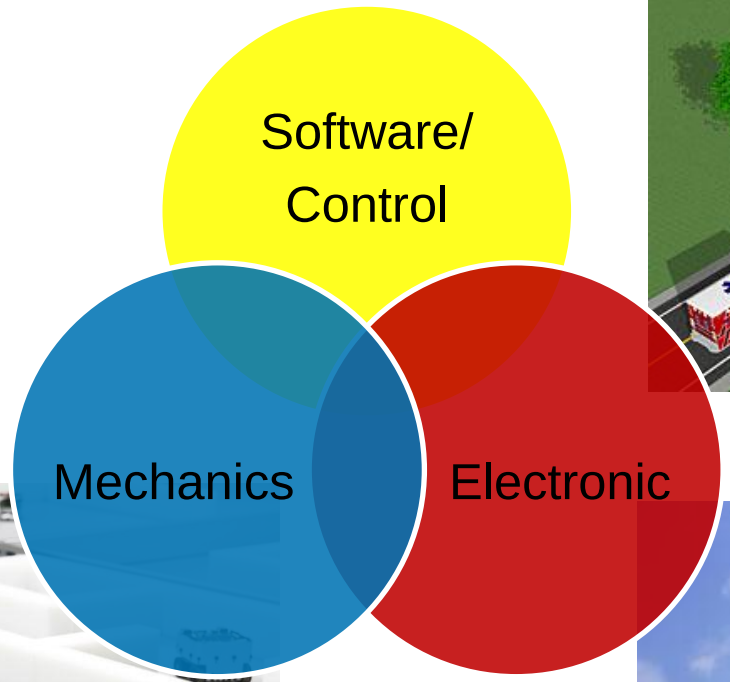
Home network systems

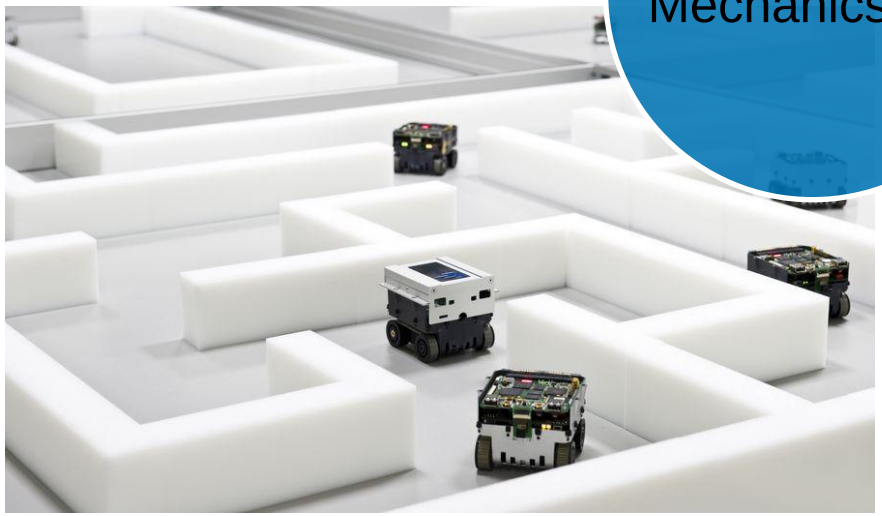


Car-to-car communication





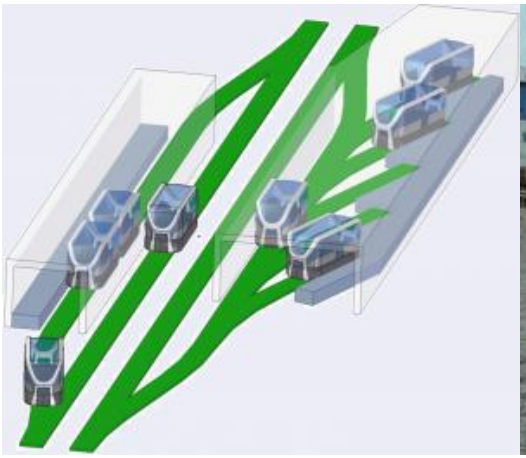
Robot swarms

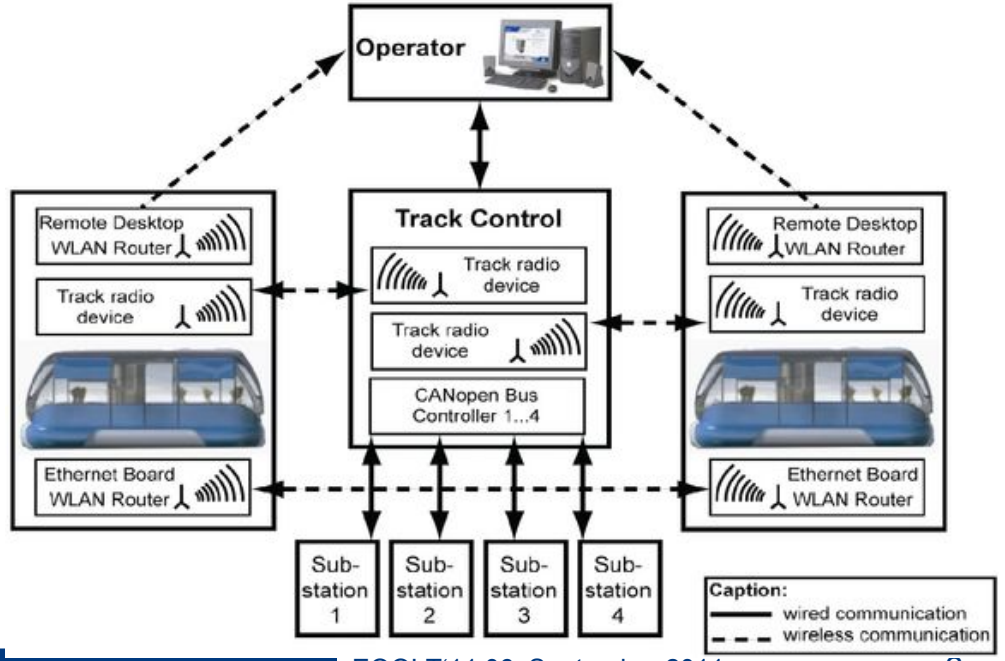


Railcabs

Example for Intelligent Mechatronics Systems 1/2

- Railcab shuttles are autonomous train systems
- Transport goods or people
- Form convoys to save energy
- Safety Critical System
- Hard real-time requirements





Source:
“Neue Bahntechnik Paderborn”
http://www.railcab.de/

Example for Intelligent Mechatronics Systems 2/2

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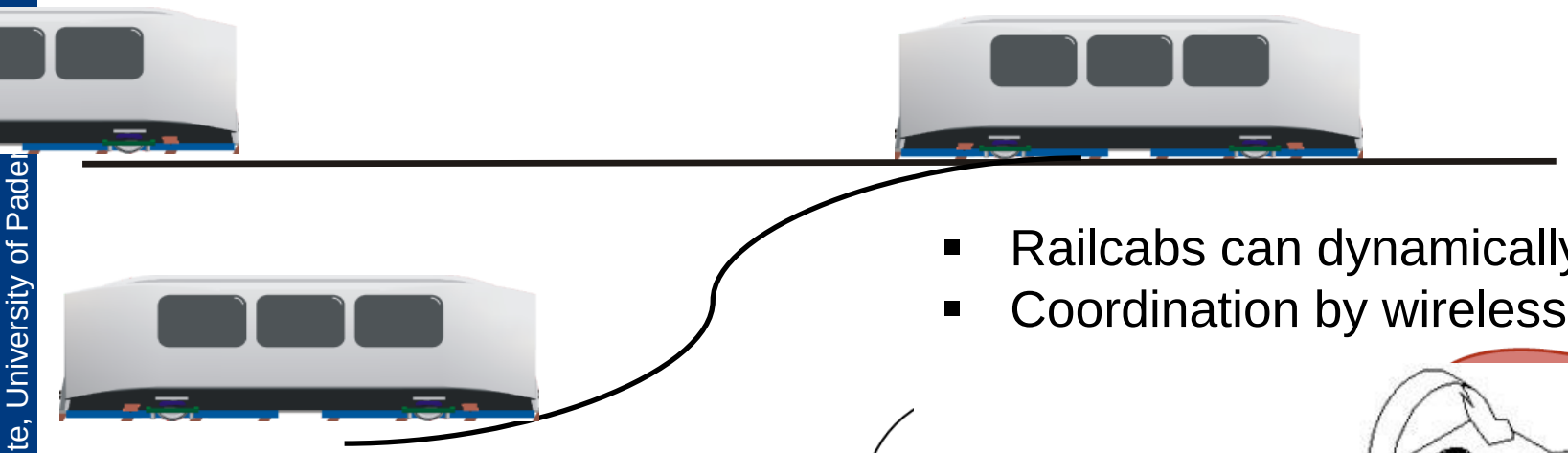
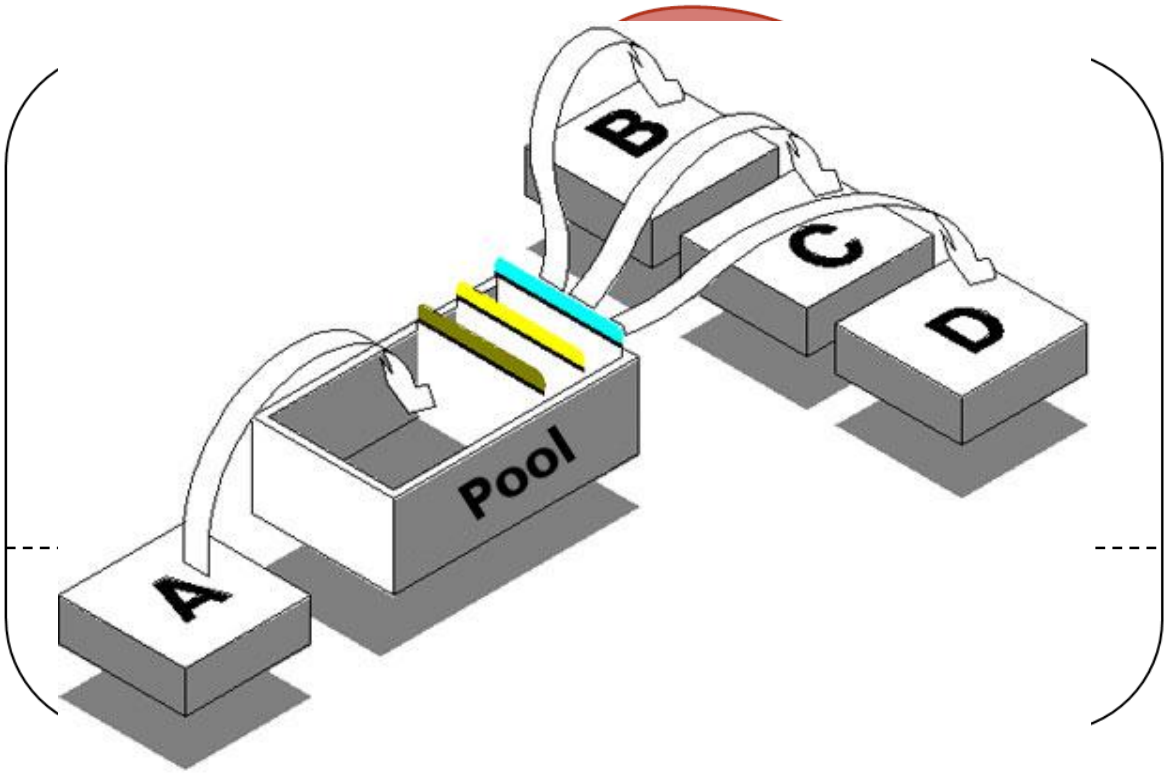
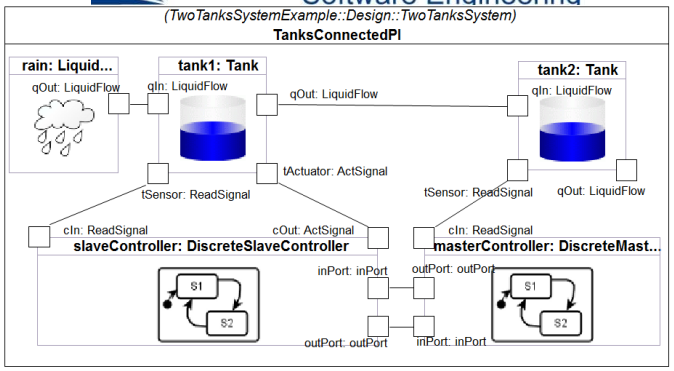


- Railcabs can dynamically form convoys
- Coordination by wireless connection

- Very complex coordination
- Message passing
  - Looses type of coupling
- State Machines define the communication protocol
- Message pools provide an asynchronous communication
  - Sender has not to wait for the receiver



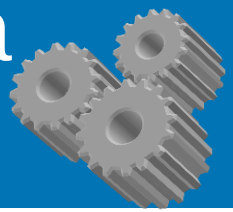
Design Method for Intelligent Mechatronics



Modeling in ModelicaML

- **Physics/ Equations**
- **Software/ Communication**

Generate Modelica Code



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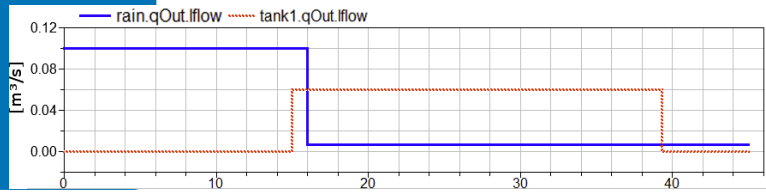
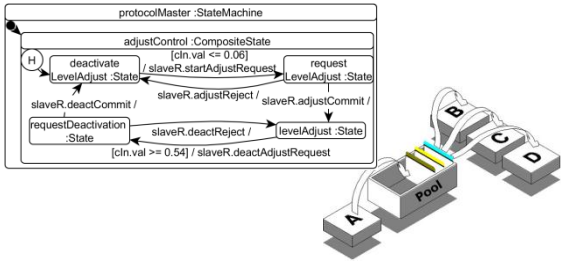
Simulate with Simulation Engine

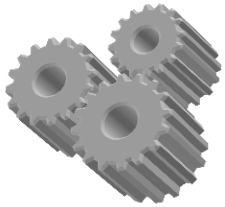


ModelicaML

- ModelicaML
  - Combination of UML and Modelica
  - Tight integration in mechatronic design
  - Close collaboration between different domain experts
  - Graphical Modeling of behavior by state machines
    - Appropriate modeling formalism
    - Describe discrete behavior of a system

- Contribution of this Paper
  - Extension of ModelicaML state machines with messages and message pools
    - Definition of syntax and semantics
  - Automatic transformation of ModelicaML state machines with messages to Modelica





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Example

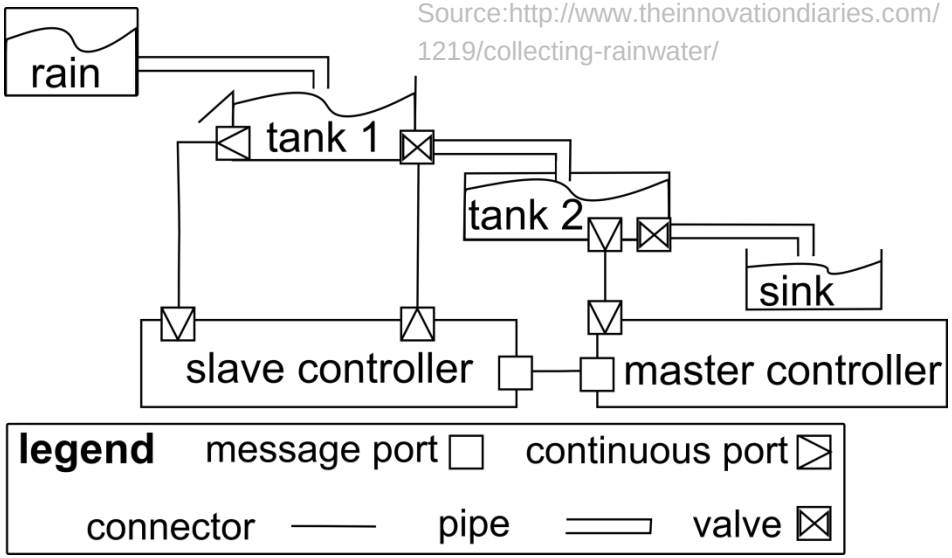
Use Cases

- Tank 1 collects rain
- User takes periodically water from tank 2
- Slave controller controlls valve of the pipe between the tanks
- Master controller asks the slave controller via messages to open the valve

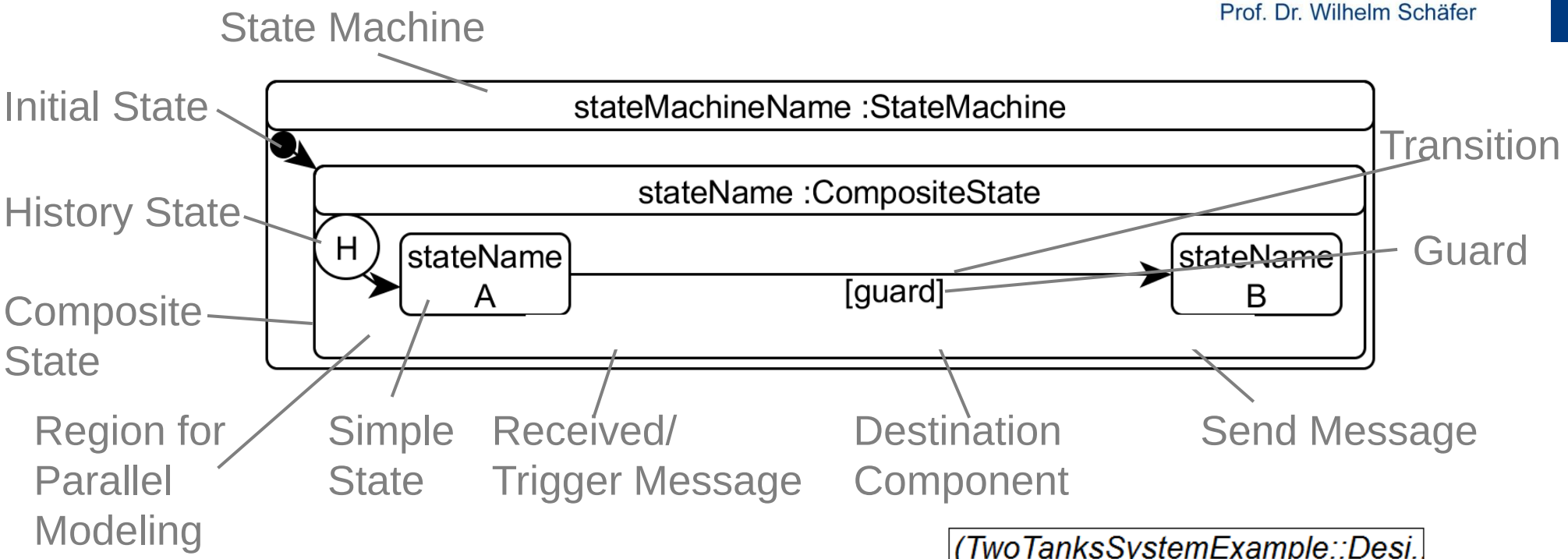
Source:http://www.theinnovationdiaries.com/1219/collecting-rainwater/

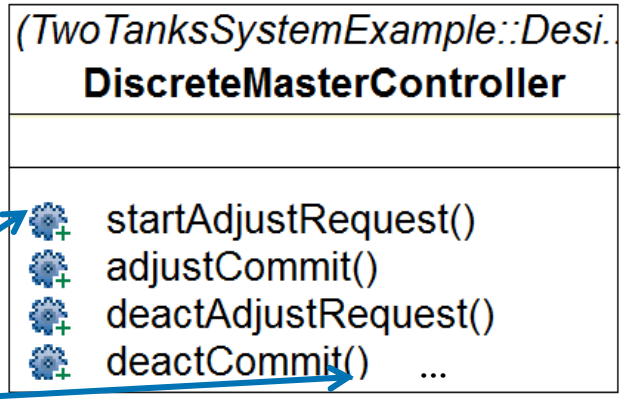
Structure

- Two tanks, controllers, sensors
- Pipe between the tanks
- Communication link between controller



State Machine and Message Syntax

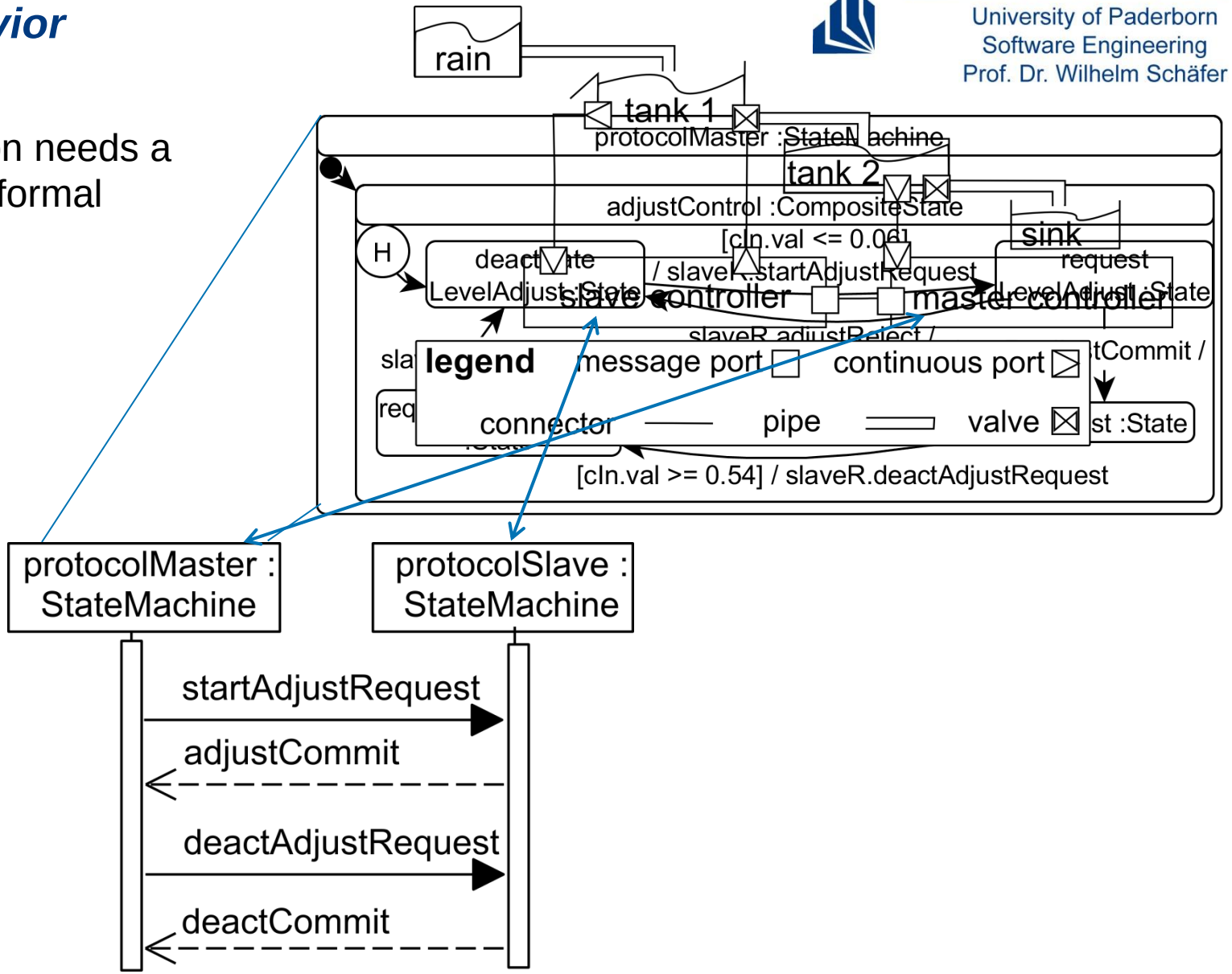




- Define message types as UML operations
- Messages types could have parameters

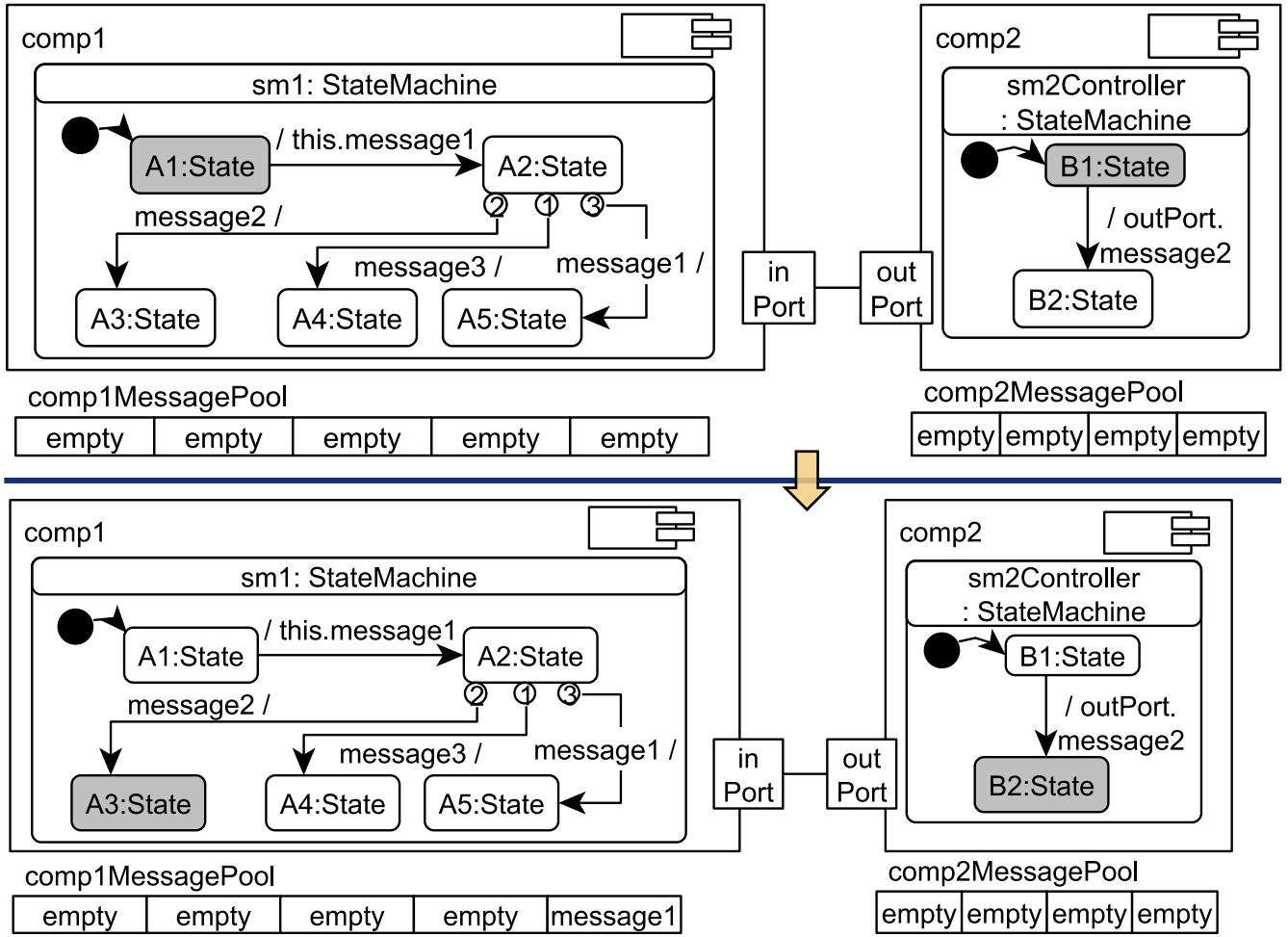
Example Behavior

- communication needs a protocol as a formal description.



Message Syntax and Semantics

- Message Pool
- Unique priorities define the concrete execution order of the state machine



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Generated Modelica Code for the Structure of State Machines

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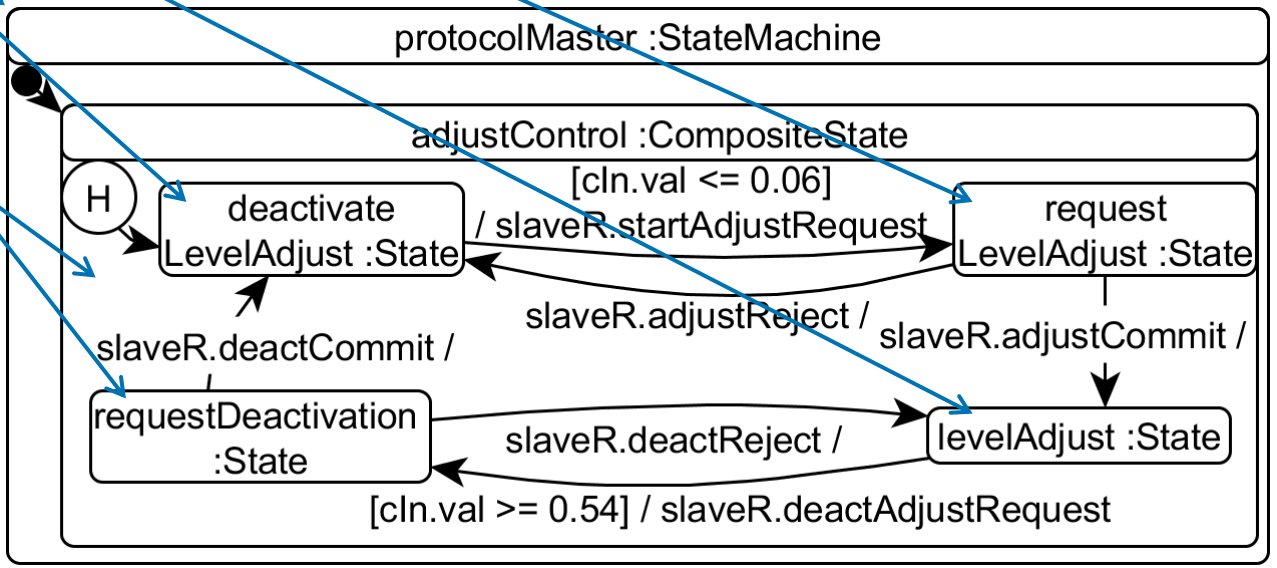
```
record masterController_SM_protocolMasterControl
Boolean active;
…
protocolMaster_Region_0_adjustControl_Region0 Region_0;
record protocolMaster_Region_0_adjustControl_Region0
SimpleState requestLevelAdjust;
SimpleState levelAdjust;
SimpleState deactivateLevelAdjust;
SimpleState requestDeactivation;
…
end protocolMaster_Region_0
_adjustControl_Region0;

record SimpleState
Boolean active;
…
end SimpleState;
```



Generated Modelica Code for the Definition of Messages

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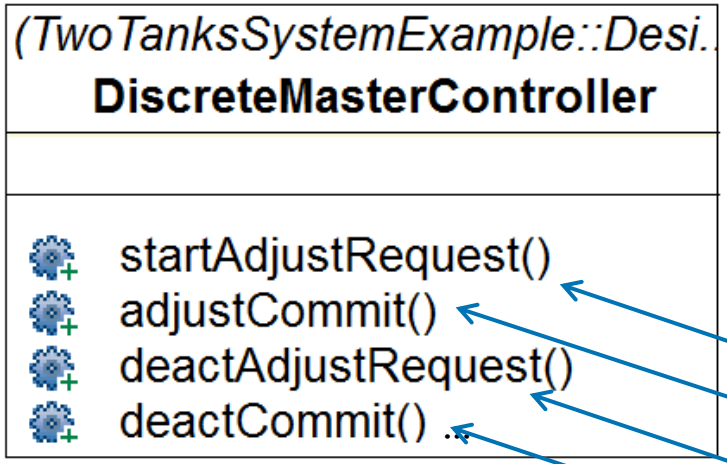

Memory address of the message pool

```
record stdMessage
Integer port;
Integer msgType;
end stdMessage;

Integer cmpMsgPoolAdr;

Boolean startAdjustRequest;
Boolean adjustCommit;
Boolean deactAdjustRequest;
Boolean deactCommit;
…
```

Structure of the Modelica Algorithmic Behavior Code

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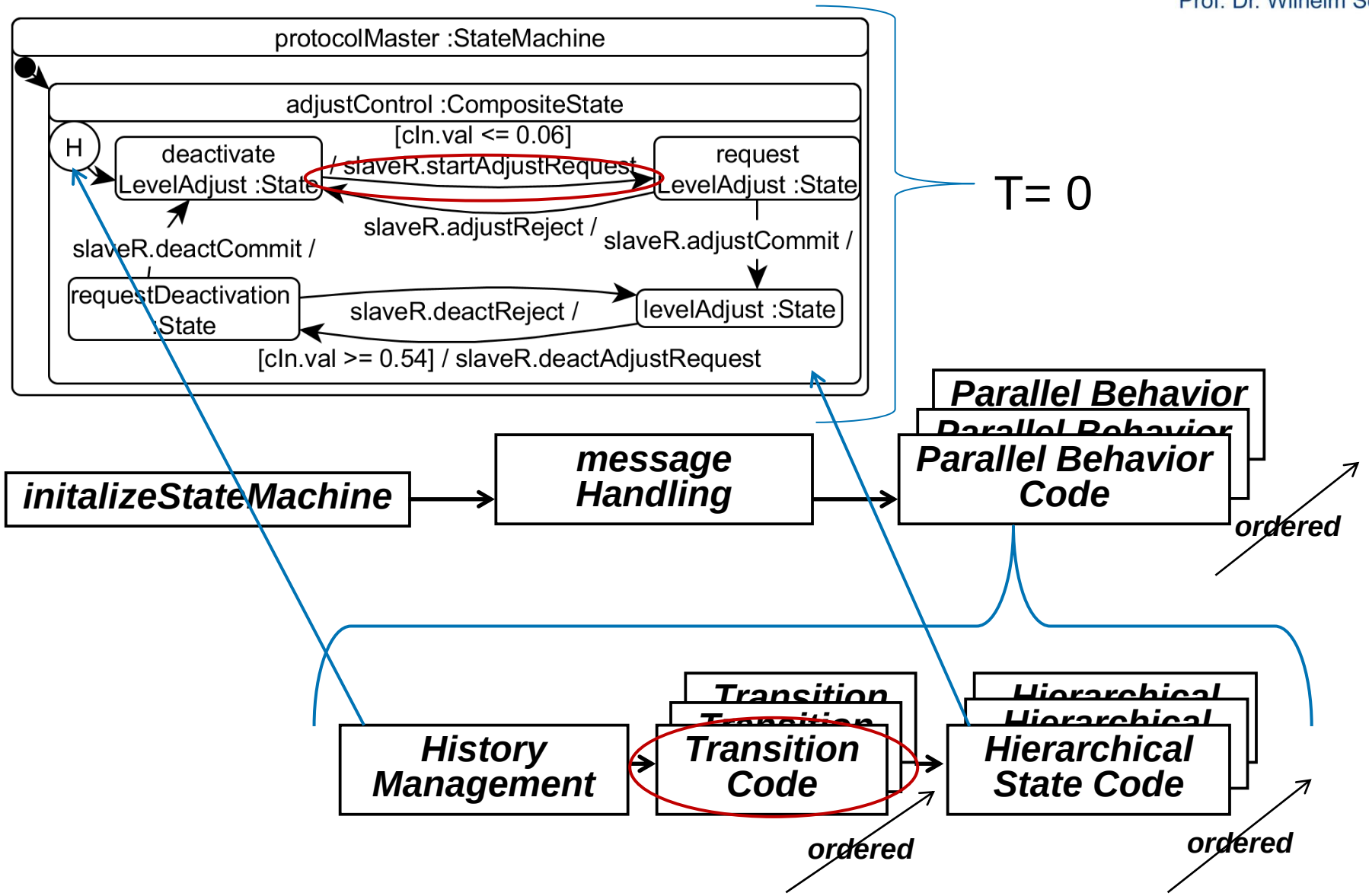
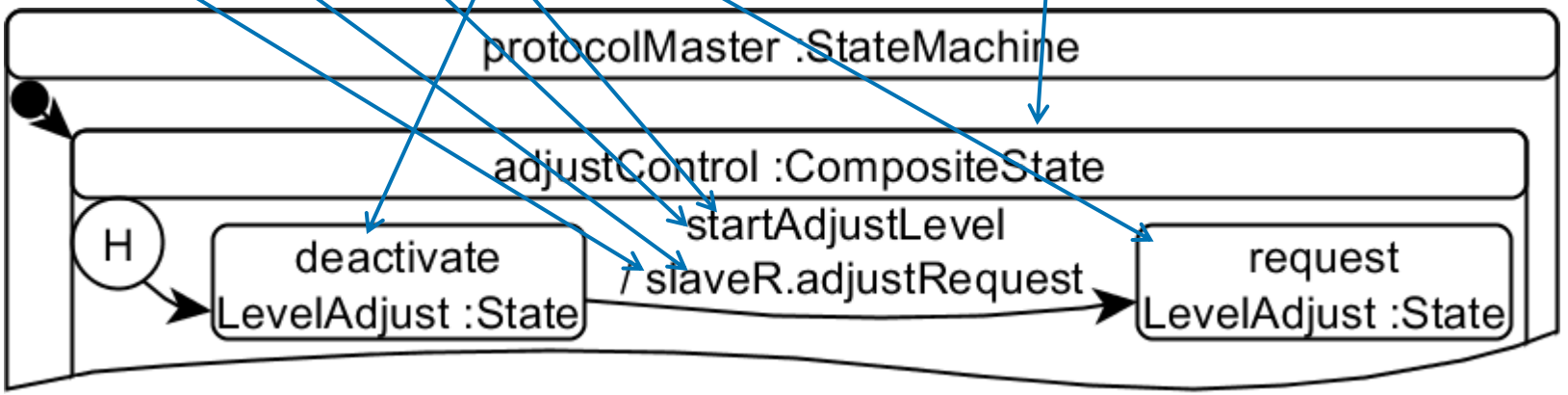


Generated Code for a Transition

```
algorithm
...
if pre(protocolMaster.Region_0.adjustControl.active) then
  if pre(... .adjustControl.deactivateLevelAdjust.active) then
    if startAdjustLevel then
      ....deactivateLevelAdjust.active := false ;
      startAdjustLevel := false ;
      message.msgType:=10; //adjustRequest
      sendMessage(pre(cmpMsgPoolAdr,message);
      ... .requestLevelAdjust.active := true;
    end if;
  end if;
end if;
```



Simulation of the Rainwater Two Tanks System by Dymola

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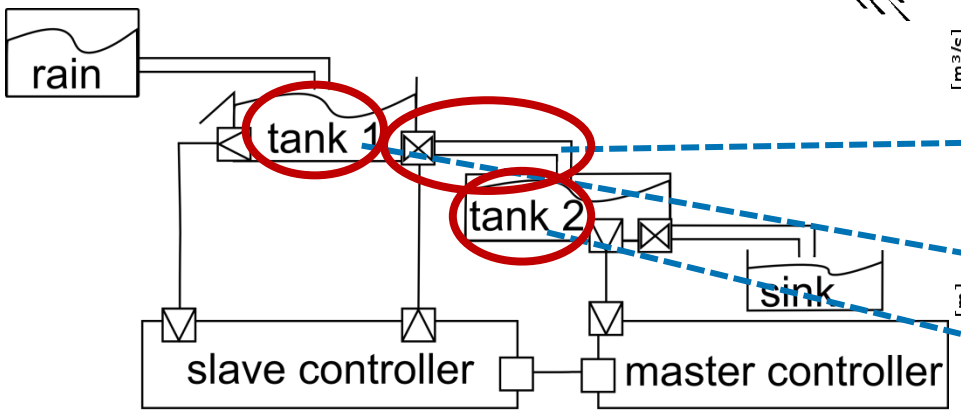

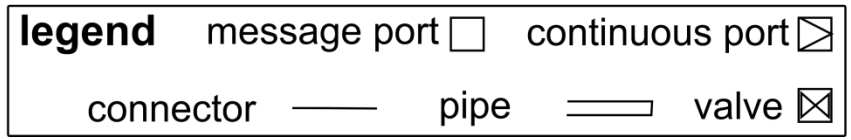

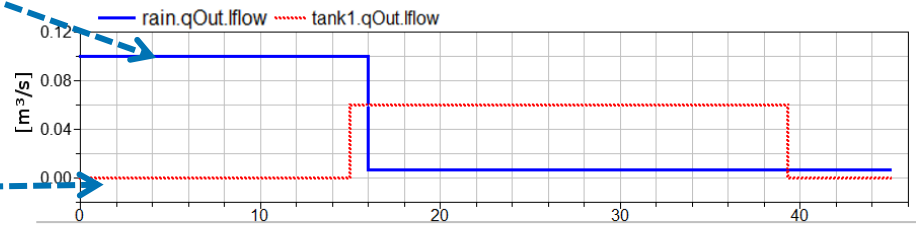

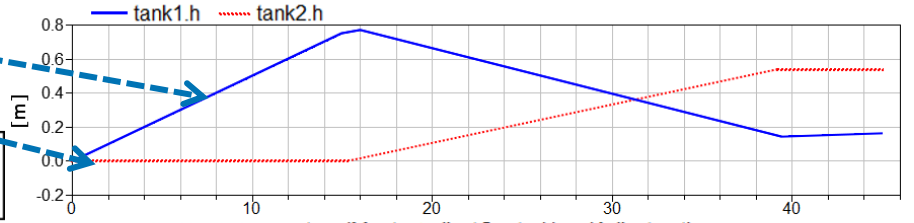

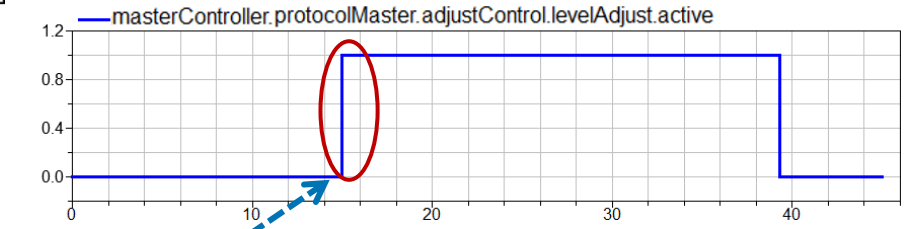

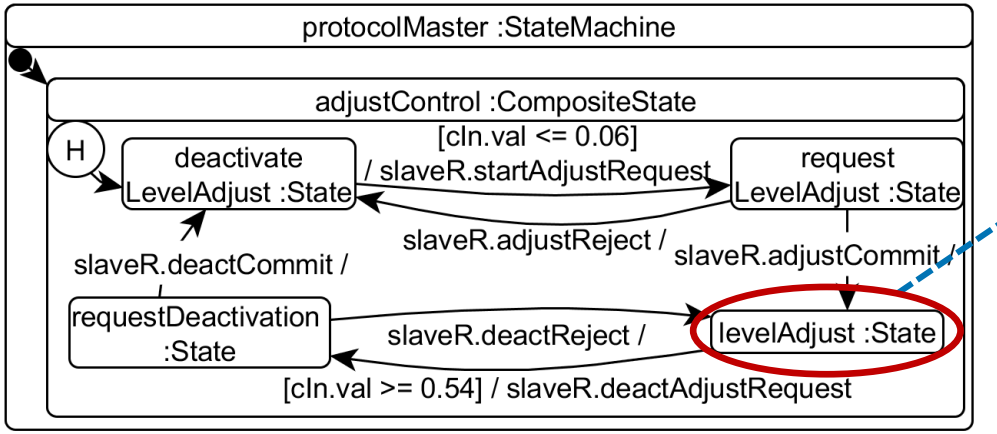

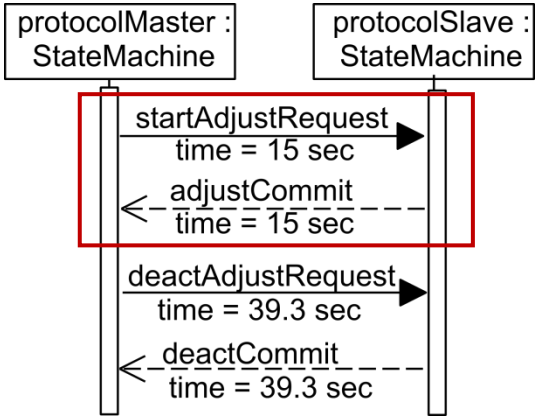

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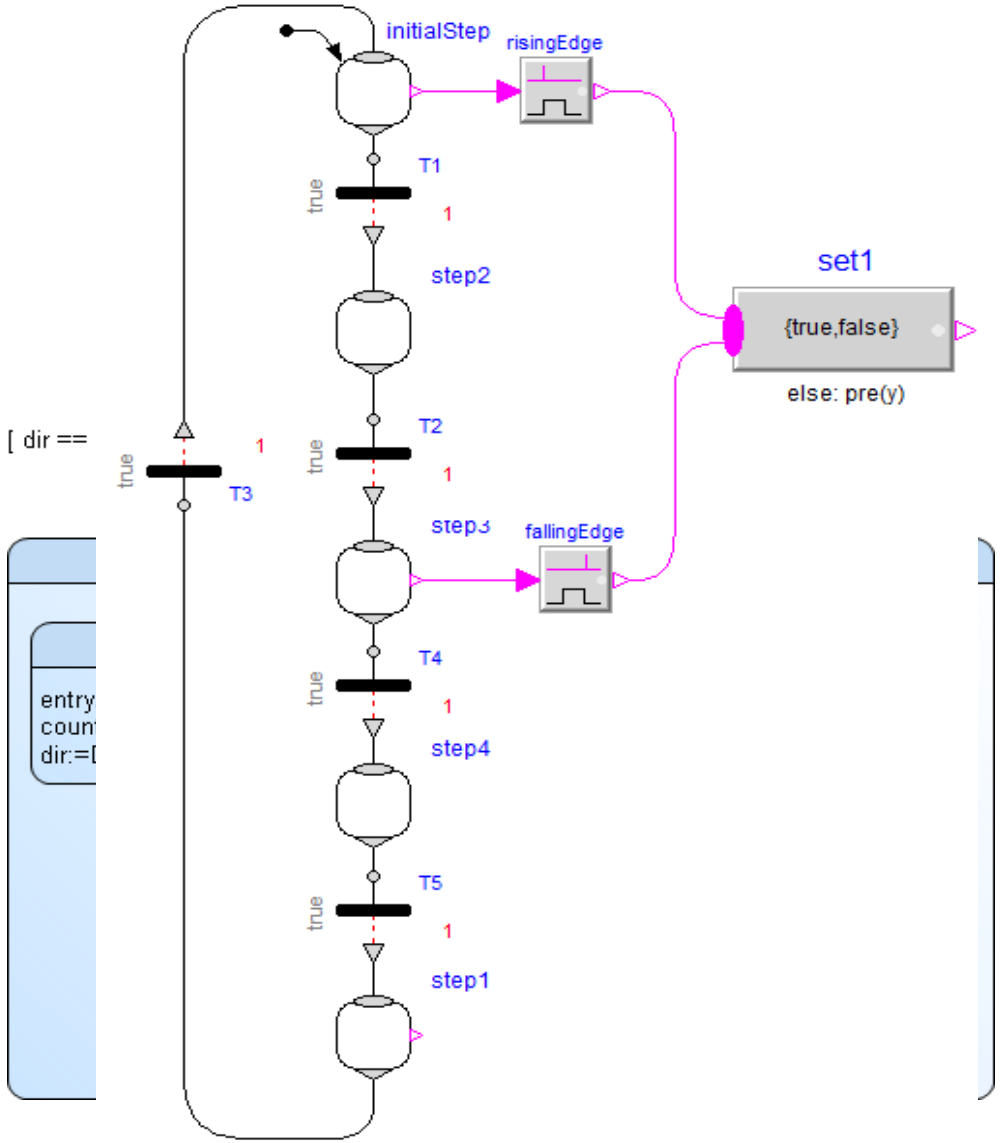
Related Work

- State Graph2
  - Equation based
  - Implement as Modelica library
  - Not UML conform
  - No algorithm support
  - Higher visual complexity
  - No message exchange support
- SimulationX
  - Modelica code generation
  - No parallel regions, submachines
  - UML like state machine
  - No message exchange support

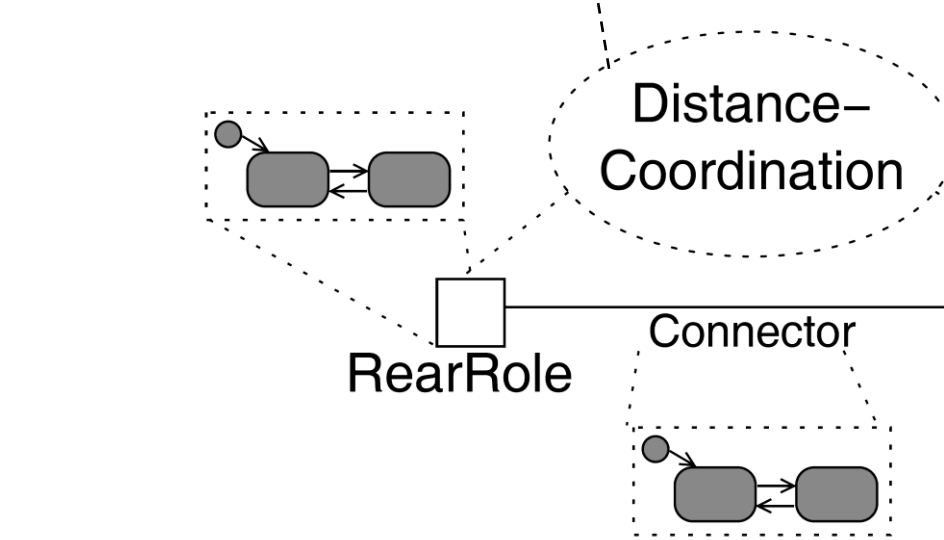


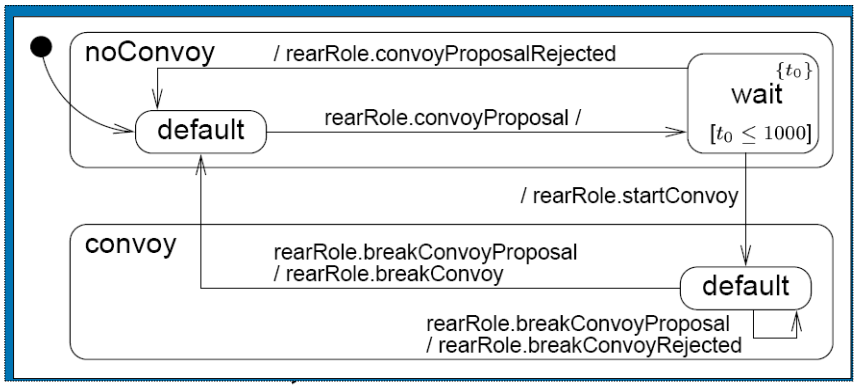
Related Work

- MechatronicUML
  - Model-driven software development and verification of mechatronic real-time systems
- The presented message exchange is based on the MechatronicUML

- Further constructs
  - Capabilities of timed automata
  - Real-Time Coordination Pattern
  - Hybrid Reconfiguration Charts

```
context DistanceCoordination inv:
(not (    self.oclInState(
           RearRole::Main::convoy)
      and self.oclInState(
           FrontRole::Main::noConvoy)))
```





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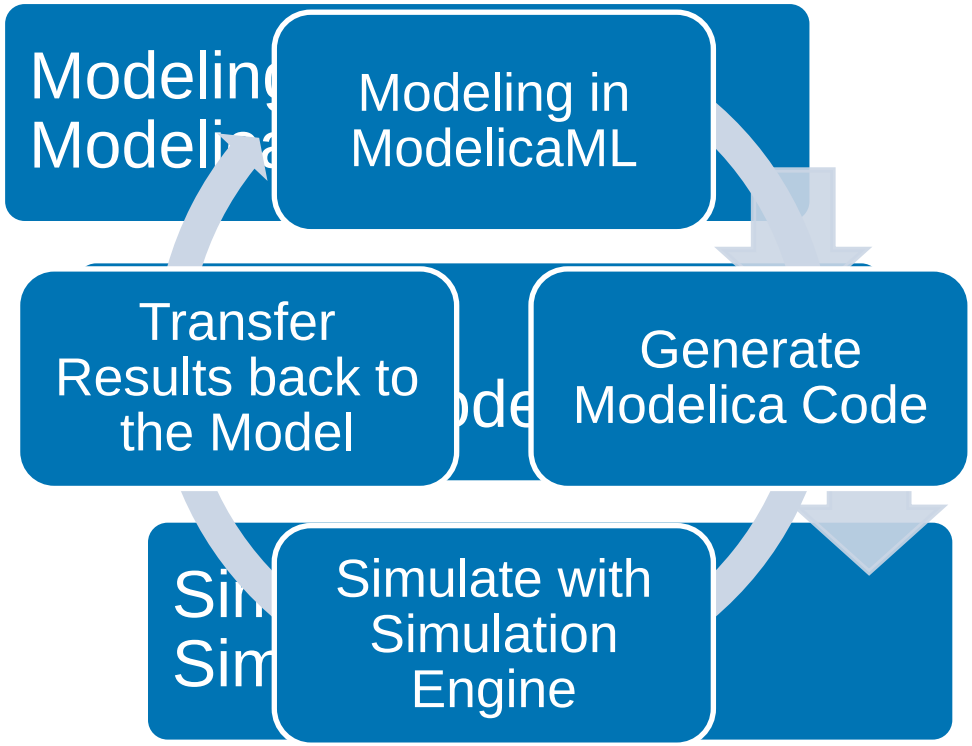
Summary and Future Work

Summary

- Extended ModelicaML state machines with message passing
- Define syntax and semantics of state machines and messages
- Translation of ModelicaML state machines to Modelica



Future Work

- Transformation of state machines to StateGraph2
- Add elements to specify temporal real-time behavior, such as clocks, time guards, invariants from timed automata
- Transfer simulation results back into the model
- Visualize simulation results of the state machine behavior
- Visualize simulation results of message passing as sequence diagrams

Thank you for your attention

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Generated Code for the Message Handling of the Message Queues

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```
for i in 1:numIn loop
  numreceived :=
   numMessages(inputMsgPoolAdr[i]);
  for j in 1:numreceived loop
    message :=
   getMessage(inputMsgPoolAdr[i]);
    message.port := i;
    sendMessage(cmpMsgPoolAdr,event);
  end for;
end for;
numreceived :=
   numMessages(cmpMsgPoolAdr);
for j in 1:numreceived loop
  message :=
   getMessage(cmpMsgPoolAdr);
if message.msgType == 10
and adjustRequest == false) then
  adjustRequest := true;
...
else
sendMessage(cmpMsgPoolAdr,message);
end if;
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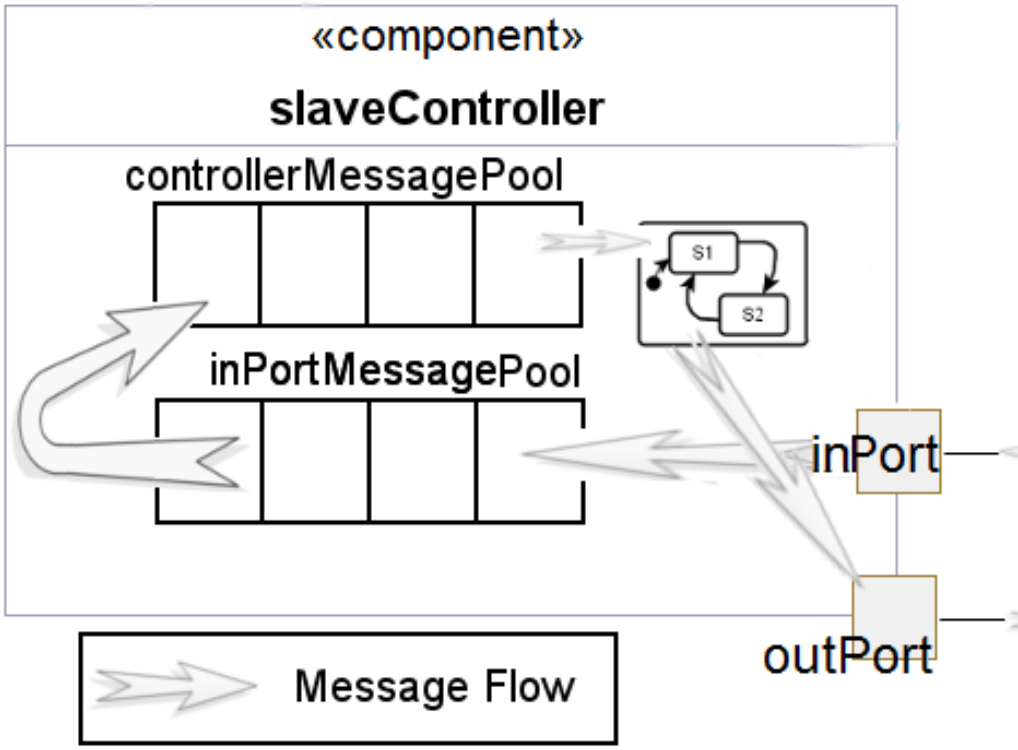

Generated Modelica Helper Functions for Message Handling

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```
function CreatePool
output Integer q;
external "C" q = QCreate();
annotation (Include="#include
   <events.c>");
end CreatePool;
```

```
function sendMessage
input Integer poolAdr;
input stdMessage e;
output Integer out;
external "C" out =
QAdd(poolAdr,e.port,e.msgType,
   e.value,0);
annotation (Include="#include
   <events.c>");
end sendMessage;
```