

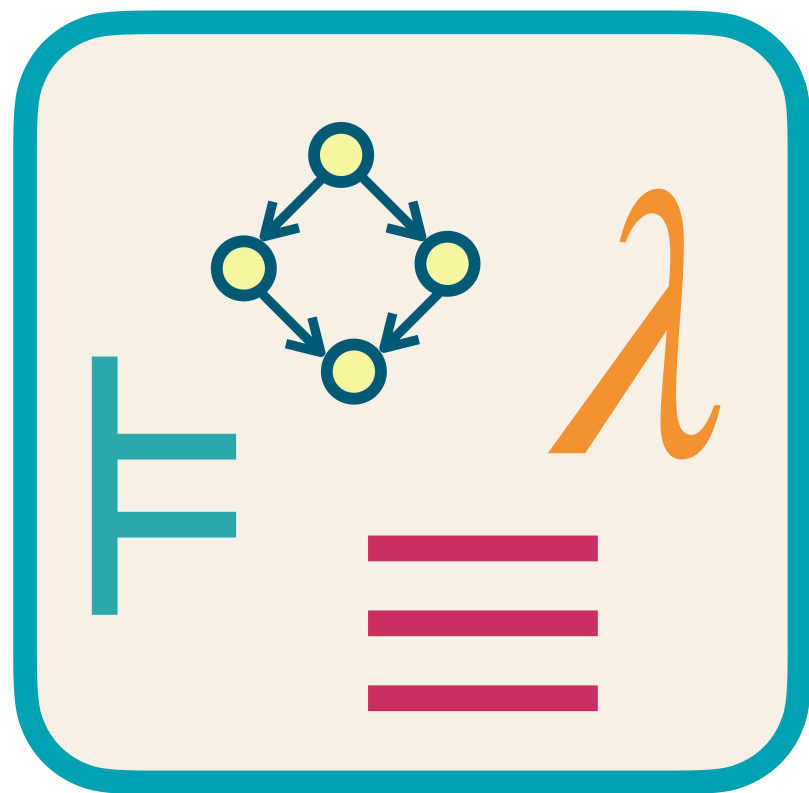
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Models for Programming Paradigms

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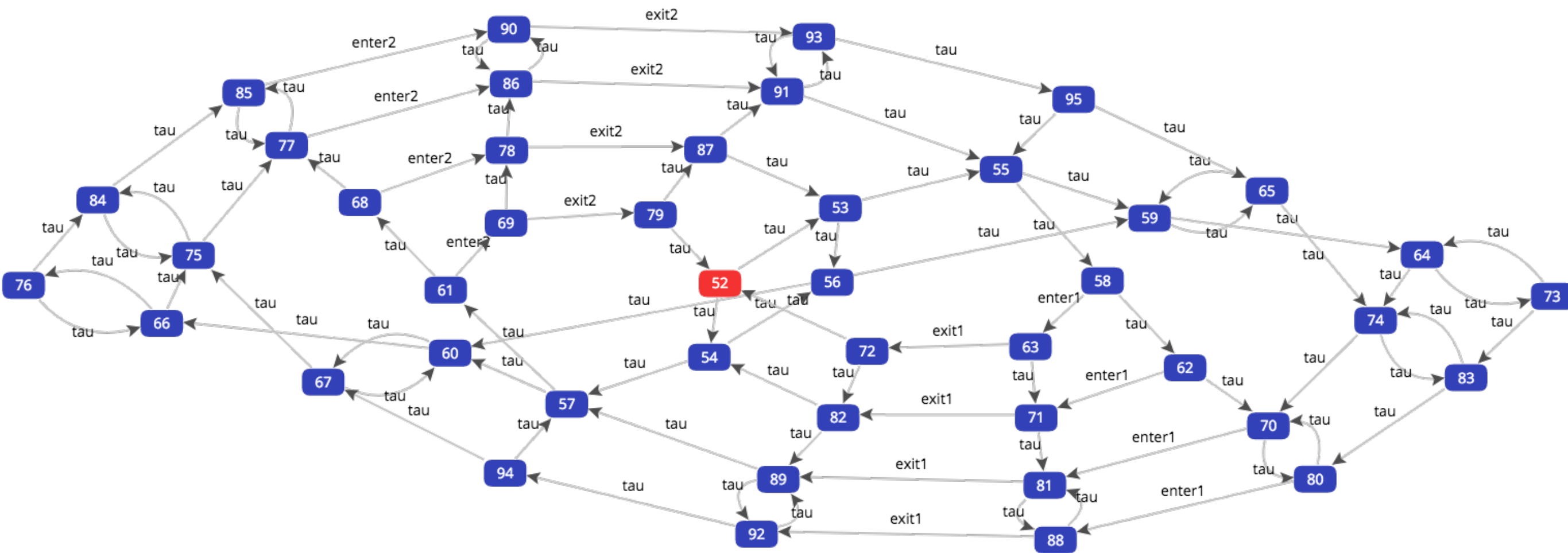
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21 - CAAL: CCS at work

CCS

Playing with CAAL

Concurrency Workbench, Aalborg Edition



<http://caal.cs.aau.dk/>

CAAL

CAAL is a web-based tool for
modeling, visualization and verification
of concurrent processes in CCS (and its timed extension)

developed for educational purposes

Edit (recursively defined) processes

Explore their LTS (collapse states up to equivalences)

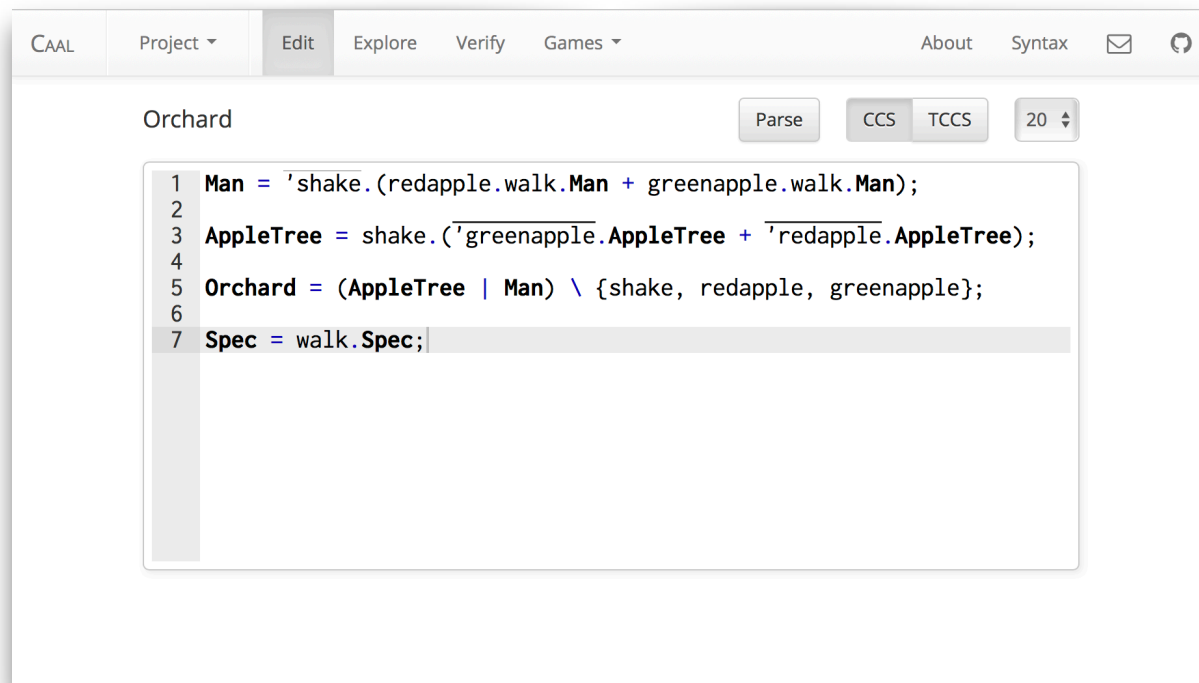
Verify HML formulas satisfaction (model checking)

Verify equivalences between processes
(generate distinguishing formulas)

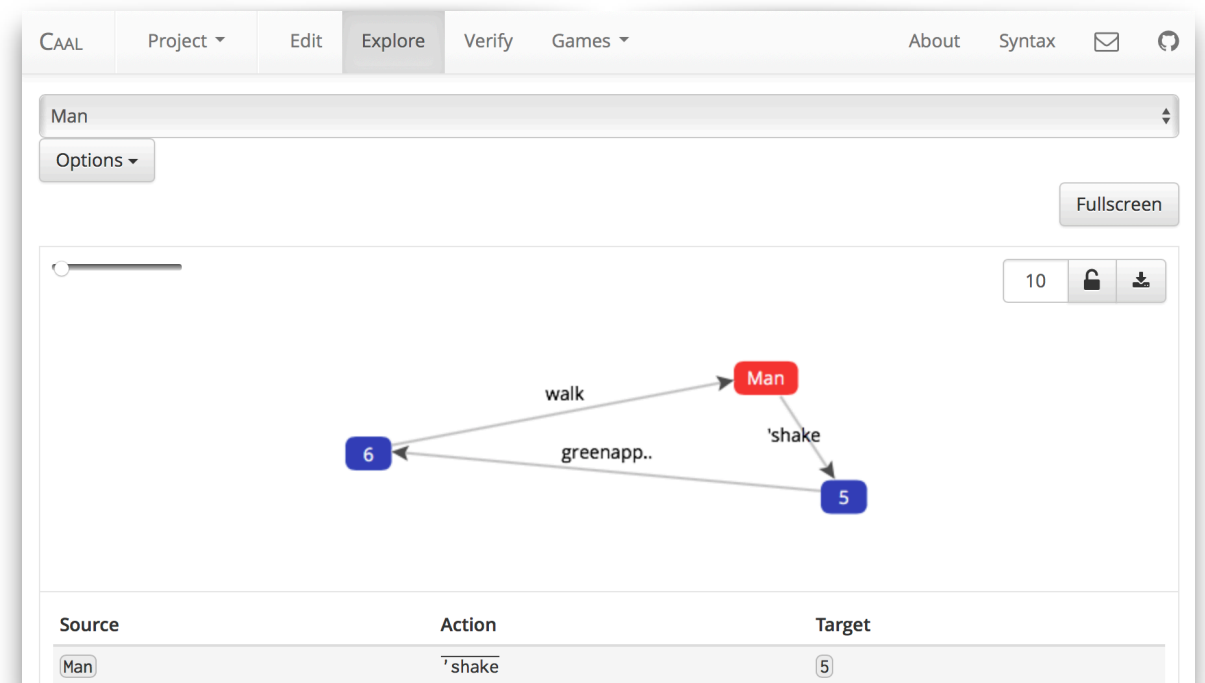
play bisimulation **Game**

CAAL

Edit processes



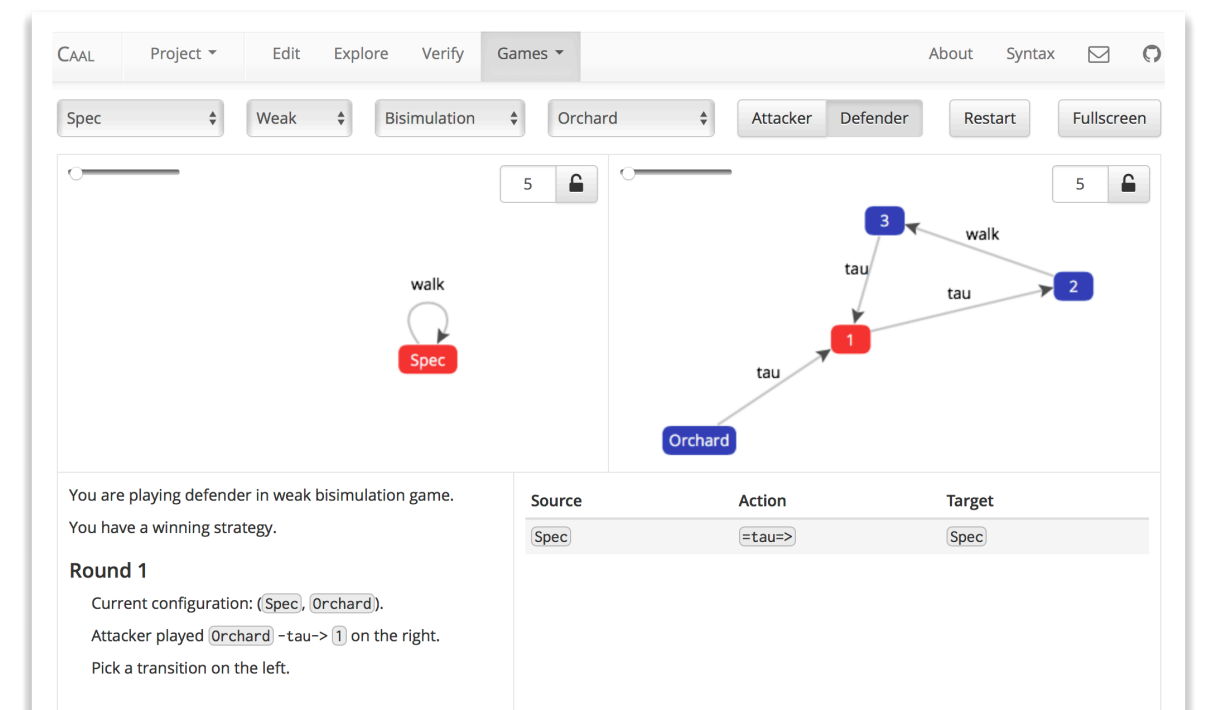
Explore LTS



Verify HML & Equivalences

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✓	25 ms	Orchard $\approx$ Spec	▶	✎	🗑	☰

play bisimulation Game



CCS syntax in CAAL

nil 0

$a.P$ $\bar{a}.P$ $\tau.P$ $a.P$ 'a.P tau.P

$P + Q$ $P + Q$

$P \mid Q$ $P \mid Q$

$P \setminus \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ $P \setminus \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$

$P[b_1/a_1, \dots, b_n/a_n]$ $P[b_1/a_1, \dots, b_n/a_n]$

$A \triangleq P$ $A = P ;$

HML syntax in CAAL

tt tt

ff ff

$F \wedge G$ F and G

$F \vee G$ F or G

$\Diamond_{\{a1, \dots, an\}} F$ $\langle a1, \dots, an \rangle F$

$\Box_{\{a1, \dots, an\}} F$ $[a1, \dots, an] F$

CAAL

mutual exclusion protocols analysis

Share memory in CCS

all channels for communicating with variables
must be restricted at the top
to guarantee read/write requests are synchronised

$$p \setminus \{xw_1, xr_1, \dots\}$$

several optimisations are possible:
action prefix instead of linking for sequential composition
allows more expressive guards
remove silent transitions
introduce constants for loops
implement expressions
...

Example: optimisation

$$x := 1; y := 2$$

$$\overline{xw_1.done} \quad \frown \quad \overline{yw_2.done}$$

$$((\overline{xw_1.done})[\phi_d] \mid d.\overline{yw_2.done}) \backslash d$$

$$\overline{xw_1.yw_2.done}$$

Example: optimisation

if $b(x)$ then c_1 else c_2

$$\sum_{b(v_i)} x r_i \cdot p_1 + \sum_{\neg b(v_j)} x r_j \cdot p_2$$

Peterson's mex algorithm

```
% Two processes P1, P2
% Two boolean variables b1, b2 (both initially false)
% when Pi wants to enter the critical section, then it sets bi to true
% An integer variable k, taking values in {1,2}
% (initial value is arbitrary)
% the process Pk has priority over the other process
%
% Process P1 in pseudocode
while (true) {
    ...                                % non critical section
    b1 = true ;                        % P1 wants to enter the critical section
    k = 2 ;                            % P1 gives priority to the other process
    while (b2 && k==2) skip ;          % P1 waits its turn
    ...                                % P1 enters the critical section
    b1 = false                         % P1 leaves the critical section
}

% Process P2 is analogous to P1
```

Peterson's mex in CCS

$$B1W \triangleq b1wf.B1f + b1wt.B1t$$

$$B1f \triangleq \overline{b1rf}.B1f + B1W$$

$$B1t \triangleq \overline{b1rt}.B1t + B1W$$

$$KW \triangleq kw1.K1 + kw2.K2$$

$$K1 \triangleq \overline{kr1}.K1 + KW$$

$$K2 \triangleq \overline{kr2}.K2 + KW$$

% Process P1 in pseudocode

```
while (true) {
  ...
  b1 = true ; % wants to enter
  k = 2 ; % gives priority to P2
  while (b2 && k==2) skip ; % waits
  ... % enters critical section
  b1 = false % leaves
}
```

% Process P2 is analogous to P1

$$P1 \triangleq \overline{b1wt}.\overline{kw2}.P1a$$

$$P1a \triangleq b2rf.P1b + b2rt.(kr1.P1b + kr2.P1a)$$

leave cycle
loop

$$P1b \triangleq enter1.exit1.\overline{b1wf}.P1$$

just something to observe

$$SP \triangleq (B1f|B2f|KW|P1|P2) \setminus \{kw1, kr1, kw2, kr2, \dots\}$$

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$$K1 \triangleq \overline{kr1}.K1 + KW$$

$$K2 \triangleq \overline{kr2}.K2 + KW$$

% Process P1 in pseudocode

while (true) {

...

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k = 2 ; % gives priority to P2

while (b2 && k==2) skip ; % waits

... % enters critical section

b1 = false % leaves

}

$$P1 \triangleq \overline{b1wt}.\overline{kw2}.P1a$$

$$P1a \triangleq b2rf.P1b + \overline{kr1}.P1b$$

no busy wait

$$P1b \triangleq enter1.exit1.\overline{b1wf}.P1$$

% Process P2 is analogous to P1

$$SP \triangleq (B1f|B2f|KW|P1|P2) \setminus \{kw1, kr1, kw2, kr2, \dots\}$$

Peterson's mex in CCS

% Process P1 in pseudocode

while (true) { ...

b1 = true ; % wants to enter

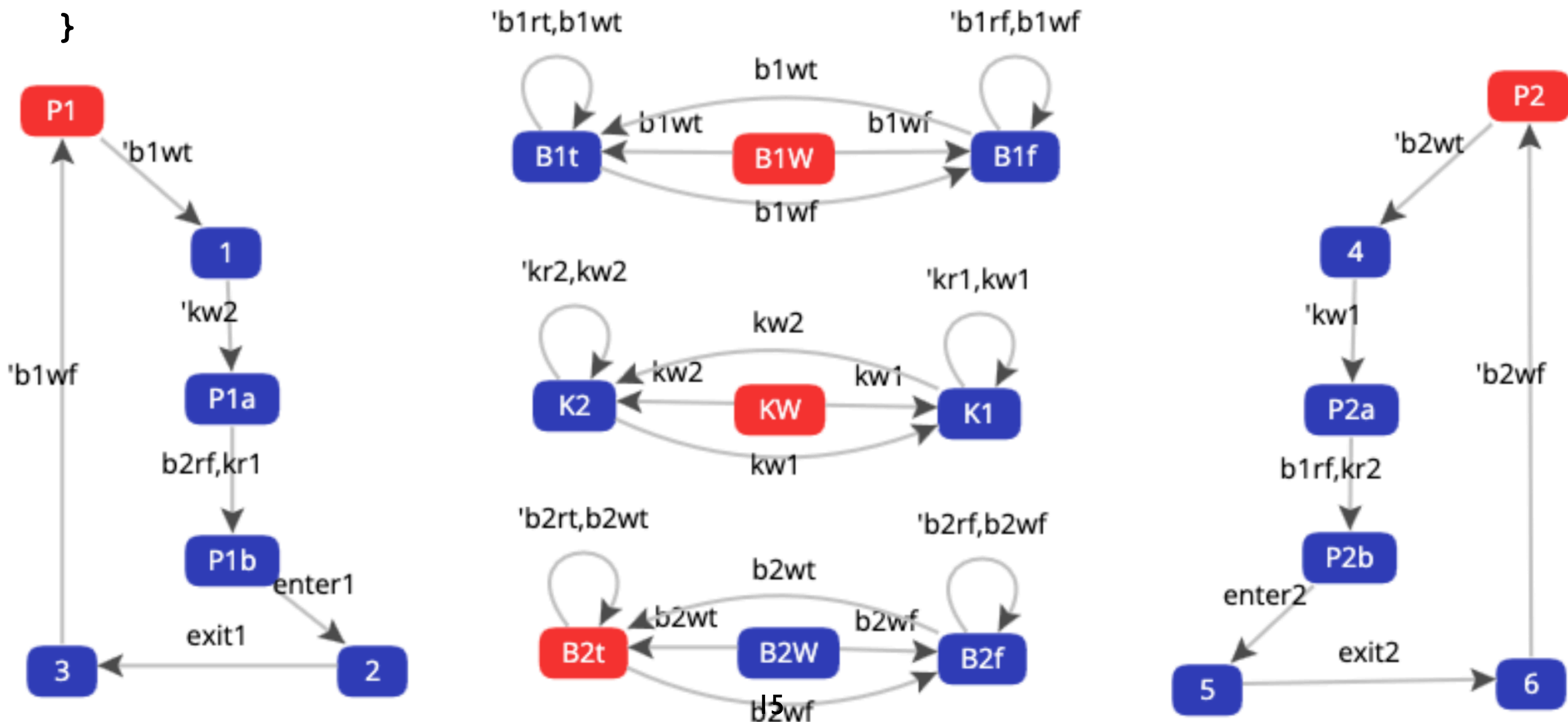
k = 2 ; % gives priority to P2

while (b2 && k==2) skip ; % waits

... % enters critical section

b1 = false % leaves

}



Peterson's mex in CCS

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a formula for mutual exclusion?

any label

$$F \triangleq [exit_1]\mathbf{ff} \vee [exit_2]\mathbf{ff}$$

$$F \wedge [-](\dots)$$

$$F \wedge [-](F \wedge [-](\dots))$$

$$MEX_{(max)} \triangleq F \wedge [-]MEX$$

$$F \wedge [-](F \wedge [-](F \wedge [-](\dots)))$$

a recursively defined formula!

Peterson's mex in CCS

$$P1 \triangleq \overline{b1wt}.\overline{kw2}.P1a$$

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$$SP \triangleq (B1f|B2f|KW|P1|P2) \setminus \{kw1, kr1, kw2, kr2, \dots\}$$

has P1 the possibility to enter?

$$G \triangleq \langle enter_1 \rangle \mathbf{tt}$$

$$G \vee \langle - \rangle (\dots)$$

$$G \vee \langle - \rangle (G \vee \langle - \rangle (\dots))$$

$$EN_{(\min)} \triangleq G \vee \langle - \rangle EN$$

$$G \vee \langle - \rangle (G \vee \langle - \rangle (G \vee \langle - \rangle (\dots)))$$

a recursively defined formula!

Peterson's mex in CCS

$$P1 \triangleq \overline{b1wt}.\overline{kw2}.P1a$$

$$P1a \triangleq b2rf.P1b + kr1.P1b$$

$$P1b \triangleq enter1.exit1.\overline{b1wf}.P1$$

$$SP \triangleq (B1f|B2f|KW|P1|P2) \setminus \{kw1, kr1, kw2, kr2, \dots\}$$

has P1 the possibility to enter from any reachable state ?

$$EN \triangleq_{(min)} G \vee \langle - \rangle EN \qquad EN \wedge [-](\dots)$$

$$EN \wedge [-](EN \wedge [-](\dots))$$

$$AEN \triangleq_{(max)} EN \wedge [-]AEN \qquad EN \wedge [-](EN \wedge [-](EN \wedge [-](\dots)))$$

a recursively defined formula!

Peterson's mex in CCS

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$$SP \triangleq (B1f|B2f|KW|P1|P2) \setminus \{kw1, kr1, kw2, kr2, \dots\}$$

deadlock freedom?

$$H \triangleq \langle - \rangle \mathbf{tt}$$

$$H \wedge [-](\dots)$$

$$H \wedge [-](H \wedge [-](\dots))$$

$$DF_{(\max)} \triangleq H \wedge [-]DF$$

$$H \wedge [-](H \wedge [-](H \wedge [-](\dots)))$$

a recursively defined formula!

Peterson's mex in CCS

$$P1 \triangleq \overline{b1wt}.\boxed{req_1}.\overline{kw2}.P1a$$

$$P1a \triangleq b2rf.P1b + kr1.P1b$$

$$P1b \triangleq enter1.exit1.\overline{b1wf}.P1$$

$$SP \triangleq (B1f|B2f|KW|P1|P2) \setminus \{kw1, kr1, kw2, kr2, \dots\}$$

does P1 access every time it issues a request?

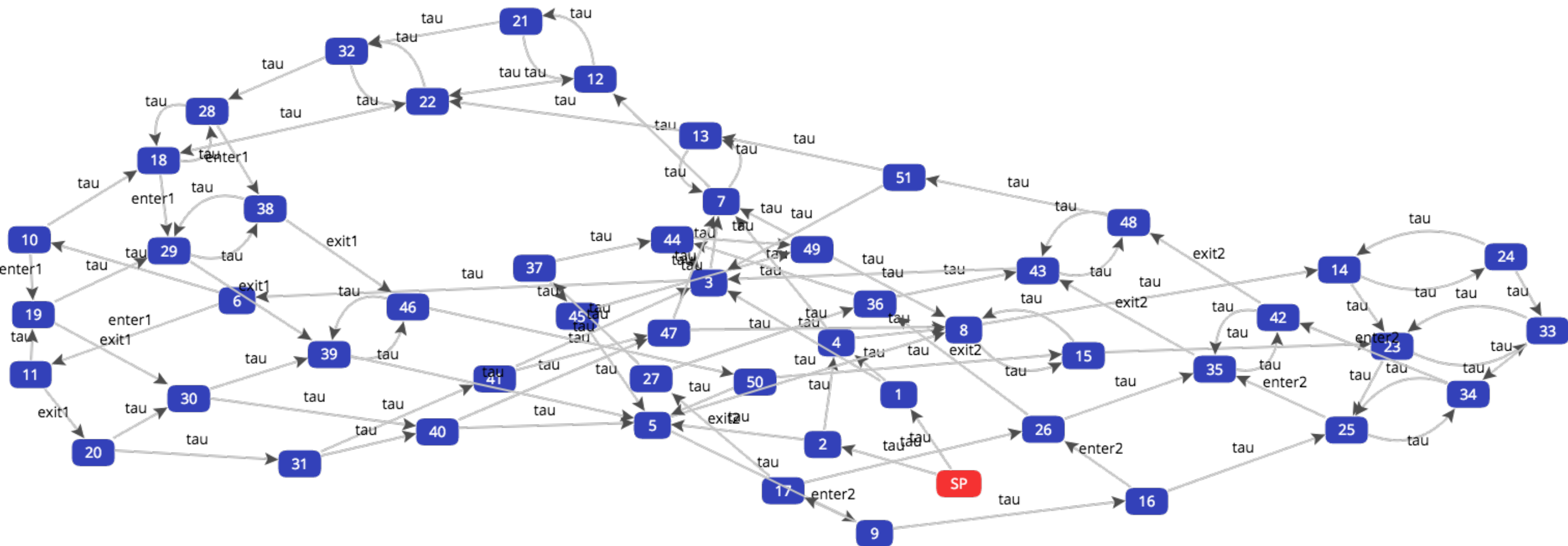
$$A \triangleq_{(min)} \langle exit_1 \rangle \mathbf{tt} \vee [-]A$$

$$REQ \triangleq_{(max)} [req_1]A \wedge [-]REQ$$

a recursively defined formula!

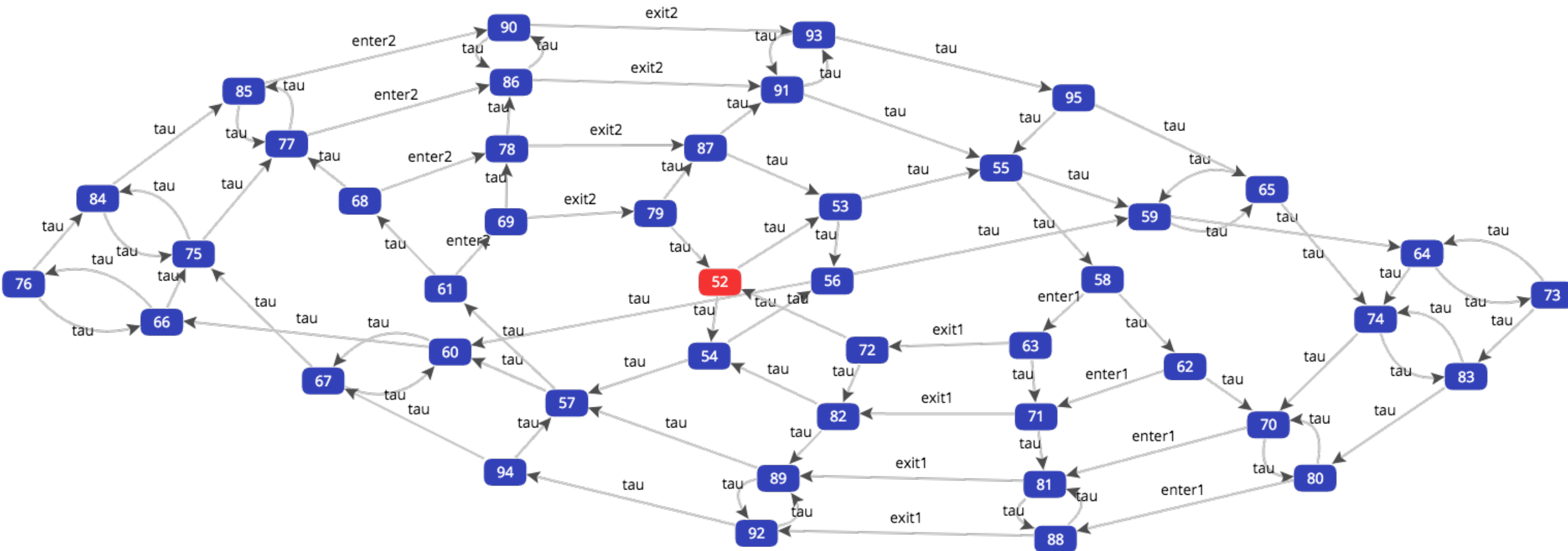
Peterson's mex in CAAL

LTS



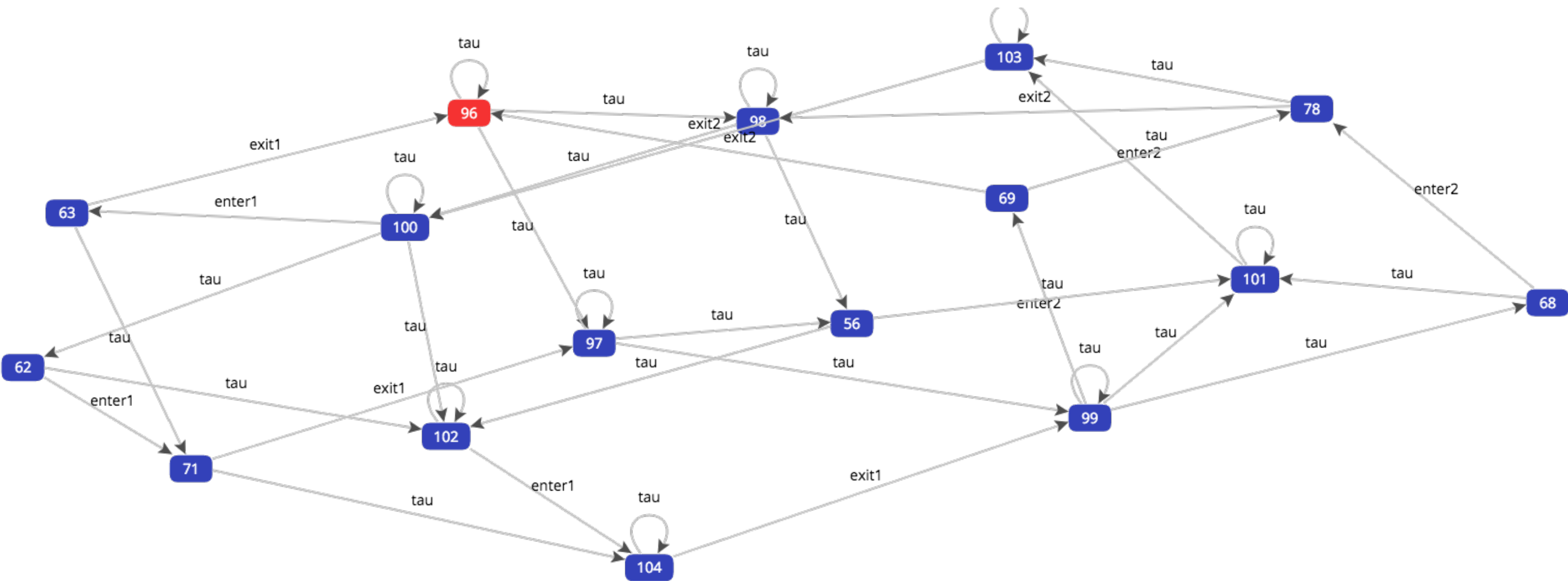
Peterson's mex in CAAL

LTS up to strong bisimilarity



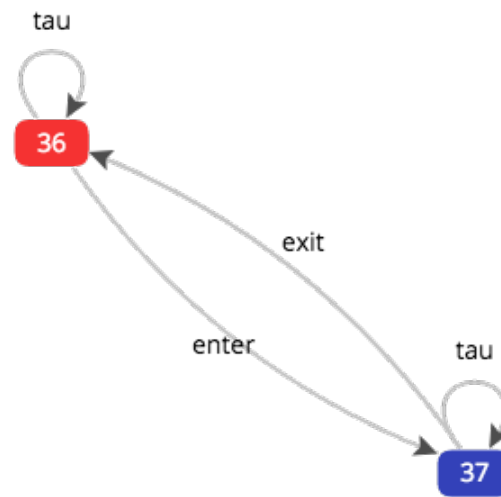
Peterson's mex in CAAL

LTS up to weak bisimilarity



Peterson's mex in CAAL

LTS up to weak bisimilarity, after renaming
enter1/2 to *enter* and *exit1/2* to *exit*

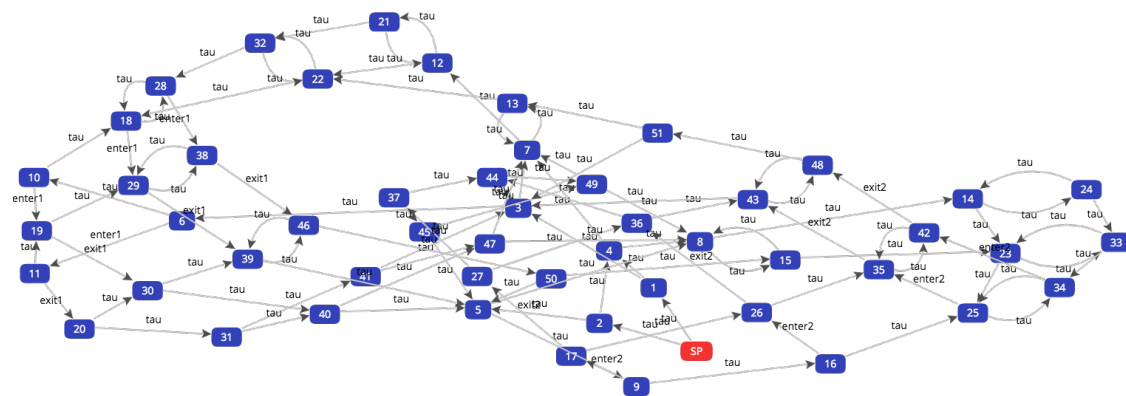


$$SP \triangleq (B1f|B2f|KW|P1|P2) \setminus \{kw1, kr1, kw2, kr2, \dots\}$$

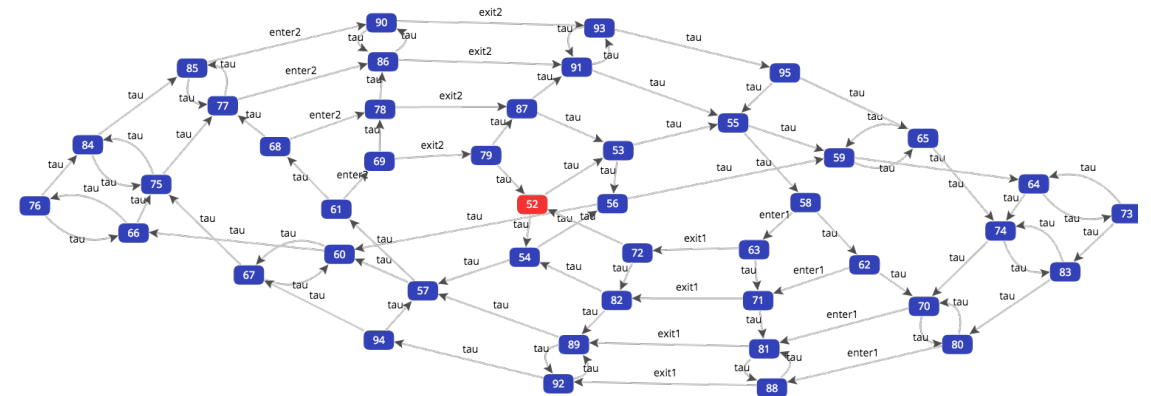
$$SP1 \triangleq SP1[enter/enter1, enter/enter2, exit/exit1, exit/exit2]$$

Peterson's mex in CAAL

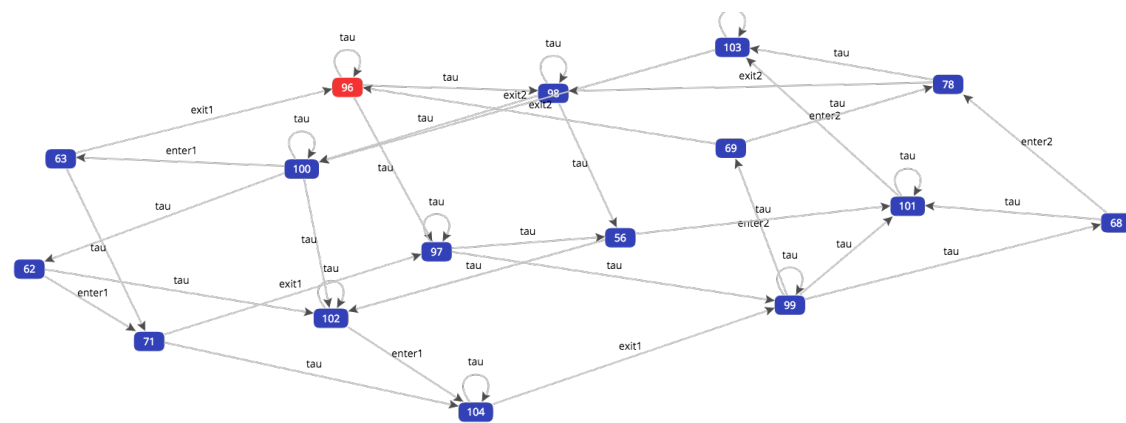
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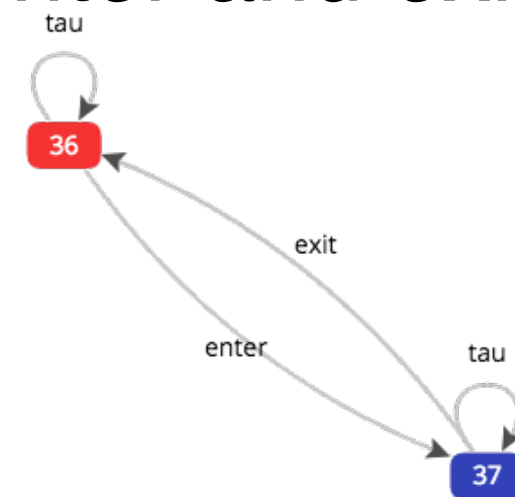
LTS up to strong bisimilarity



LTS up to weak bisimilarity



LTS up to weak bisimilarity,
enter and *exit*



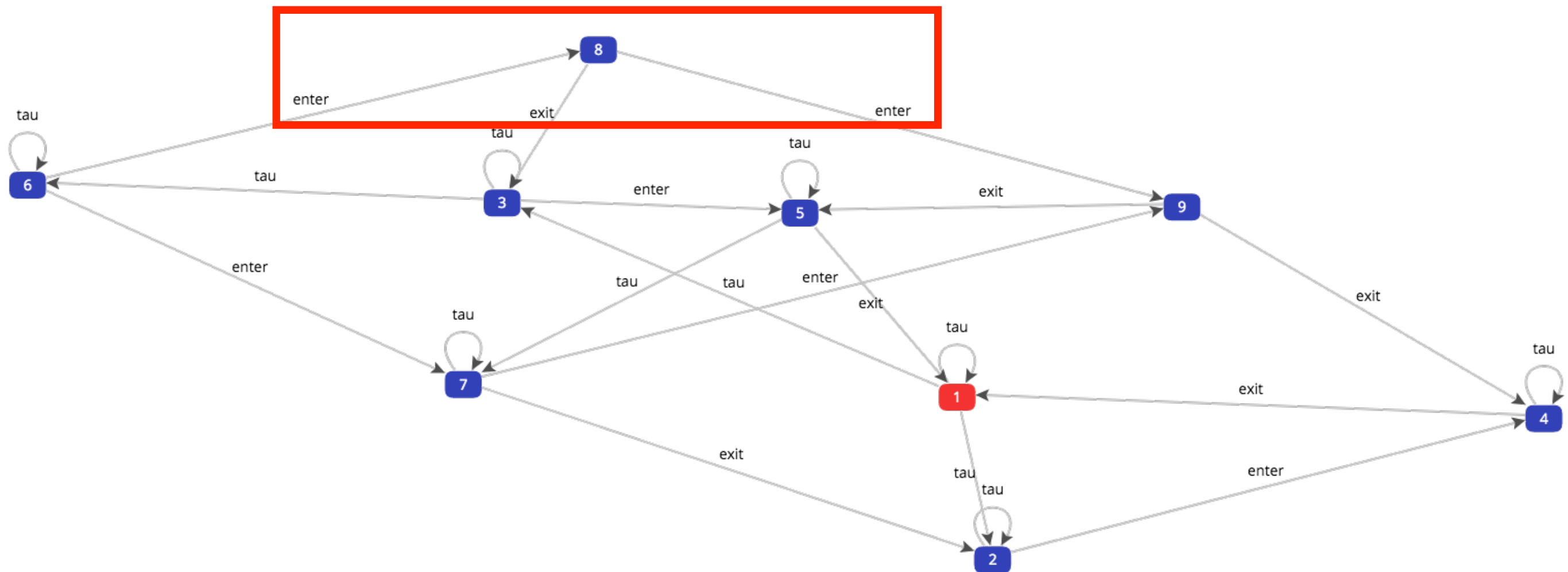
Hymman's mex algorithm

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% Two processes H1, H2
% Two boolean variables b1, b2 (both initially false)
% when Hi wants to enter the critical section, then it sets bi to true
% An integer variable k, taking values in {1,2}
% (initial value is arbitrary)
% the process Hk has priority over the other process
%
% Process H1 in pseudocode
while (true) {
    ...                                % non critical section
    b1 = true ;                        % H1 wants to enter the critical section
    while (k==2) {                     % while H2 has priority
        while (b2) skip ;             % H1 waits
        k = 1;                        % H1 sets priority to itself
    }
    ...                                % H1 enters the critical section
    b1 = false                         % H1 leaves the critical section
}

% Process H2 is analogous to H1
```

Peterson's mex in CAAL

LTS up to weak bisimilarity, after renaming
enter1/2 to *enter* and *exit1/2* to *exit*



50 prisoners puzzle

50 prisoners kept in separate cells got a chance to be released:
from time to time one of them will be carried in a special room and then back to cell.
(in no particular order, possibly multiple times consecutively, but fairly to avoid infinite wait)

The room is completely empty except for a switch that can turn the light on or off
(the light is not visible from outside).

At any time, if any of them claims rightfully that all the prisoners have already entered the room at least once, then all prisoners will be released
(but if it proves wrong, then the chance ends and they will never be released).

The prisoners have the possibility to discuss in advance some protocol to follow
(not all prisoner must behave in the same way).

Can you find a winning strategy for the prisoners?
Can you formalise it in CCS (for 2 to 4 prisoners)?

- Easy case: it is known that the light in the room is initially off
- Hard case: the initial state of the light in the room is not known.

