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ABSTRACT

A considerable fragment of the coordination architecture SPLICE, including ETHERNET, is specified in the process-algebraic language μ CRL. This specification is used to generate transition systems for a number of simple SPLICE applications which are verified by model checking using the CÆSAR/ALDÉBARAN tool set. For these cases the properties of deadlock freeness, soundness and weak completeness are proven.

The primary result reported is a detailed formal model of SPLICE that makes possible automated verification. In practice, however, it is only for very simple SPLICE applications feasible to generate a transition system. Nevertheless, model checking applied to a large number of small applications, or scenarios, can be used to gather evidence for the validity of properties that is more general than testing in that it considers all possible system traces for a given scenario instead of just one trace. For applications with a high degree of non-determinism this can be an interesting advantage.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The complexity of today's computer systems leads to severe difficulties in proving their correctness. In the future, this complexity is likely to increase. Therefore, it is necessary to improve the design process of these systems, such that it can be shown (as convincing as possible), based on well-formed design steps, that certain system requirements are realised.

The project ORKEST¹ aims at such an improvement by applying formal methods. The part of the project described in this report focuses on creating a model of a SPLICE system that can be checked by a model checker in order to verify system-level properties.

The software architecture SPLICE is used by Hollandse Signaalapparaten to build distributed control systems [3]. It forms the core of many of their products, especially in the field of command and control systems. Large streams of data arriving from a number of sensors play a role in several computations, performed by a set of processes running in parallel. SPLICE enables the construction of

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complex systems based on highly independent application processes that together form a consistent and coherent mechanism. This level of independence clearly has advantages over architectures where more dependency between the processes has been built-in. Most evident is the ease of dynamically reconfiguring and extending the system as well as the availability of a suitable basis for fault-tolerance techniques and the ability to flexibly adapt to externally changing circumstances. Less visible, but a key issue in the context of the project ORKEST, is the potential for reducing the complexity of the design process.

The basic concept for this architecture is a programming model in which processes perform transformations only on shared data. Based on explicit naming of the data elements a subscription paradigm has been constructed that takes care of the necessary actions to manage and distribute all data. This way, the needed communication that is necessary for a coordinated behaviour of the processes can be deduced by the system itself from the subscription paradigm and the involved processes.

In this report it is described how SPLICE can be modeled in the specification language μ CRL. Once this μ CRL-model is given, properties for SPLICE systems can be checked by means of the available model checkers for this language. To be able to check such properties formally is an important step in being able to improve the design process.

The report is organised as follows. Section 2 outlines the approach to be followed and Section 3 compares this approach to related work. Sections 4, 5, and 6 give overviews of the preliminaries of SPLICE, the underlying network architecture and the language μ CRL, respectively. Sections 7 and 8 describe the restrictions that were imposed on SPLICE and ETHERNET, respectively, in order to make modeling feasible. Then, Sections 9 and 10 describe in some detail the μ CRL models of SPLICE and ETHERNET. The actual verification is presented in Section 11 and evaluated in Section 12. In conclusion, Section 13 describes the conclusions and pointers to future research. The Appendices I to IV contain the full code of the μ CRL specification of ETHERNET, SPLICE, the properties verified and the scenarios .

2. APPROACH

A SPLICE system consists of a number of autonomous *applications*, each of which communicates to the rest of the system by its local *agent* which is connected to the other agents by a *communications network*. These agents offer their clients a coherent view on the system, abstracting from its distributed aspects.

So far, a number of SPLICE descriptions, with varying levels of abstractions, have been proposed [6, 4] but each of these models is focused on aspects different from automated verification. Each of these falls short both in accuracy and in suitability for automated verification.

The model proposed in this report is meant to surpass existing models in the sense that its abstraction level is lower, in order to better deduce SPLICE characteristics while it is, at the same time, high-level enough to make automatic verification feasible. The scope of the model is limited to the data-exchange primitives of SPLICE, i.e. the API calls for publishing, subscribing, reading and writing.

Although a high level of detail is one of the main features of the current model, it is not yet complete. It should be considered as a first approach, that could be refined in future when experiments or more detailed documentation reveal inconsistencies between the SPLICE implementation and its model. For this reason, it is important that the model is well-documented in that ‘modeling choices’ are explicitly reported.

The language chosen for the model is μ CRL[10], a language based on process algebra with data. The motivation for using this language is threefold: (1) the language has a well-defined semantics; (2) there is a tool set available for generation of labelled transition systems which can be processed by a popular model checker as can be found in CÆSAR/ALDÉBARAN; (3) The second author has direct access to a substantial body of expertise on language and tool set.

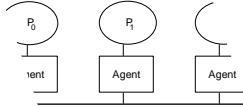


Figure 1: a SPLICE system

3. RELATED WORK

The approach taken in this project is to formalise the SPLICE API in a model, such that certain architecture specific properties can be claimed to hold. The chosen model is based on a process algebra with data. Since there are already other formal models that are related to SPLICE we discuss them here.

In [4] SPLICE is modeled by a transition system; it describes the distribution and replication of data across a communication network using the subscription paradigm of SPLICE. The focus of this model is on the basic coordination primitives, which are: `new`, `write`, `read`, and `get`. The precise semantics of these primitives and their compositions is given, where it is assumed that these match with the actual SPLICE implementation.

In [5] the relationship is studied between several different models for a data-oriented coordination language. Three different system architectures are considered: the distributed system where each agent has its own local data space; the centralised ordered system that has a shared data space where the order in which data is produced is preserved; and the centralised unordered system where the order in which data is produced is not necessarily preserved. Furthermore, different structures for the data spaces are taken into account w.r.t. the above mentioned systems. A distinction is made between: a structure where multiplicity of data is significant; a structure where multiplicity of data is insignificant; and a structure where the data is sorted. Different coordination languages, among which is SPLICE, are classified in this spectrum.

The approach most closely related to this project is described in [8] where SPLICE is described in terms of process algebraic laws. This approach is inspired by a process algebra for describing delay-insensitive communications. A set of assumed properties of SPLICE are axiomatised as laws.

The main difference with all these approaches w.r.t. the approach taken in this project is the set of assumptions that is taken, and the method to claim system properties. In our approach the actual implementation of the SPLICE API is formalised in a suitable specification language as precise as possible. From this formalised SPLICE implementation followed the semantics of the SPLICE primitives and their compositions, and consequently the properties that hold for SPLICE applications. No extra assumptions on SPLICE semantics and system-level properties have been used, as is the case with the other approaches. Furthermore, the method of proving properties is model checking, where the other approaches use mathematical structures which are not directly suited to be used in a model checker.

4. AN OVERVIEW OF SPLICE

SPLICE (Subscription Paradigm for the Logical Interconnection of Concurrent Engines) was introduced in [3] as an architecture to support the development of *control systems*. These systems share a number of nonfunctional requirements, such as a certain level of fault-tolerance, real-time constraints, adaptability and distribution over a number of processors that obstruct classical systems development approaches. The SPLICE architecture offers a number of primitives that cover these requirements through a well-defined interface in order to allow system designers and programmers to concentrate on functional requirements. The current section gives a concise overview of the architecture that allows the reader to understand the essentials of the verification presented in this report. For more information on SPLICE the reader is referred to [3, 13, 14, 8, 4].

The architecture offers a number of *agents* that communicate over a *network*. An application

db_change_query	db_initial_wait_status	db_read
db_destroy	db_new	db_synchronize
db_destroy_local	db_new_query	db_term
db_destroy_query	db_new_query_a	db_version
db_destroy_wait	db_new_wait	db_wait_status
db_flags	db_new_wait_q	db_wipe
db_get_statistics	db_post_wait	db_write
db_init		

Figure 2: database-to-SPLICE interface

program running on SPLICE is served by its agent through a variety of API calls, which typically require this agent to interact with other agents over the network, but this interaction is transparent to the application (see Figure 1). To an application designer, SPLICE manifests oneself as one well-organised set of API calls.

The SPLICE architecture is centered around the notion of *shared data*, which is a database each client has access to. The data is typed, or *sorted*, and each client can announce itself as a producer or consumer of data of some sort by means of *publications* and *subscriptions*. These announcements are broadcasted over the network, such that each agent knows the production or consumption sorts of the other agents. The agent of a client that is a publisher of a sort distributes over the network all data written by this client to all clients who are subscribed to this sort. In this way, all read actions by a client on a sort it is subscribed to can be handled locally by its agent. Extra attention is needed when a client subscribes to a sort for which data has already been written by some producer: this is where context data offers a solution.

Context data has a relatively static nature, in that it is not frequently updated. Examples are the

sp_advise	sp_incRefCount	sp_setWaitsetStatus
sp_cond_broadcast	sp_lock	sp_sleep
sp_cond_destroy	sp_ltime	sp_smallloc
sp_cond_init	sp_malloc	sp_sort_category
sp_cond_timedwait	sp_mutex_destroy	sp_sort_descriptor
sp_cond_wait	sp_mutex_init	sp_sort_keys
sp_decRefCount	sp_mutex_lock	sp_sort_length
sp_deref_query	sp_mutex_trylock	sp_sort_name
sp_deref_subscription	sp_mutex_unlock	sp_sort_stroffset
sp_die	sp_protect	sp_spliced_thread_crea
sp_flttime	sp_protect_wait	sp_srealloc
sp_free	sp_random	sp_thread_create
sp_get_enum_value	sp_realloc	sp_thread_create_p
sp_get_field_info	sp_release_instance	sp_unlock
sp_gtime	sp_restore_protection	sp_unprotect
sp_heap_create	sp_rwlock_destroy	sp_update_waitsets
sp_heap_free	sp_rwlock_init	sp_update_waitsets_q
sp_heap_grow	sp_rwlock_lock_read	sp_verbose
sp_heap_malloc	sp_rwlock_lock_write	sp_warn
sp_heap_realloc	sp_rwlock_unlock	

Figure 3: SPLICE-to-database interface

Resource management		
sp_activate_resource	sp_change_query_v	sp_node
sp_application	sp_children	sp_owner
sp_become_simple_res	sp_children_of_type	sp_release_resource
sp_bind_filter	sp_client	sp_remove_world
sp_bind_query	sp_dbsym	sp_resource
sp_bind_query_a	sp_destroy	sp_set_application_s
sp_bind_query_v	sp_event	sp_shcontainer
sp_bind_sort	sp_free_attr	sp_term_superapi
sp_bind_world	sp_free_ds	sp_terminate
sp_bindp_query	sp_init_superapi	sp_type
sp_bindp_query_a	sp_initialize	sp_use_simple_resource
sp_bindp_query_v	sp_limited_applicatio	sp_use_sort
sp_change_query	sp_list_entities	sp_use_world
sp_change_query_a	sp_new_attr	sp_version
Data definition		
sp_add_world	sp_copy_attr	sp_is_self_contained
sp_attr	sp_getattr	sp_parse_ds
sp_attr_attr	sp_getattr_attr	sp_sort_category
sp_attr_d	sp_getattr_d	sp_sort_descriptor
sp_attr_data	sp_getattr_data	sp_sort_keys
sp_attr_i	sp_getattr_i	sp_sort_length
sp_attr_l	sp_getattr_l	sp_sort_name
sp_attr_n	sp_getattr_n	sp_sort_stroffset
sp_attr_type	sp_getattr_v	sp_sorts
Data manipulation		
sp_flush	sp_subscribe_simple	sp_world_category
sp_get_context	sp_subscribe_to_cate	sp_world_descriptor
sp_publish	sp_wait	sp_world_name
sp_read	sp_waitset	sp_worlds
sp_set_buffer	sp_wipe	sp_write
sp_subscribe	sp_wipe_context	sp_write_frame

Figure 4: SPLICE API interface

identification of a given vehicle, or the location of a radar site at an airport. Consider a new subscriber to a sort belonging to context data. From its producer it might receive no data of this sort for quite a long stretch of time, resulting in a deficiency in its database. Such a deficiency can be reduced by accessing the context database, which resides at clients collecting the data of the context sort and distributing this data to the new clients. It is instructive to see why this problem is less pregnant for non-context data, which is regularly updated: soon after a client issues a new subscription, it will receive fresh data of this sort which renders invalid all existing data of this sort.

The management of context data is more complex than that of other data, but the differences are all confined to the clients: all agents have exactly the same functionality, but some clients issue special SPLICE calls that allow them to maintain context data. To this end, data sorts are grouped into *categories* one of which is designated as *context*. However, this grouping is dynamical, i.e. it is not known in advance to all clients, which makes management of context non-trivial. If a client issues a *sp_subscribe_to_category(context)* call, then this category subscription is broadcasted as usual, and all receiving agents will report back what sorts of context data they are consuming or producing.

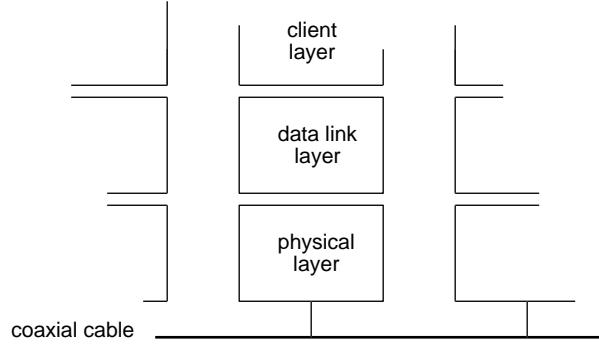


Figure 5: Ethernet layering

Once the agent of the client who subscribed to *context* has a full account of all publications of and subscriptions to context sorts, it will issue a request for data to all publishers of a context sort. After all requests have been answered, the agent has a full copy of all context data in the system, and will be kept up-to-date through the handling of subscriptions that was described above.

The SPLICE standard [13] includes three interfaces, one of which is available to its ‘users’, i.e. the SPLICE application programs. The remaining two emanate from the fact that SPLICE does not force application programmers into a given database environment. Instead, it facilitates the development of *database modules* that implement the required database functionality. These modules are accessed by the SPLICE kernel through an interface any module is bound to offer and, conversely, SPLICE accesses the database modules through a dedicated interface not available to applications.

The SPLICE API calls can be divided into three groups. First, there is the data definition group, which manages the definition of the data model in terms of sorts and categories. Second, there is the data flow group, which allows one to identify which applications produce and consume which sorts, through publications and subscriptions. Third and final, there is the resource group, which manages the creation, allocation, freeing and destruction of entities such as publications, subscriptions and applications. Just for the sake of giving an idea of the complexity of SPLICE, the calls from the several categories are summed up in Figures 2, 3, and 4.

Of these three interfaces, the actual API is the one relevant for the current verification project defining SPLICE as it is visible to its clients. Strictly speaking, the SPLICE architecture is a layer imposed onto a given database architecture, but in a broader sense SPLICE includes this database. Therefore, the database-to-SPLICE and the SPLICE-to-database interfaces will be left out of this study.

5. AN OVERVIEW OF ETHERNET

ETHERNET was developed at Xerox in the early 1970s as a communication protocol for local area networks [16]. Since then, it has developed into an open standard [15], where it is specified as a *carrier sense multiple access with collision detection*. The current section gives an overview.

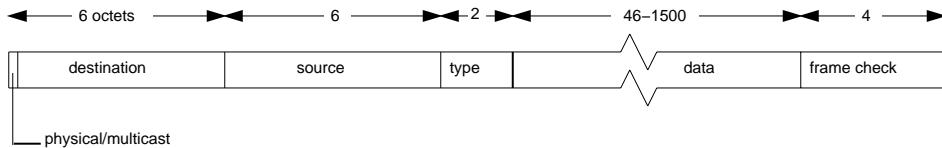


Figure 6: Ethernet frame

The main features of ETHERNET are that it allows communication over a coaxial cable among a number of clients (multiple access) each of which is able to perceive whether a signal is being transmitted over this cable (carrier sense) and whether signals are interfering with each other on the cable (collision detection). This allows a sender to wait until the cable becomes available, to transmit its data and to check whether the transmission was successful. In case of a collision, the sender defers its retransmission for an arbitrary time and tries again, repeating its attempts until a successful retransmission is sensed. Another feature of ETHERNET is its addressing flexibility. It is possible to address one node (pointcast), a group of nodes (multicast) or all nodes (broadcast).

ETHERNET fits in the two lowermost levels of the ISO model. That is, it consists of a *physical layer* and a *data link layer*, and the higher levels of the network architecture are referred to as the *client layer* (see Figure 5). The physical layer deals directly with the coaxial cable, offering services like framing, contention resolution and the passing of bit streams to the data link layer. The data link layer offers services like sending and receiving of ethernet frames to the client layer.

The interface of the physical layer consists of the following elements:

ReceiveBit A function to receive one single bit

TransmitBit A function to transmit one single bit

Wait A function to wait for a specified time interval

collisionDetect A boolean variable read by the data link layer to check whether a collision is occurring

carrierSense A boolean variable read by the data link layer to check whether the coaxial cable is in use

transmitting A boolean variable set to *true* by the data link layer before transmitting the first bit of a frame, and set to *false* after the last bit of a frame has been transmitted.

The interface of the data link layer consists of the following elements:

TransmitFrame A function to send one frame, containing the addresses of source and destination, type and data. The status returned is either *transmitOK* or *excessiveCollisionError* to indicate failure due to repeated collisions

ReceiveFrame A function to receive one frame, containing the addresses of source and destination, type and data. The status returned is either *receiveOK*, *frameCheckError* to indicate that a corrupted frame has been received or *alignmentError* when an incomplete frame has been received.

The *frames* that are sent and received by the datalink layer have a layout that is depicted in Figure 6. Here, source and destination are ethernet addresses, where the destination includes a physical/multicast bit. This indicates whether the address refers to one node, to a group of nodes, or to the group of all nodes as specified by one reserved broadcast address. The type field is not interpreted by the data link layer, and reserved to be used by the client layer, the data field speaks for itself and the frame check is a cyclic redundancy check to guard the integrity of the frame.

In order to send data, a client calls *TransmitFrame* with the relevant parameters. The physical layer waits for the variable *collisionDetect* to become false, sets *transmitting* to *true* and calls *TransmitBit* for each bit of the frame and, subsequently, its computed checksum, and concludes with resetting *transmitting* to *false*. While sending the frame, the data link layer monitors the variable *collisionDetect*. If this variable becomes *true* the transmission is continued until at least 32 more bits have been transmitted, to assure that all other nodes are able to detect this collision, after which transmission is aborted and the data link layer waits some time until a new attempt is made. The delay before the *n*th retransmission is represented by a uniformly distributed random integer in the range

```

sort Natural
func 0→Natural
      s:Natural→Natural
map add:Natural×Natural→Natural
      mul:Natural×Natural→Natural
var m, n:→ Natural
rew add(0,n)=n
      add(s(m),n)=s(add(m,n))
      mul(0,n)=0
      mul(s(m),n)=add(mul(m,n),n)

```

Figure 7: An example μ CRL data type

$\{1, \dots, 2^{\min(n, 10)}\}$; after 16 attempts the data link layer gives up and returns *excessiveCollisionError* to its client.

In order to receive data, a client calls *ReceiveFrame* and the physical layer waits for the boolean *carrierSense* to become *false*. Then, it repeatedly calls *ReceiveBit* to receive the frame bits, until the frame is complete, indicated by *carrierSense* to become *true*. If the frame is destined to this node, possibly taking into account the physical/multicast bit, it is passed on to the client layer, otherwise it is discarded. However, if a collision is detected during the receiving of the frame, it is also discarded. If the frame received does not contain an integer number of octets, the status *alignmentError* is returned and if the frame does not match the CRC attached then the status *frameCheckError* is returned.

The standard specifies a variety of aspects that are too numerous to include them here. Examples are parameters like *interframe spacing*, *slot time*, and *round trip delay*, and the calculation of CRC values. For these and other details the reader is referred to the standard [15].

6. AN OVERVIEW OF μ CRL

The specification language μ CRL was designed as a language expressive enough to cover real-life systems and featuring a well-defined semantics to facilitate mathematical analysis, supported by software tools. It can be characterised as a language based on process algebra with data.

The current text does not aim at a full-fledged introduction in μ CRL. Instead, it offers the reader, familiar with algebraic specifications and basic process algebra, an intuitive grasp of the syntax and semantics of the language. A reader with a weak background in these fields is referred to [1, 2] for introductions in process algebra and algebraic specifications. The syntax and semantics of μ CRL are given in [10].

A μ CRL specification consists of four parts. A definition of the data types by their signatures and equations, a definition of the actions with, possibly, data parameters, a definition of the processes constructed from these actions and process-algebraic primitives, and finally, a definition of the start-up process, possibly with actions *encapsulated* or *abstracted*, in a process-algebraic sense.

Data types, or *sorts* in μ CRL terminology, are specified by *signatures*, defining their language, and *equations*, defining the operations defined on their elements. As an example, Figure 7 defines the sort

```

act get, get, cget: Natural
comm get | get = cget

```

Figure 8: An example μ CRL action definition

```
procServer(n: Natural) = get(n).Server(s(n))
```

Figure 9: An example μ CRL server process

```
procClient = sum(n: Natural, get(n) ·  $\triangleleft$  eq(n,s(s(s(0))))  $\triangleright$  get(n).Client)
```

Figure 10: An example μ CRL client process

Natural with the operations addition and multiplication.

Actions are defined with zero or more arguments, each of which is defined over some data type. Of special interest are the *communication actions*, which come in pairs: two matching communication actions are said to communicate if they are executed by two processes at exactly the same time. Usually, communicating actions are not allowed to be executed in isolation, that is without their counterpart, and this is the reason why they are deadlocked in the initial process' *encapsulate* clause as will be demonstrated further on. Figure 8 defines two actions *get* and get, which are meant to rewrite to a third action *cget*. These actions will be used in a simple running example specification of a 'server' that delivers sequence numbers on request.

Processes are constructed from actions by the process-algebraic operators '.', '+' and '||' for sequential composition, non-deterministic choice and parallel composition, respectively. Also, there is a sum operator, offering a non-deterministic choice for one element of a sort and there is an 'if-then-else' construction of the form *then* \triangleleft *if* \triangleright *else*. As an example, Figure 9 defines a process for the server mentioned earlier. This process executes a get action with its current sequence number and increases its sequence number, executes a get for this new sequence number, and so on.

The simple sequence server can be used by a client process that gets sequence numbers from the server until it receives the sequence number *s(s(s(0)))*, after which it terminates (Figure 10) Here, it is essential that the server's get and the client's *get* synchronise: the server only delivers a number when requested to do so, and the client only receives a number when the server delivers one. This is effectuated by excluding all get and *get* actions that are not synchronised in the *initial process*.

To conclude the running example, Figure 11 shows how the server is started in parallel with two clients. The clients will continuously obtain sequence numbers from the server and the one to first 'draw' a *s(s(s(0)))* will terminate and the other one will loop forever.

The μ CRL language is supported by a tool set featuring a high-performance labelled transition system generator that interfaces with CÆSAR/ALDÉBARAN[9], a tool set which contains several tools for manipulation and analysis of labelled transition systems, and a process simulator. The μ CRL tool set can be obtained from [7] and is documented in [11].

7. A LIMITED VERSION OF SPLICE

Section 4 gave some idea of the size and depth of SPLICE. The SPLICE interface is large and under the surface of functionality, the implementation of these calls is far from trivial. Also, the actual architecture has not been laid down in a detailed specification, and some of the details of the architecture are classified. Therefore, it is not realistic to aim at a SPLICE specification in μ CRL that covers the original in full detail.

```
init encap( { get, get }, Server(0) || Client || Client)
```

Figure 11: An example μ CRL server process

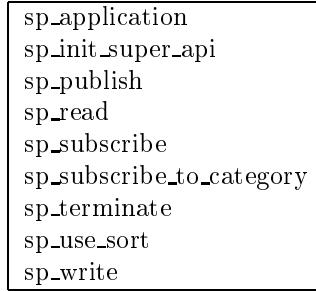


Figure 12: The modeled SPLICE calls

The SPLICE model presented in this report is essentially a limited model, which does *not* imply it is a dead end in research. On the contrary, the limits imposed are meant to be pushed back in future and a necessary condition for this to be possible is that these limits are well-documented. This is why attention is paid to what fragment will be modeled and, more important, what fragment will not be modeled.

First, the model concentrates on SPLICE as a *coordination language* which allows a number of clients to coordinate their behaviour by having access to one shared data model. Subordinate aspects, such as the possibility to define *data modules* and *resources* which are used for synchronisation of clients have been left out. This means that the calls modeled are all in the SPLICE API (Figure 4). The selection made is given in Figure 12.

Second, the model is limited to SPLICE in fault-free circumstances. One of the strong points of SPLICE is that it is to some extent resistant to hardware failure and network failures. For instance, as soon as a client appears to be unreachable, it is replicated on a reachable host. This sophisticated behaviour has not been modeled in μ CRL, in the first place since it would increase the model's complexity far beyond the currently known limits of verification technology and, in the second place, because the μ CRL tool set lacks as yet support for a necessary language construct as dynamic process creation.

Third, the model aims at the *observable behaviour* of SPLICE as opposed to the internal behaviour of the architecture, which consists of a number of daemons interacting through internal protocols. The reason for this limitation is merely pragmatic, as the internal details of SPLICE are not publicly available.

Fourth, SPLICE is embedded in C, which means that the SPLICE applications are implemented in C and interact with the SPLICE system by library routines. In the μ CRL model, SPLICE is embedded in μ CRL which means that the SPLICE applications are written in μ CRL. With the expressiveness of μ CRL and the simplicity of the examples to be studied in mind this is no real limitation.

Fifth and final, the temporal aspects of SPLICE have been ignored, because the μ CRL tool set does not support the temporal features of the underlying specification language. In some sense, this restriction has more weight than the other four, in that it not just excludes aspects from the model, but it also introduces some artificial features not present in the original. As an example, in reality a message queue does hardly ever overflow, since SPLICE agents will only in erroneous circumstances glut another agent with more messages it can handle. If timing is ignored, however, overflowing queues are very well possible.

8. A LIMITED MODEL OF ETHERNET

With the objective of modeling ETHERNET using μ CRL and its tool set, a number of restriction had to be imposed on the model of ETHERNET used. The prime reason for this is that the μ CRL tool set provides no support to specifications where time plays a role. A second reason is that the size of the

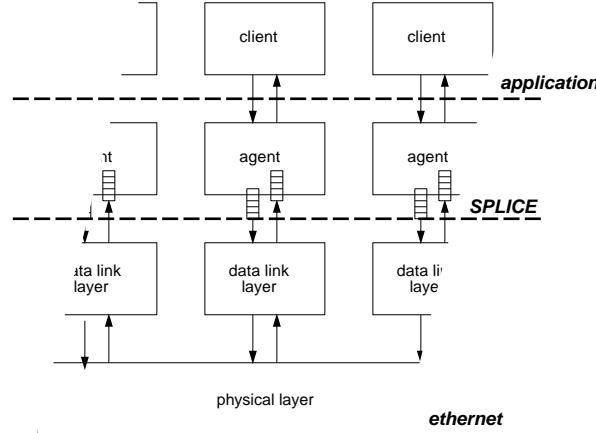


Figure 13: SPLICE model

state space is restricted. Remember that the model of SPLICE was restricted for the same reason (see Section 7).

Timing in ETHERNET is restricted to parameters like *round trip delay*, i.e. the time it takes for a signal to propagate over the coaxial cable and back, and the time a sender waits between two retransmits. Leaving these aspects out results in a model that behaves like the original model with the difference that no facts about timing can be inferred from it. All other aspects are left intact. For instance, the way a sender waits longer and longer between subsequent retransmits guarantees that in practice it is highly unlikely, but not impossible, that a transmit fails due to excessive collisions, so after all, what remains is either success or failure.

In order to keep the size of the state space within manageable proportions, frames will not be transmitted as a stream of individual bits, but as one abstract signal instead. As a consequence, a frame is either completely transmitted or completely lost. Features related to fragments of frames sent over the cable, such as the jamming after a collision and carrier sense, are not modeled. Also, no size limit is imposed on frames.

Since timing aspects are excluded from the model, the use of retransmits is marginal, so retransmits have not been modeled. Other, minor aspects excluded are the exact configuration of nodes attached to the coaxial cable: in reality, signals travel over the cable starting at the sender and propagating in both directions. In the model, signals propagate over the cable along a fixed, predefined route. In practice any number of transmissions can collide on the cable; this has been restricted to two simultaneous transmissions.

Finally, the direction in which signals propagate along the coaxial cable has been fixed. In reality, a signal transmitted from one transceiver will first reach the direct neighbours of its source, then reach the neighbours of these neighbours, and so on. The model imposes a strict order on transceivers and all signals first reach the first transceiver, then the second and so on. It can be easily understood that this restriction simplifies the specification while it has no consequence of any weight for the system's characteristics.

9. A μ CRL MODEL OF A SPLICE FRAGMENT

The μ CRL model of SPLICE consists of about 1600 lines of code. In this section, some of the characteristic constructs of the specification will be highlighted in order to give the reader some notion of

the complexity of the code and the μ CRL way of modeling. The full μ CRL specification is included in Appendix II.

The structure of the model is given in Figure 13. The model consists of three parts, i.e. the SPLICE *clients*, which are applications that use SPLICE, the actual SPLICE *architecture*, which consists of a number of *agents*, and, finally, the ETHERNET through which the agents communicate. Each client is associated with an agent, through which it accesses the architecture and each agent has access to the network by its protocol stack. This section describes the μ CRL model of agents and clients; the next section describes the model of the ETHERNET.

9.1 the database model

The architecture is not dependent on one specific database structure; instead it allows for all kind of databases to be ‘plugged in’. The μ CRL model, however, is restricted to one simple kind of database which features a number of essential properties.

A database in the model is a *set* of typed, or *sorted*, *records*. Each record has a *key* associated with it which identifies it within its sort: if a record of a sort is added to the database while a record of the same sort with the same key is already existent, then the existing record is overwritten.

In order to be able to order values in a natural way, an index function i is defined which maps each value onto a natural number. Now, the ordering of values can be simply expressed in terms of the standard order of the naturals. In μ CRL the definition of values looks like the following.

```
sort Value
func Value0, Value1, Value2, Value3, Value4:→Value
map i:Value → Natural
    eq: Value × Value → Bool
    lt: Value × Value → Bool
    gt: Value × Value → Bool
var v1, v2: Value
rew
    i(Value0)=0
    i(Value1)=s(i(Value0))
    i(Value2)=s(i(Value1))
    i(Value3)=s(i(Value2))
    i(Value4)=s(i(Value3))
    eq(v1,v2)=eq(i(v1),i(v2))
    lt(v1,v2)=lt(i(v1),i(v2))
    gt(v1,v2)=gt(i(v1),i(v2))
```

The structure of records remains abstract in that all that is specified is that there are a number of records for which a key is defined which is some kind of value. Note that the ordering of records is based on their key value alone, which is essential for the definition of data sets which will follow.

```
sort Record
func Record0, Record1, Record2, Record3, Record4:→ Record
map i:Record→ Natural
    eq: Record × Record→ Bool
    lt: Record × Record→ Bool
    gt: Record × Record→ Bool
    key:Record→ Value
var v1, v2: Record
rew
    i(Record0)=0
    i(Record1)=s(i(Record0))
    i(Record2)=s(i(Record1))
```

```

i(Record3)=s(i(Record2))
i(Record4)=s(i(Record3))
eq(v1,v2)=eq(i(v1),i(v2))
lt(v1,v2)=lt(key(v1),key(v2))
gt(v1,v2)=gt(key(v1),key(v2))
key(Record0)=Value0
key(Record1)=Value0
key(Record2)=Value0
key(Record3)=Value1
key(Record4)=Value1

```

Data consists of a record with a sort, and sorts are just constants. The μ CRL language constructs for these have been explained by now, so the explicit definitions will not be written out here. The specification of a set of data is more interesting.

A set will be represented as a list of data, and in order to make sure that the order in which data is added to the set is irrelevant, the list is kept ordered. Also, it is defined that a set cannot contain two records of the same sort and the same key. The following fragment only shows the definition of adding data, but the full specification contains more set-theoretic operators.

```

sort DataSet
func vnil: → DataSet
      cons:Data × DataSet → DataSet
map add: DataSet × Data → DataSet
var v1, v2: Data
      s1, s2: DataSet
rew eq(vnil,vnil)=T
      eq(vnil,cons(v2,s2))=F
      eq(cons(v1,s1),vnil)=F
      eq(cons(v1,s1),cons(v2,s2))=and(eq(v1,v2),eq(s1,s2))
      add(vnil,v1)=cons(v1,vnil)
      add(cons(v1,s1),v2)=if(lt(v1,v2),
          cons(v1,add(s1,v2)),
          if(lt(v2,v1),
              cons(v2,cons(v1,s1)),
              cons(v2,s1)))

```

A query is defined as a combination of a *qualifier* which defines what records are to be retrieved and a quantifier, which defines how many records are to be retrieved. In SPLICE both of these can be complex, but in the model a qualifier is a predicate over records and a quantifier is either *any* or *each*, meaning that one or all records that satisfy the qualifier are to be retrieved.

```

func select:DataSet × Query → DataSet
var v1, v2: Data
      s1, s2: DataSet
      q1,q2: Qualifier
      n1,n2: Quantifier
rew select(vnil,Query(n1,q1))=vnil
      select(cons(d1,s1),Query(each,q1))=if(satisfies(q1,d1),
          cons(d1,select(s1,Query(each,q1))),
          select(s1,Query(each,q1)))
      select(cons(d1,s1),Query(any,q1))=if(satisfies(q1,d1),

```

```
cons(d1,vnil),
select(s1,Query(any,q1)))
```

The specification of the database model has been presented in some detail, as it also serves as an example data type specification. The following subsections are shorter on specifications; for the complete specification the reader is referred to Appendix II

9.2 The queues

A SPLICE agent communicates over the network, but it has no direct access. Instead all frames sent to and received from the network are queued in *bounded queues*, where a bounded queue is a standard queue with a maximal length, defined in such a way that additions beyond the maximum are just ignored. Of course, the only correct way to use a bounded queue is to check its length before adding it, which is why a test whether a queue is full or not is to be specified. The data types for queues and bounded queues are specified by the following.

```
sort frameQueue
func qnil: → frameQueue
      cons:EthernetFrame × frameQueue → frameQueue
      bound:frameQueue × Natural → frameQueue
map add: frameQueue × EthernetFrame → frameQueue
      add: frameQueue × EthernetFrame × Natural → frameQueue
      tail:frameQueue → frameQueue
      head:frameQueue → EthernetFrame
      empty:frameQueue → Bool
      full:frameQueue → Bool
      length:frameQueue → Natural
var p1,p2:EthernetFrame
      q1,q2:frameQueue
      m1,m2:Natural
rew add(qnil,p2)=cons(p2,qnil)
      add(cons(p1,q1),p2)=cons(p1,add(q1,p2))
      head(cons(p1,q1))=p1
      tail(cons(p1,q1))=q1
      empty(qnil)=T
      empty(cons(p1,q1))=F
      length(qnil)=0
      length(cons(p1,q1))=s(length(q1))
      add(bound(q1,m1),p2)=bound(add(q1,p2,m1),m1)
      add(q1,p2,0)=q1
      add(qnil,p2,s(m1))=cons(p2,qnil)
      add(cons(p1,q1),p2,s(m1))=cons(p1,add(q1,p2,m1))
      head(bound(q1,m1))=head(q1)
      tail(bound(q1,m1))=bound(tail(q1),m1)
      eq(bound(q1,m1),bound(q2,m2))=and(eq(q1,q2),eq(m1,m2))
      empty(bound(q1,m1))=empty(q1)
      full(bound(q1,m1))=eq(length(q1),m1)
```

A typical example of the usage of the queue is the processing of an *sp-application* system call, which is called by a SPLICE application to announce its existence to the rest of the system. In normal situations this results in an ethernet frame being added to the queue, but if the queue is full the agent fails. This may sound a bit drastically, but nevertheless it is a natural way of modeling: the SPLICE implementation signals a “segmentation violation: core dumped” in this case.

```

sp_application_(agentId).
  (panic.delta
    <! full(outQueue) !>
    Agent(agentAddress,
      add(configuration,Present(agentId,agentAddress)),
      agentId,
      inQueue,
      add(outQueue,Frame(one,agentAddress,enil,Presence,add(nil,Present(agentId,agentAddress)))),
      pendingCategory,
      pendingPublications,
      c,
      p))

```

This fragment specifies that if the agent handles an *sp-application* call it first checks whether its output queue is full. If so, it executes a *panic* after which it just deadlocks by *delta*. If not, it continues itself by calling the Agent process with most of the parameters unchanged, except for its output queue, to which one frame is added.

Instead of handling system calls, an agent may also send over the network frames from its output queue or receive frames from the network into its input queue. All this is scheduled non-deterministically, in the sense that the agent chooses non-deterministically between the available options at any moment, with no ‘intelligent’ scheduling algorithm. So, if there is a choice between handling a system call and receiving a network frame while the output queue is full, the agent could choose to handle the call, leading to a *panic* due to queue overflow, while delaying this handling could have resulted in an output queue with room for frames.

To conclude this subsection, the μ CRL code for the actual sending of queued messages is presented. This fragment states that for any frame, or actually any combination of frame fields, it is checked whether this frame is in front of the queue; if so, this frame is transmitted, after which it is checked whether this transmit was successful. If so, the frame is removed from the queue, or otherwise, the agent panics.

```

sum(b:Bit,
sum(s:EthernetAddress,
sum(d:EthernetAddressSet,
sum(t:EthernetType,
sum(r:Set,
  ed_transmitFrame(agentAddress,b,s,d,t,r).
  sum(e:EtherReturnCode,
    ed_return(agentAddress,e).
    (panic.delta
      <! not(eq(e,transmitOk)) !>
      Agent(agentAddress,configuration,agentId,inQueue,tail(outQueue),
        pendingCategory,pendingPublications, c,p)))
      <! and(not(empty(outQueue)), eq(head(outQueue),Frame(b,s,d,t,r))) !>
      delta))))))

```

This is another diversion from the SPLICE implementation which will not just panic on a transmission error but, instead, conclude that some other client has ‘died’ and tries to reanimate this client on a host which is known to be up and running. The current model does not cover these aspects of SPLICE so all it can do is just panic.

9.3 A sample client

The model aims at an embedding of SPLICE within μ CRL, which means that the application programs are to be written in μ CRL. As an example, the following fragment specifies a client which writes a record, reads a record, and then terminates.

```
proc P0(id: ApplId)=
    sp_init_superapi(id).
    sp_application(id).
    sp_use_sort(id,Sort1).
    sp_subscribe(id,Subscribe(id,Sort1)).
    sp_publish(id,Publish(id,Sort1)).
    (sp_write(id,Datum(Sort1,Record0))+sp_write(id,Datum(Sort1,Record1))).
    sum(v:Set, sp_read(id,Bind(Subscribe(id,Sort1),Query(any,qualifier1)),v ,SP_RD_MARK)).
    sp_terminate(id).
    delta
```

10. A μ CRL MODEL OF ETHERNET

In μ CRL, ETHERNET is specified as one process for the coaxial cable and the physical layers of all nodes attached, and one process per node for its data link layer. This section describes the most crucial parts of the specification, leaving most details to the interested reader. The full μ CRL specification is included in Appendix I.

The physical layer process the parameters: the set of nodes attached, the signal that is currently being propagated over the cable, the node the signal is propagated from, and the set of nodes the signal still has to propagate to. In order to be able to refer to nodes at the physical level, a notion of *transceiver id* is introduced that is somewhat artificial in the sense that in reality, nodes are distinguished by their physically being different.

The definitions of data types include a sort *TransceiverId* which defines a number of constants, and a sort *TransceiverIdSet* which defines finite sets of these; definitions can be found in Appendix I. The process definition starts as follows.

```
proc PhysicalLayer(nodes : TransceiverIdSet,
                     toPropagate: EthernetFrame,
                     propagateFrom: TransceiverId,
                     propagateTo: TransceiverIdSet) =
```

Depending on its actual parameters, the process has a number of options. First, if there is no signal on the cable, it can execute a *transmitSignal* call from a data link layer, after which the frame is put on the cable, to be propagated from the node that issued the call to all other nodes.

```
sum(t:TransceiverId,
sum(f:EthernetFrame,
     ep_transmitSignal_(t,f):
     PhysicalLayer(nodes,f,t,delete(nodes,t)))
     □ eq(propagateFrom,noTransceiverId) ▷ delta
     +
```

Second, if there is a signal being propagated over the cable and some data link layer issues a *transmitSignal* then a collision occurs and all data links that have issued a *transmitSignal* earlier, receive an *excessiveCollisionError*. After this collision, the cable is idle again.

```
sum(f:EthernetFrame,
```

```
sum(t:TransceiverId,
    ep_transmitSignal_(t,f)·
    EtherReturnLoop(difference(nodes,propagateTo),alignmentError)·
    ep_return_(t, excessiveCollisionError)))·
PhysicalLayer(nodes, noFrame, noTransceiverId, tnil)
     $\triangleleft$  not(eq(propagateTo,tnil))  $\triangleright$  delta
    +

```

Third, if a signal has been propagated successfully over the cable, leaving no nodes to propagate to, the node the signal was propagated from receives a *transmitOk* return status and all other nodes receive a *receiveOk* status.

```
EtherReturnLoop(delete(nodes,propagateFrom),receiveOk)·
ep_return_(propagateFrom, transmitOk)·
PhysicalLayer(nodes,noFrame,noTransceiverId,tnil)
     $\triangleleft$  and(eq(propagateTo,tnil), not(eq(propagateFrom,noTransceiverId)))  $\triangleright$  delta
    +

```

Fourth and finally, if a signal on the cable is successfully received by a node then the corresponding transceiver id is removed from the set of nodes to propagate to. Here, the function *getOne* deterministically returns one element from the set of nodes to propagate to. As a consequence, the order in which nodes are reached is fixed (this corresponds to the limitation imposed on the ETHERNET model that was described in Section 8).

```
ep_receiveSignal_(getOne(propagateTo),toPropagate)·
PhysicalLayer(nodes,toPropagate,propagateFrom,deleteOne(propagateTo))
     $\triangleleft$  not(eq(propagateTo,tnil))  $\triangleright$  delta

```

Returning a status to a set of nodes is done by a simple utility process *EtherReturnLoop*.

```
proc EtherReturnLoop(returnTo:TransceiverIdSet, toReturn:EtherReturnCode)=

    ep_return_(getOne(returnTo),toReturn)·
    EtherReturnLoop(deleteOne(returnTo),toReturn)
     $\triangleleft$  not(eq(returnTo,tnil))  $\triangleright$ 
    nop

```

The datalink process has two parameters that remain constant throughout the process execution: the *transceiver id* and the *etherent address*.

```
proc DatalinkLayer(transceiver: TransceiverId,
                     node : EthernetAddress)=
```

ETHERNET frames are specified as consisting of the physical/multicast bit, the source, which is an ethernet address, the destination, which is a set of addresses, a type and the data in a set. This is a slight diversion from reality, where the destination of a frame is one single ‘high level’ address, recognised by its physical/multicast bit being equal to 1, and interpreted as a set of addresses.

The data link layer either handles a *transmitFrame* or it handles a *receiveFrame*. In the first case, the frame is transformed into a bit stream and handed down to the physical layer, after which the status returned is translated to the client layer.

```

sum(b:Bit,
sum(d:EthernetAddressSet,
sum(t:Ethernet Type,
sum(v:Set,
    ed_transmitFrame_(b,node,d,t,v)·
    ep_transmitSignal(transceiver,Frame(b,node,d,t,v)))·
    sum(c:EtherReturnCode,
        ep_return(transceiver,c)·
        ed_return_(node,c))·
    DatalinkLayer(transceiver,node))))·
+

```

The handling of a *receiveFrame* resembles the handling of a *transmitFrame*, the main difference being that it is here that the destination of a frame matters. A received frame is only passed upward to the client layer if its physical/multicast bit equals 0 and the destination is a set containing the current ethernet address as its one and only element, or the bit equals 1 and the destination is empty, which is interpreted as a broadcast, or the bit equals one and the current address is contained in the destination.

```

sum(b:Bit,
sum(s:EthernetAddress,
sum(d:EthernetAddressSet,
sum(t:Ethernet Type,
sum(v:Set,
    ep_receiveSignal(transceiver,Frame(b,s,d,t,v))·
    ed_receiveFrame_(b,s,d,t,v)·
    sum(c:EtherReturnCode, ep_return(transceiver,c)· ed_return_(node,c))·
    DatalinkLayer(transceiver,node)
        <| and(not(eq(s,node)),
            or(and(eq(b,zero),
                eq(d,add(enil,node))),
            or(and(eq(b,one),
                eq(d,enil)),
                contains(d,node)))) |>
    ep_receiveSignal(transceiver,Frame(b,s,d,t,v))·
    sum(c:EtherReturnCode, ep_return(transceiver,c))·
    DatalinkLayer(transceiver,node)))))))

```

Typically, the ethernet process is started by putting one physicalLayer in parallel with a number of DataLinkLayer processes:

```

init encaps ({ed_transmitFrame_ , ed_transmitFrame,
    ed_receiveFrame_ , ed_receiveFrame,
    ep_transmitSignal_ , ep_transmitSignal,
    ep_receiveSignal_ , ep_receiveSignal,
    ed_return_ , ed_return,
    ep_return_ , ep_return },
PhysicalLayer(add(add(tnil,transceiver0),transceiver1),
noFrame,

```

```

noTransceiverId,
tnil)
|| DatalinkLayer(transceiver0,address0)
|| DatalinkLayer(transceiver1,address1)

```

11. THE VERIFICATION OF SPLICE

The model from the previous sections has been constructed with automated verification in mind. The current section describes how this automated verification has been approached, what properties of the architecture were verified, and what the results of this verification are.

11.1 Tools and techniques

The verification of the μ CRL model of SPLICE is done by *model checking*; it is done in two steps. First, a labeled transition system was generated using the μ CRL tool set developed at CWI [12]. Second, this system is used as a Kripke structure in which the properties to be verified are to be interpreted, and this was done using the CÆSAR/ALDÉBARAN tool set, consisting of a number of utilities for generation, manipulation and visualisation of transition systems, among which the model checker EVALUATOR.

11.2 Some properties of SPLICE

The verification of SPLICE was not initiated with a specific property to be verified in mind. The approach taken was meant to investigate what properties can be guaranteed to hold.

Preferably, what had to be verified is the *architecture* SPLICE. That is, any constellation of agents, independent from any set of clients built onto it. In other words, the question ideally asked is what properties hold for all configurations of all clients. Although in principle it is possible to automatically verify properties independently from the clients, the size of the total transition system generated renders this type of verification unfeasible.

Another option is to focus on one specific *application* for SPLICE, such as a radar system, consisting of several radar installations. However, the complexity of any realistic example goes beyond the practical limit as imposed by the μ CRL tool set, and stepping back to a simple ‘toy example’ was deemed unsatisfactory.

The final choice actually made was to focus on ‘scenario’s’, i.e. typical combinations of actions found in any application, such as one process reading and one writing, or two processes writing. On the one hand, verification is feasible in these simple situations while, on the other hand, properties verified for these scenario’s have some relevance for more complex applications containing these.

The set of properties to verify is to remain the same over all scenario’s. So, while these properties may be refined and extended when new scenario’s are developed, the final goal is to end up with one set of properties which hold for all scenario’s.

The first property is a universal one: deadlock freeness. This does not hold generally, since any SPLICE system could crash due to certain exceptional circumstances as a queue overflow (see Section 9). Instead, the property to hold is *conditional deadlock freeness*: in fault-free circumstances, where no *panic* occurs and the system has not terminated, the system is deadlock free. In the EVALUATOR syntax this is specified like the following.

```
[(not ("panic" or "sp_terminate(*)"))*] <true> true
```

This should be read as follows: after all paths consisting of actions other than *panic* or *sp_terminate* it is possible to execute some arbitrary action *<true>* after which *true* holds.

The second property is that of soundness, which states that all that is read has also been written. The EVALUATOR code is given below.

```

[(not "csp_write(appl1,Datum(Sort1,Record1))")*.
 "csp_read(appl2,
 Bind(Subscribe(appl2,Sort1), Query(each,qualifier1)),

```

```

    unite(cons(Datum(Sort1,Record1),vnil),pnil,snil,prnil,rnil,cnil),SP_RD_MARK)]]
false

```

This code says that in all paths containing no write actions for record *Record1* all read actions for this record result in a state where *false* holds or, equivalently, as long as *Record1* has not been written it also cannot be read.

This property reveals a shortcoming of the use of EVALUATOR as a back end for μ CRL: the property is formulated for one specific record, while it is to be verified for all records. Proper quantification over data types, however, is not possible, although in this case the problem could be solved with a simple pattern-matching construct. However, a more complex property, such as “if a set of records is read then all elements have been written” is definitely *not* one of the possibilities. This is neither a deficiency of μ CRL or of EVALUATOR but it arises merely from the combination of two otherwise unrelated formalisms.

The third property is that of completeness, which means that all that is written can also be read, but this does not hold generally. Due to the fact that it takes time for data to travel from the sending agent to the receiving agent it can never be guaranteed that data written by one agent can be read by another agent at some moment. It cannot even be guaranteed that data written by an agent can be read by this same agent, since it might very well be the case that this record is overwritten by a record written earlier by another agent. What remains is a very weak formulation of completeness.

The weak completeness used in this verification states that for any record written, until it is overwritten by a record with the same sort and key it holds that there are not only failing read actions. As with soundness, the formulation of this property in the EVALUATOR would benefit from a μ CRL-aware model checker, so the property should be written out for all combinations of records. The following shows only one combination.

```

[(not "panic")*
 . "csp_write(appl1,Datum(Sort1,Record0))"
 . (not ("csp_write(appl1,Datum(Sort1,Record1))" or "panic" or "sp_terminate(*)"))*]
<(not ("panic" or "sp_terminate(*)"))*
 . "csp_read(appl2,
      Bind(Subscribe(appl2,Sort1), Query(each,qualifier1)),
      *
      SP_RD_MARK)">
true
implies
<(not ("panic" or "sp_terminate(*)"))*
 . "csp_read(appl2,
      Bind(Subscribe(appl2,Sort1),Query(each,qualifier1)),
      unite(cons(Datum(Sort1,Record0),vnil),pnil,snil,prnil,rnil,cnil),
      SP_RD_MARK)">
true

```

The set of properties verified is given once more in Appendix III.

11.3 Results

The verification has been successfully performed for a total of 6 scenario’s, each consisting of two SPLICE clients. For any system consisting of three or more clients the transition system contains more than 10^7 states, which exceeds the practical time limits of the hardware² used. As a consequence, scenario’s with context data, consisting of two clients and one client that maintains the context database, have not been successfully verified.

²Experiments were performed on a 300 MHz MIPS R12000 Processor

scenario	# states generated	#states reduced	# CPU time generation
1	846360	961	6h42m
2	554707	702	4h20m
3	474394	363	3h27m
4	477392	463	3h30m
5	4561900	3789	37h38m
6	4458013	2471	32h03m

Figure 14: Verification results

The results of the verification are summarised in Figure 14. Here, for each of the scenario's the size of the transition system generated is given, the size of the system after reduction modulo weak bisimulation and the time it took to generate the system. Two points are worth noting here.

First, there is a huge difference between the transition system generated and the transition system after reduction modulo weak bisimulation. This reduction means that all internal, i.e. non-observable actions like transmissions over the network, are abstracted away. The interpretation of this difference is that the complexity of SPLICE is primarily internal: for the external observer who just sees the clients of the architecture, the system behaves in a relatively simple way. However, as a consequence it is quite expensive to generate relatively simple models.

Second, the size of the transition system generated quickly increases with the complexity of the clients. This imposes a strict limit on the use of the techniques applied here, since it appears to be not feasible to define clients that even approach practical applications.

For each of these scenario's, the properties formulated in Section 11.2 have been proven. In other words, the scenario's provide evidence that these properties hold for the architecture SPLICE. With the techniques presented here it is very well possible to develop and model-check more scenario's in order to find more evidence for proof, or maybe a counter-example for which the properties do not hold.

12. EVALUATION

The current verification study revealed a number of problems of varied nature. The first problem that arose was that of modeling SPLICE, since specifications of the architecture are virtually non-existent. The documents available are [13] and [14], with the former being the most elaborate, summing up the SPLICE calls and their parameters, without describing their intended meaning in much detail. All details about the architecture were to be obtained from the SPLICE designer and programmer, in elaborate email exchanges. However, in practice, unambiguous, complete and well-written specifications are exceptional, so this first problem is not specific for SPLICE or for the technology used: it is a general problem.

The second problem is that of the formulation of the properties to be verified. The aim of the project was to model SPLICE and define and prove its properties. However, also in real-life applications, the question of what makes a system correct is not trivially answered and requires some ‘requirement engineering’, so it can be defended that this second problem is mirrored in practice.

The third problem is technical, in that it became imminent early that even simple SPLICE systems yield huge transition systems, with several millions of states. It has not been possible to generate transition systems for more than two SPLICE clients which implies that interesting applications fall out of reach. This is a classical problem in the field of verification and a good deal of effort has already been put into reduction techniques; the SPLICE verification once more stresses the importance of these.

The fourth problem is that of validation, i.e. checking whether the μ CRL model is a correct model

of the relevant aspects of SPLICE, keeping in mind the fact that SPLICE is poorly documented and the most accurate specification is its C implementation, which is not publicly available, the only conceivable way to validate the model is to have someone with a detailed knowledge of this code study the μ CRL code and compare the two. However, given the complexity of the model this approach is not realistic. So far, the only support for the validity of the model comes from the verification, which provides evidence that some properties which are intuitively known to hold for SPLICE also hold for the μ CRL model, but this support does *not* apply to the management of context data, since any non-trivial SPLICE system with context consists of more than two clients, and it appeared to be impossible to generate a transition system for a SPLICE system of this complexity. Therefore, the question whether the system verified in this study is a correct model of the SPLICE implementation remains open.

13. CONCLUSIONS

The μ CRL tool set is not yet ready for real-world applications like SPLICE systems. The language μ CRL is largely adequate for expressing the functionality of SPLICE but the complexity of SPLICE makes the explicit enumeration of the labelled transition system problematic. Although there is no hard evidence for this, the conclusions of current verification might be extrapolated over the state-of-the-art of verification technology.

Earlier SPLICE studies [6] have not drawn this conclusion, but this is not to say that these have somehow avoided the difficulties signaled here. The focus of [6] was to gain insight in the different coordination mechanisms available in coordination languages, one of which is SPLICE. No attention was paid to the details of the architecture, such as the communications network, so the model constructed is more abstract than the model presented in the current report. Also, these models were aimed at human theorem proving as opposed to full automatic verification.

Frustrating as it may seem, the conclusion that the technology used in this study is not ripe for systems of the complexity of SPLICE defines a good challenge for future research. There are a number of lines of research which can all contribute to pushing the boundary of state-of-the-art technology. An almost trivial approach is a more efficient implementation of well-known algorithms. For instance, the hardware used for this project features no less than 23 processors, only one of which can be used for state space generation software. A parallel implementation might stretch the reach of these tools with orders of magnitude. Another option is the research about efficient reduction strategies for transition systems that aim at symbolically transforming specifications into equivalent specifications that yield much smaller transition systems.

To sum up, the results of this project are: (1) a detailed formal model of SPLICE that in principle facilitates automatic verification; (2) a candidate theory for properties that are guaranteed to hold in SPLICE; (3) a reconnaissance of the frontier of state-of-the-art technology.

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Appendix I

The μ CRL specification of ETHERNET

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difference: TransceiverIdSet#TransceiverIdSet->TransceiverIdSet
eq TransceiverId#TransceiverIdSet>Bool
if Bool#TransceiverIdSet#TransceiverIdSet->TransceiverIdSet:
  delete TransceiverIdSet#TransceiverIdSet->TransceiverIdSet
contains TransceiverIdSet#TransceiverIdSet->Bool
getOne TransceiverIdSet#TransceiverId->Bool
deleteOne TransceiverIdSet#TransceiverIdSet->TransceiverIdSet
  var v1, v2: TransceiverIdSet
  s1, s2: TransceiverIdSet
  row
    eq(v1, v2) = if (v1 == v2),
      cons(v1, s1), cons(v2, s2)
    eq(v1, v2) = if (v1 < v2),
      cons(v1, v2), cons(v2, s1)
    eq(v1, v2) = if (v1 > v2),
      cons(v2, v1), cons(v1, s1)
  end
  if (t(v2, v1), cons(v2, cons(v1, s1)), cons(v1, s1)))
    if (T, s1, s2) ==1
      if (F, s1, s2) ==2
        deleteOne(v1, v2) = mnl
        deleteOne(v1, v2) = if (eq(v1, v2), s1, cons(v1, deleteOne(s1, v2)))
        contains(mnl, v2) = if (eq(v1, v2), contains(s1, v2))
        union(mnl, s2) = s2
        union(cons(v1, s1), v2) = if (eq(v1, v2), union(s1, add(s2, v1)))
        difference(s1, mnl) ==1
        difference(s1, cons(v2, s2)) = deleteOne(difference(s1, s2), v2)
        getOne(cons(v1, s1)) ==1
        deletedOne(cons(v1, s1)) ==1
      end
    end
  end
end

% Datatype EthernetType
sort EthernetType
func noType, PublishSubscribe, Data, Presence, Request:::>EthernetType
map
  eq1:EthernetType#EthernetType->Bool
  i1:EthernetType-Natural
  t1, t2: EthernetType
  row
    i1(PublicSubscribe) ==>(1(noneType))
    i(Data) ==>(1(PublishSubscribe))
    i(Presence) ==>(1(Data))
    eq(t1,t2) ==>(i(t1),i(t2))
  end
end

% Datatype EthernetAddress
sort EthernetAddress
func noAddress, address4, address5, address6, address7,
address3, address4, address5, address6, address7
map
  i1:EthernetAddress-Natural
  eq1: EthernetAddress#EthernetAddress->Bool
  i1: EthernetAddress#EthernetAddress->Bool
  gt: EthernetAddress#EthernetAddress->Bool
  var id1, id2: EthernetAddress
  row
    i1(Address) ==>(1(Address))
    i1(Address) ==>(1(Address))
    i1(Address) ==>(1(Address))
    i1(Address) ==>(1(Address))
    i1(Address) ==>(1(Address))
    eq(i1,i2) ==>(i1(i1), i1(i2))
    lt(i1,i2) ==>(i1(i1), i1(i2))
    gt(i1,i2) ==>(i1(i1), i1(i2))
    if (T, i1, i2) ==1d
      if (F, i1, i2) ==1d
    end
  end
end

% Datatype TransceiverId
sort TransceiverIdSet
func null->TransceiverIdSet->TransceiverIdSet
map
  add: TransceiverId#TransceiverId->TransceiverIdSet
  union: TransceiverId#TransceiverIdSet->TransceiverIdSet
  end
end

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145 % Datatype EthernetAddressSet
sort EthernetAddressSet
func enil-->EthernetAddressSet
    cons : EthernetAddressSet#EthernetAddresser->EthernetAddressSet
    map : map : EthernetAddresser#EthernetAddress->EthernetAddressSet
    union : EthernetAddressSet#EthernetAddress->EthernetAddressSet
    address : EthernetAddresser#EthernetAddress->EthernetAddressSet
    eq : Eq#(EthernetAddresser#EthernetAddress)
    delete : Delete#(EthernetAddresser#EthernetAddress)
    contains : Contains#(EthernetAddresser#EthernetAddress)
    getOne : GetOne#(EthernetAddresser#EthernetAddress)
    deleteOne : DeleteOne#(EthernetAddresser#EthernetAddress)
    var v1, v2 : EthernetAddressSet;
    var s1, s2 : EthernetAddressSet;
    raw eq(enil, enil) if (eq(enil, cons(v2, s2)) == eq(cons(v1, s1), cons(v2, s2)))
    + eq(cons(v1, s1).cons(v2, s2) == and(eq(v1, v2), eq(s1, s2))
    + add(enil, v1).cons(v1, enil)
    add(cons(v1, s1), v2) == if (lt(v1, v2),
        cons(v1, add(s1, v2)),
        cons(v2, v1)), cons(v2, cons(v1, s1)), cons(v1, s1)))
    if (v1, s2) == s1
    if (F, s1, s2) == s2
    delete(enil, v2 == enil)
    delete(cons(v1, s1), v2) == if (eq(v1, v2), s1, cons(v1, delete(s1, v2)))
    contains(enil, v2) == F
    contains(cons(v1, s1), v2) == if (eq(v1, v2), contains(s1, v2))
    union(enil, s2) == s2
    union(cons(v1, s1), v2) == if (eq(v1, v2), contains(s1, v2))
    difference(s1, enil) == s1
    difference(s1, enil) == s2
    difference(cons(v1, s1), s2) == difference(s1, delete(s2, v1))
    getOne(cons(v1, s1)) == v1
    deleteOne(cons(v1, s1)) == s1
    % Datatype Ethernet Frame
    185 sort EthernetFrame
    func noFrame :>EthernetFrame
        Frame : Bit#(EthernetAddressSet#EthernetAddressType#Set)->EthernetFrame
        map : map : Bit#(EthernetFrame)->Bit#(EthernetAddress)
        source : EthernetFrame->EthernetAddress
        destination : EthernetFrame->EthernetAddress
        data : EthernetFrame->Set
        eq : Eq#(EthernetFrame#EthernetFrame)->Bool
        var b1, b2 : Bit
        s1, s2 : EthernetAddress
        d1, d2 : EthernetAddressSet
        t1, t2 : EthernetType
        p1, p2 : Set
        v1, v2 : Set
        raw pabit : Bit#(Frame(b1, s1, d1, t1, v1)) == 1
        source(Frame(b1, s1, d1, t1, v1)) == 1
        destination(Frame(b1, s1, d1, t1, v1)) == 1
        data(Frame(b1, s1, d1, t1, v1)) == 1
        eq(noFrame, noFrame) == F
        eq(Frame(b2, s2, d2, t2, v2), and(eq(b1, d2),
            and(eq(s1, s2),
            and(eq(d1, d2),
            eq(v1, v2))))))

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Appendix II

The μ CRL specification of SPLICE

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1 Specification: SPICE (Spice fragment)
2 % Specification : 1.9. October 1999
3 % Date : 12.9.1999
4 % Description : A specification of SPICE with distributed
5 % data space based on 'Spice User Manual',
6 % and 'Spice Reference Manual' with context
7 % Author : Izaak van Langewiede
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15 % Splice
16 % Database datatypes
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20 % Datatype Sort (sorts of data in the database)
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25 sort Sort
26 func Sort0, Sort1, Sort2->Sort
27 map i:Sort->natural
28 eq: Sort#Sort->Bool
29 i1: Sort#Sort->Bool
30 i2: Sort#Sort->Bool
31 var s1, s2: Sort
32 new i:Sort(i)=0
33 i(Sort1)=s(0)
34 i(Sort2)=s(0)
35 i(S1,S2)=i(i1(s1),i(s2))
36 i(S1,S2)=i(i2(s1),i(s2))

40 % Datatype Category
41 sort Category, Context->Category
42 func noCategory, Context->Category
43 map i:Category->natural
44 eq: Category#Category->Bool
45 lt: Category#Category->Bool
46 gt: Category#Category->Bool
47 if: Bool#Category#Category->Bool
48 category Context, Sort0)->Category
49 var s1, s2: Category
50 new i:(noCategory)=0
51 i(Context)=i(noCategory))
52 eq(s1,s2)=eq(i(s1),i(s2))
53 lt(s1,s2)=lt(i(s1),i(s2))
54 gt(s1,s2)=gt(i(s1),i(s2))
55 category Context, Sort2)->Category
56 category noCategory, Sort1)->Category
57 category noCategory, Sort2)->Category
58 if((1,s1,s2)=s1
59 if((1,s1,s2)=s2

65 % Datatype Value
66 sort Value, Value
67 func Value0, Value1, Value2, Value3, Value4->Value
68 map i:Value->Natural
69 eq: Value#Value->Bool
70 size: DataSet->natural
71 union: DataSet#DataSet->DataSet
72 difference: DataSet#DataSet->DataSet
73 eq: Bool#DataSet#DataSet->Bool
74 delete: DataSet#DataSet->DataSet
75 contains: DataSet#DataSet->Bool
76 select: DataSet#Query->DataSet
77 sort Record, Record1, Record2, Record3, Record4->Record
78 func Record#Record, Record1, Record2, Record3, Record4->Record
79 map i:Record->natural
80 eq: Record#Record->Bool
81 lt: Record#Record->Bool
82 gt: Record#Record->Bool
83 key: Record#Value
84 sort Record, Record1, Record2, Record3
85 map i:Record->natural
86 i(Record)=i(Record0)
87 i(Record)=i(Record1)
88 i(Record)=i(Record2)
89 i(Record)=i(Record3)
90 i(Record)=i(Record4)
91 eq(v1,v2)=eq(i(v1),i(v2))
92 lt(v1,v2)=lt(i(v1),i(v2))
93 gt(v1,v2)=gt(i(v1),i(v2))

95 var v1, v2: Record
96 i(Record)=i(i(Record))
97 i(Record)=i(i(Record))
98 i(Record)=i(i(Record))
99 i(Record)=i(i(Record))
100 eq(v1,v2)=eq(i(v1),i(v2))
101 lt(v1,v2)=lt(i(v1),key(v1))
102 gt(v1,v2)=gt(i(v1),key(v2))
103 key(Record)=value
104 key(Record)=value
105 key(Record)=value
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107 key(Record)=value
108 key(Record)=value
109 key(Record)=value

110 % Datatype Data
111 sort Data, func Datum#Record->Data
112 eq: Datum#Record->Data
113 map i:Datum#Data->Bool
114 lt: Datum#Data->Bool
115 gt: Datum#Data->Bool
116 var s1, s2: Sort
117 eq(Datum(s1,i1),Datum(s2,i2))=and(eq(s1,s2),eq(i1,i2))
118 lt(Datum(s1,i1),Datum(s2,i2))=or(eq(s1,s2),and(eq(s1,s2),lt(i1,i2)))
119 gt(Datum(s1,i1),Datum(s2,i2))=or(gt(s1,s2),and(eq(s1,s2),gt(i1,i2)))

125 % Datatype DataSet
126 sort DataSet, func vnl#DataSet->DataSet
127 cons: DataSet#DataSet->DataSet
128 add: DataSet#DataSet->DataSet
129 union: DataSet#DataSet->DataSet
130 difference: DataSet#DataSet->DataSet
131 eq: Bool#DataSet#DataSet->Bool
132 if: Bool#DataSet#DataSet->DataSet
133 delete: DataSet#DataSet->DataSet
134 contains: DataSet#DataSet->Bool
135 select: DataSet#Query->DataSet
136 size: DataSet->natural
137 union: vnl#DataSet->DataSet
138 difference: vnl#DataSet->DataSet
139 eq: vnl#vnl#cons(v2,v3)=vnl#cons(v1,v3)
140 var v1, v2: Data
141 eq(v1,v2)=vnl#eq(v1,v2)

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145      eq(cons(v1,s1), cons(v2,s2))=and(eq(v1,v2), eq(s1,s2))
        add(v1,v1), v1)=cons(v1,v1)
        add(cons(v1,s1),v2)=if(t(v1,v2),
          if(lt(v1,v1),
            cons(v2,cons(v1,s1)),
            cons(v2,s1)))
        )
150      if(t(v1,s1)=s1
        if(F,v1,s2)=s2
        delete(vn1,v2)=vn1
        delete(cons(vn1,v2),vn1)=if(eq(v1,v2), s1,cons(v1,delete(s1,v2)))
        contains(vn1,v2)=F
        contains(cons(vn1,s1),v2)=or(eq(v1,v2),contains(s1,v2))
        union(vn1,s2)=s2
        union(cons(vn1,s1),s2)=union(s1,add(v2,v1))
        difference(s1,vn1)=s1
        difference(cons(vn1,s1),s2)=difference(s1,delete(s2,v1))
        size(vn1)=0
        size(cons(vn1,s1))=size(s1))
        var s1,s2: DataSet
        d1: Data
        q1,q2: Qualifier
        n1,n2: Quantifier
        t1, t2 : Sort
        r1, r2 : Record
        select(vn1,Query(vn1,q1))=vn1
        select(cons(datum(t1,r1),s1),r2)=if(eq(t1,t2),
          cons(datum(t1,r1)),select(s1,t1)),
          select(s1,t1))
        select(cons(d1,s1),Query(each,q1))=if(statistics(q1,d1),
          cons(d1,select(s1,Query(each,q1))),
          sete (s1,Query(each,q1)))
        select(cons(d1,s1),Query(any,q1))=if(statistics(q1,d1),
          cons(d1,vnil),
          select(s1,Query(any,q1)))
155      % Datatype Qualifier
160      sort Qualifier
        fun noQuery:Qualifier!, qualifier2=> Qualifier
        map satisfies:Qualifier#Bool->Bool
        eq: Qualifier->Natural
        var v: Record
        q1,q2: Qualifier
        rev satisfies:(Qualifier1,datum(s,v))=eq(s,Sort1)
        satisfies:(Qualifier1,datum(s,v))=eq(s,Sort2)
        statistics(nQuery,Datum(s,v)) =T
        iQuery()=0
        iQuery()=s(0)
        iQuery()=s(0)
        eq(q1,q2)=eq(i(q1),i(q2))
165      % Datatype quantifier
        sort Quantifier
        func each:Ann-> Quantifier
        mapP each:Quantifier->Bool
        1:Quantifier->Natural
        var q1,q2: Quantifier
        rev iEach()=0
        iAny()=s(0)
        eq(i(q1,q2)=eq(i(q1),i(q2)))
170      % Datatype ApplId
175      sort ApplId
        func appl1,appl2,appl3,appl4,appl5,appl6,appl7
        map iApplId#ApplId->Bool
        eq:ApplId#ApplId->Bool
        var id1,id2:ApplId
        rev i(idApp1)=o(i(idApp1))
        i(idApp1)=s(i(idApp1))
        i(idApp2)=s(i(idApp1))
        i(idApp3)=s(i(idApp1))
        i(idApp4)=s(i(idApp3))
        i(idApp5)=s(i(idApp4))
        i(idApp6)=s(i(idApp5))
        eq(id1,id2)=t(i(id1),i(id2))
        g'(id1,id2)=f(i(id1),i(id2))
        if(T,id1,id2)=id1
        if(G,id1,id2)=id2
180      % Datatype ApplSet
185      sort ApplSet
        func appl1Set#ApplIdSet->ApplIdSet
        map iApplId#ApplIdSet->ApplIdSet
        union:ApplId#ApplIdSet->ApplIdSet
        difference:ApplId#ApplIdSet->ApplIdSet
        eq:ApplId#ApplIdSet->ApplIdSet
        if:ApplId#ApplIdSet->ApplIdSet
190      % Datatype query
195      sort Query
        func Query:Quantifier#Qualifer->Query
        map ni: Natural->Bool
        var q1,q2: Quantifier
        rev iEach()=0

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delete :ApplIdSet#ApplId->ApplIdSet
contains :ApplIdSet#ApplId->Bool
size :ApplIdSet->Natural
var v1, v2 : ApplId
s1, s2 : ApplIdSet
rew eq (anil, anil)=T
eq (anil, cons (v2,s2))=F
eq (cons (v1, s1), anil)=F
add (anil, v1)=cons (v1, anil)
add (cons (v1, s1), v2)=if (lt (v1, v2),
                           cons (v2, v1),
                           if (lt (v2, v1), cons (v2, cons (v1, s1)), cons (v1, s1)))
                           if (T, s1, s2)=s1
                           if (F, s1, s2)=s2
                           delete (anil, v2)=anil
                           delete (cons (v1, s1), v2)=if (eq (v1, v2), s1, cons (v1, delete (s1, v2)))
                           contains (anil, v2)=F
                           contains (cons (v1, s1), v2)=or (eq (v1, v2), contains (s1, v2))
                           union (anil, s2)=s2
                           union (cons (v1, s1), s2)=union (s1, add (s2, v1))
                           difference (s1, anil)=s1
                           difference (s1, cons (v2, s2))=difference (s1, s2)
                           size (anil)=0
                           size (cons (v1, s1))=s (size (s1))
                           size (cons (v1, s1))=s (size (s1))

% Datatype Subscription
sort Subscription
func eq :Subscription#Subscription->Bool
map eq :Subscription#Subscription->Bool
prf :Subscription#Subscription->Bool
var 11,12:ApplId
var s1,s2:Sort
rew eq (Subscribe (i1, s1), Subscribe (i2, s2))=and (eq (i1, i2), eq (s1, s2))
it (Subscribe (i1, s1), Subscribe (i2, s2))=or (lt (i1, i2), gt (i1, i2))
prf (Subscribe (i1, s1), Subscribe (i2, s2))=or (gt (i1, i2), lt (i1, i2))
if (gt (i1, i2), lt (i1, i2), and (eq (i1, i2), gt (s1, s2)))
if (lt (i1, i2), gt (s1, s2), and (eq (i1, i2), lt (s1, s2)))

% Datatype SubscriptionSet
sort SubscriptionSet
func eq :SubscriptionSet#SubscriptionSet->Bool
map eq :SubscriptionSet#SubscriptionSet->Bool
prf :SubscriptionSet#SubscriptionSet->Bool
var 11,12:ApplId
var s1,s2:Sort
rew eq (SubscribeSet (i1, s1), SubscribeSet (i2, s2))=and (eq (i1, i2), eq (s1, s2))
it (SubscribeSet (i1, s1), SubscribeSet (i2, s2))=or (lt (i1, i2), gt (i1, i2))
prf (SubscribeSet (i1, s1), SubscribeSet (i2, s2))=or (gt (i1, i2), lt (i1, i2))
if (gt (i1, i2), lt (i1, i2), and (eq (i1, i2), gt (s1, s2)))
if (lt (i1, i2), gt (s1, s2), and (eq (i1, i2), lt (s1, s2)))

% Datatype Subscriptions
sort Subscriptions
func eq :Subscriptions#Subscriptions->Bool
map eq :Subscriptions#Subscriptions->Bool
prf :Subscriptions#Subscriptions->Bool
var 11,12:ApplId
var s1,s2:Sort
rew eq (Subscriptions (i1, s1), Subscriptions (i2, s2))=and (eq (i1, i2), eq (s1, s2))
it (Subscriptions (i1, s1), Subscriptions (i2, s2))=or (lt (i1, i2), gt (i1, i2))
prf (Subscriptions (i1, s1), Subscriptions (i2, s2))=or (gt (i1, i2), lt (i1, i2))
if (gt (i1, i2), lt (i1, i2), and (eq (i1, i2), gt (s1, s2)))
if (lt (i1, i2), gt (s1, s2), and (eq (i1, i2), lt (s1, s2)))

% Datatype SubscriptionsSet
sort SubscriptionsSet
func eq :SubscriptionsSet#SubscriptionsSet->Bool
map eq :SubscriptionsSet#SubscriptionsSet->Bool
prf :SubscriptionsSet#SubscriptionsSet->Bool
var 11,12:ApplId
var s1,s2:Sort
rew eq (SubscriptionsSet (i1, s1), SubscriptionsSet (i2, s2))=and (eq (i1, i2), eq (s1, s2))
it (SubscriptionsSet (i1, s1), SubscriptionsSet (i2, s2))=or (lt (i1, i2), gt (i1, i2))
prf (SubscriptionsSet (i1, s1), SubscriptionsSet (i2, s2))=or (gt (i1, i2), lt (i1, i2))
if (gt (i1, i2), lt (i1, i2), and (eq (i1, i2), gt (s1, s2)))
if (lt (i1, i2), gt (s1, s2), and (eq (i1, i2), lt (s1, s2)))

% Datatype Category
c:Category
eq (snil, snil)=T
eq (snil, cons (v2, s2))=F
eq (cons (v1, s1), s2)=F
eq (cons (v1, s1), cons (v2, s2))=and (eq (v1, v2), eq (s1, s2))
add (snil, v1)=cons (v1, snil)
add (snil, v2)=if (lt (v1, v2),
                  cons (v1, add (snil, v2)),
                  if (lt (v2, v1), cons (v2, cons (v1, snil)), cons (v1, snil)))
if (T, s1, s2)=s1
if (F, s1, s2)=s2
delete (snil, v2)=snil
contains (snil, v2)=if (eq (v1, v2), s1, cons (v1, delete (s1, v2)))
contains (snil, v2)=or (eq (v1, v2), contains (s1, v2))
union (snil, v2)=snil
union (snil, v2)=union (s1, add (s2, v1))
subscribers (snil, v2)=snil
subscribers (snil, v2)=union (s1, subscribers (s1, v2))
subscribers (snil, v2)=cons (snil, subscribers (s1, v2))
subscribers (snil, v2)=subscribers (s1, v2)

% Datatype Category
get (snil, i1, i2)=snil
get (snil, i1, i2)=if (eq (v1, i1), s1, cons (Subscribe (i1, t1), select (s1, o)))
get (snil, i1, i2)=if (eq (v1, i1), s1, select (s1, o))
get (snil, i1, i2)=if (category (c, t1), cons (Subscribe (i1, t1), select (s1, o)))
get (snil, i1, i2)=if (category (c, t1), select (s1, o))

% Datatype Publication
sort Publication
func eq :Publication#Publication->Bool
map eq :Publication#Publication->Bool
prf :Publication#Publication->Bool
var 11,12:ApplId
var s1,s2:Sort
rew eq (Publication (i1, s1), Publication (i2, s2))=and (eq (i1, i2), eq (s1, s2))
it (Publication (i1, s1), Publication (i2, s2))=or (lt (i1, i2), gt (i1, i2))
prf (Publication (i1, s1), Publication (i2, s2))=or (gt (i1, i2), lt (i1, i2))
if (gt (i1, i2), lt (i1, i2), and (eq (i1, i2), gt (s1, s2)))
if (lt (i1, i2), gt (s1, s2), and (eq (i1, i2), lt (s1, s2)))

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1010 sum(b:Bit,
sum(s:EthernetAddress,
sum(d:EthernetAddressSet,
sum(c:CSet,
sum(c'.Set,
(panic delta
<| full(outQueue) |>
nop.
Agent (agentAddress, configuration,agentId,tail(inQueue),
add(outQueue,Frame zero, agentAddress,add(enl,s),data,select(p, Query(each,noQuery))),
PendingCategory,PendingPublications union(c,r'),p)
<| and(not (empty(inQueue)),
and(enl,head(inQueue)) Frame(b, s,d,Subscribe,r),
eq(pendingCategory,noCategory))) |> delta))))+
+ % Handle incoming publication and/or subscription if category subscription is pending:
% request the data for the sort and add the subscription to the pending subscriptions
=0:Bit,
sum(d:EthernetAddressSet,
sum(c:CSet,
sum(c'.Set,
(panic delta
<| full(outQueue) |>
nop.
Agent (agentAddress, configuration, agentId, tail(inQueue),
if (enl,makeRequest(agentId,r,pendingCategory),nil),
outQueue,
add(outQueue, Frame zero, agentAddress,add(enl,s),request, makeRequests(agentId,r,pendingCategory)),
union(pendingPublications,select(r,pendingCategory)),nil), noCategory, pendingCategory),
union(c,difference r,select(r,pendingCategory)),
p))
<| and(not (empty(inQueue)),
and(enl,head(inQueue)) Frame(b, s,d,Subscribe,r),
not(eq(pendingCategory,noCategory))) |> delta))))+
+ % Handle incoming category subscription
sum(s:EthernetAddressSet,
sum(d:EthernetAddressSet,
sum(c:Category,
sum(a:ApplId,
(panic delta
<| full(outQueue) |>
nop.
Agent (agentAddress, configuration,agentId,tail(inQueue),
add(outQueue,Frame zero, agentAddress,add(enl,s),PublishSubscribe,
union(enl,s),select(c,ca))),p)
PendingCategory,PendingPublications,add(c,Subscribe(a,ca)),p)
<| and(not (empty(inQueue)),
eq(head(inQueue),Frame(b, s,d,Subscribe,add(enl,Subscribe(a,ca)))), |> delta))))+
+ % Handle incoming data if no publication is pending
sum(b:Bit,
sum(s:EthernetAddress,
sum(m:MSet,
sum(c:CSet,
(p)
and(eq(pendingPublications,m),
and(not (empty(inQueue)),

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sp_publish(id,Publish(id,Sort1)).
sum(v$Set, sp_read(id,BindSubscribe(id,Sort1,QuerySearch,Qualifier1),v,SP_RD_MARK)).
1155   sp_write(id,Datum(Gort1,Record0)+sp_write(id,Datum(Gort1,Record1))).  

sp_terminate(id,  

data  

1160  WWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWW  

% Initial process  

WWWWWWWWWWWWWWWW  

1165 init  hide ((ced_transmitFrame,  

ced_receiveFrame,  

cep_transmitsignal,  

cep_receiveframe,  

cep_return,  

cep_return,  

encap ((sp_init_supersapi - , sp_init_supersapi -  

sp_terminate - , sp_terminate -  

sp_application - , sp_application -  

sp_use_sort - , sp_use_sort -  

1170  noFrame,  

noTransceiverId,  

null)  

|| DataLinkLayer(transceiver1,address1)  

|| DataLinkLayer(transceiver2,address2)  

|| P0(appl1)  

|| P1(appl2)  

|| Agent(address1,appl1,appl1,bound(gml1,s(0)),bound(gml1,s(0)),category,mil1,mil1)||  

|| Agent(address2,appl1,appl2,bound(gml1,s(0)),bound(gml1,s(0)),category,mil1,mil1))  

1175  

1180  

1185  

1190 PhysicalLayer(Cad(cad(tnl1,transceiver1),transceiver2),  

tnl1)
1195
1200

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Appendix III

The EVALUATOR properties

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(* All deadlocks are preceded by a "panic" or a "terminate" *)

[(not ("panic" or "sp_terminate(*)"))] <true> true

and

(* Correctness: each record read has been written *)

[(not "csp_write(appl1,Datum(Sort1,Record0))").
 "csp_read(appl2,Bind(Subscribe(appl2,Sort1),Query(each,qualifier1)),
 unite(cons(Datum(Sort1,Record0),vnil),pnil,snil,prnil,rnil,cnil),
 SP_RD_MARK)"]
false

and

(* Weak completeness: as long as a record written is not overwritten, not all reads fail *)

[(not "panic")*
 . "csp_write(appl1,Datum(Sort1,Record0))"
 . (not ("csp_write(appl1,Datum(Sort1,Record1))" or "panic" or "sp_terminate(*)"))
 <(not ("panic" or "sp_terminate(*)"))*
 . "csp_read(appl2,Bind(Subscribe(appl2,Sort1),Query(each,qualifier1)),
 *,
 SP_RD_MARK)>
true

implies

<(not ("panic" or "sp_terminate(*)"))*
 . "csp_read(appl2,Bind(Subscribe(appl2,Sort1),Query(each,qualifier1)),
 unite(cons(Datum(Sort1,Record0),vnil),pnil,snil,prnil,rnil,cnil),
 SP_RD_MARK)>
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true

Appendix IV

The verified scenarios

1. SCENARIO 1

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P0(id: ApplId)=
    sp_init_superapi(id).
    sp_application(id).
    sp_use_sort(id,Sort1).
    sp_subscribe(id,Subscribe(id,Sort1)).
    sp_publish(id,Publish(id,Sort1)).
    (sp_write(id,Datum(Sort1,Record0))+  

     sp_write(id,Datum(Sort1,Record1))).
    sum(v:Set,
        sp_read(id,  

                Bind(Subscribe(id,Sort1),Query(any,qualifier1)),  

                v,  

                SP_RD_MARK)).
    sp_terminate(id).
    delta

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P1(id: ApplId)=
    sp_init_superapi(id).
    sp_application(id).
    sp_use_sort(id,Sort1).
    sp_publish(id,Publish(id,Sort1)).
    sp_subscribe(id,Subscribe(id,Sort1)).
    sum(v:Set,
        sp_read(id,  

                Bind(Subscribe(id,Sort1),Query(any,qualifier1)),  

                v,  

                SP_RD_MARK)).
    (sp_write(id,Datum(Sort1,Record0))+  

     sp_write(id,Datum(Sort1,Record1))).
    sp_terminate(id).
    delta

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2. SCENARIO 2

$P0(id: AppId) =$ sp_init_superapi(id). sp_application(id). sp_use_sort(id,Sort1). sp_subscribe(id,Subscribe(id,Sort1)). sp_publish(id,Publish(id,Sort1)). $(sp_write(id,Datum(Sort1,Record0))+$ $sp_write(id,Datum(Sort1,Record1))).$ $sum(v:Set,$ $sp_read(id,$ $Bind(Subscribe(id,Sort1),$ $Query(each,qualifier1)),$ $v,$ $SP_RD_MARK)).$ $sp_terminate(id).$ δ	$P1(id: AppId) =$ sp_init_superapi(id). sp_application(id). sp_use_sort(id,Sort1). sp_publish(id,Publish(id,Sort1)). sp_subscribe(id,Subscribe(id,Sort1)). $sum(v:Set,$ $sp_read(id,$ $Bind(Subscribe(id,Sort1),Query(each,qualifier1)),$ $v,$ $SP_RD_MARK)).$ $(sp_write(id,Datum(Sort1,Record0))+$ $sp_write(id,Datum(Sort1,Record1))).$ $sp_terminate(id).$ δ
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3. SCENARIO 3

$P0(id: AppId) =$ sp_init_superapi(id). sp_application(id). sp_use_sort(id,Sort1). sp_publish(id,Publish(id,Sort1)). $P0_loops(id)$	$P1(id: AppId) =$ sp_init_superapi(id). sp_application(id). sp_use_sort(id,Sort1). sp_subscribe(id,Subscribe(id,Sort1)). $P1_loops(id)$
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$P0_loops(id: AppId) =$ $(sp_write(id,Datum(Sort1,Record0))+$ $sp_write(id,Datum(Sort1,Record1))).$ $P0_loops(id)$	$P1_loops(id: AppId) =$ $sum(v:Set,$ $sp_read(id,$ $Bind(Subscribe(id,Sort1),Query(each,qualifier1)),$ $v,$ $SP_RD_MARK)).$ $P1_loops(id)$
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4. SCENARIO 4

$P0(id: AppId) =$ $\quad sp_init_superapi(id).$ $\quad sp_application(id).$ $\quad sp_use_sort(id, Sort1).$ $\quad sp_publish(id, Publish(id, Sort1)).$ $P0_loops(id)$	$P1(id: AppId) =$ $\quad sp_init_superapi(id).$ $\quad sp_application(id).$ $\quad sp_use_sort(id, Sort1).$ $\quad sp_subscribe(id, Subscribe(id, Sort1)).$ $P1_loops(id)$
$P0_loops(id: AppId) =$ $\quad (sp_write(id, Datum(Sort1, Record0)) +$ $\quad sp_write(id, Datum(Sort1, Record1))).$ $P0_loops(id)$	$P1_loops(id: AppId) =$ $\quad sum(v: Set,$ $\quad sp_read(id,$ $\quad \quad Bind(Subscribe(id, Sort1), Query(any, qualifier1)),$ $\quad \quad v,$ $\quad \quad SP_RD_MARK)).$ $P1_loops(id)$

5. SCENARIO 5

$P0(id: AppId) =$ $\quad sp_init_superapi(id).$ $\quad sp_application(id).$ $\quad sp_use_sort(id, Sort1).$ $\quad sp_subscribe(id, Subscribe(id, Sort1)).$ $\quad sp_publish(id, Publish(id, Sort1)).$ $P0_loops(id)$	$P1(id: AppId) =$ $\quad sp_init_superapi(id).$ $\quad sp_application(id).$ $\quad sp_use_sort(id, Sort1).$ $\quad sp_subscribe(id, Subscribe(id, Sort1)).$ $\quad sp_publish(id, Publish(id, Sort1)).$ $P1_loops(id)$
$P0_loops(id: AppId) =$ $\quad (sp_write(id, Datum(Sort1, Record0)) +$ $\quad sp_write(id, Datum(Sort1, Record1)) +$ $\quad sum(v: Set,$ $\quad \quad sp_read(id,$ $\quad \quad Bind(Subscribe(id, Sort1),$ $\quad \quad \quad Query(any, qualifier1)),$ $\quad \quad \quad v,$ $\quad \quad \quad SP_RD_MARK))).$ $P0_loops(id)$	$P1_loops(id: AppId) =$ $\quad (sp_write(id, Datum(Sort1, Record0)) +$ $\quad sp_write(id, Datum(Sort1, Record1)) +$ $\quad sum(v: Set,$ $\quad \quad sp_read(id,$ $\quad \quad \quad Bind(Subscribe(id, Sort1),$ $\quad \quad \quad \quad Query(any, qualifier1)),$ $\quad \quad \quad \quad v,$ $\quad \quad \quad \quad SP_RD_MARK))).$ $P1_loops(id)$

6. SCENARIO 6

$P0(id: AppId) =$ $\quad sp_init_superapi(id).$ $\quad sp_application(id).$ $\quad sp_use_sort(id, Sort1).$ $\quad sp_subscribe(id, Subscribe(id, Sort1)).$ $\quad sp_publish(id, Publish(id, Sort1)).$ $P0_loops(id)$	$P1(id: AppId) =$ $\quad sp_init_superapi(id).$ $\quad sp_application(id).$ $\quad sp_use_sort(id, Sort1).$ $\quad sp_subscribe(id, Subscribe(id, Sort1)).$ $\quad sp_publish(id, Publish(id, Sort1)).$ $P1_loops(id)$
$P0_loops(id: AppId) =$ $\quad (sp_write(id, Datum(Sort1, Record0)) +$ $\quad sp_write(id, Datum(Sort1, Record1)) +$ $\quad sum(v: Set,$ $\quad \quad sp_read(id,$ $\quad \quad \quad Bind(Subscribe(id, Sort1),$ $\quad \quad \quad \quad Query(each, qualifier1)),$ $\quad \quad \quad v,$ $\quad \quad \quad SP_RD_MARK))).$ $P0_loops(id)$	$P1_loops(id: AppId) =$ $\quad (sp_write(id, Datum(Sort1, Record0)) +$ $\quad sp_write(id, Datum(Sort1, Record1)) +$ $\quad sum(v: Set,$ $\quad \quad sp_read(id,$ $\quad \quad \quad Bind(Subscribe(id, Sort1),$ $\quad \quad \quad \quad Query(each, qualifier1)),$ $\quad \quad \quad v,$ $\quad \quad \quad SP_RD_MARK))).$ $P1_loops(id)$