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Formal Modelling Techniques for Efficient Development of Railway Control Products

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Enable-S3 - Horizon 2020 project

Objective:

establish cost-efficient cross-domain virtual and semi-virtual V&V platforms and methods for ACPS

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- Railground – requirements
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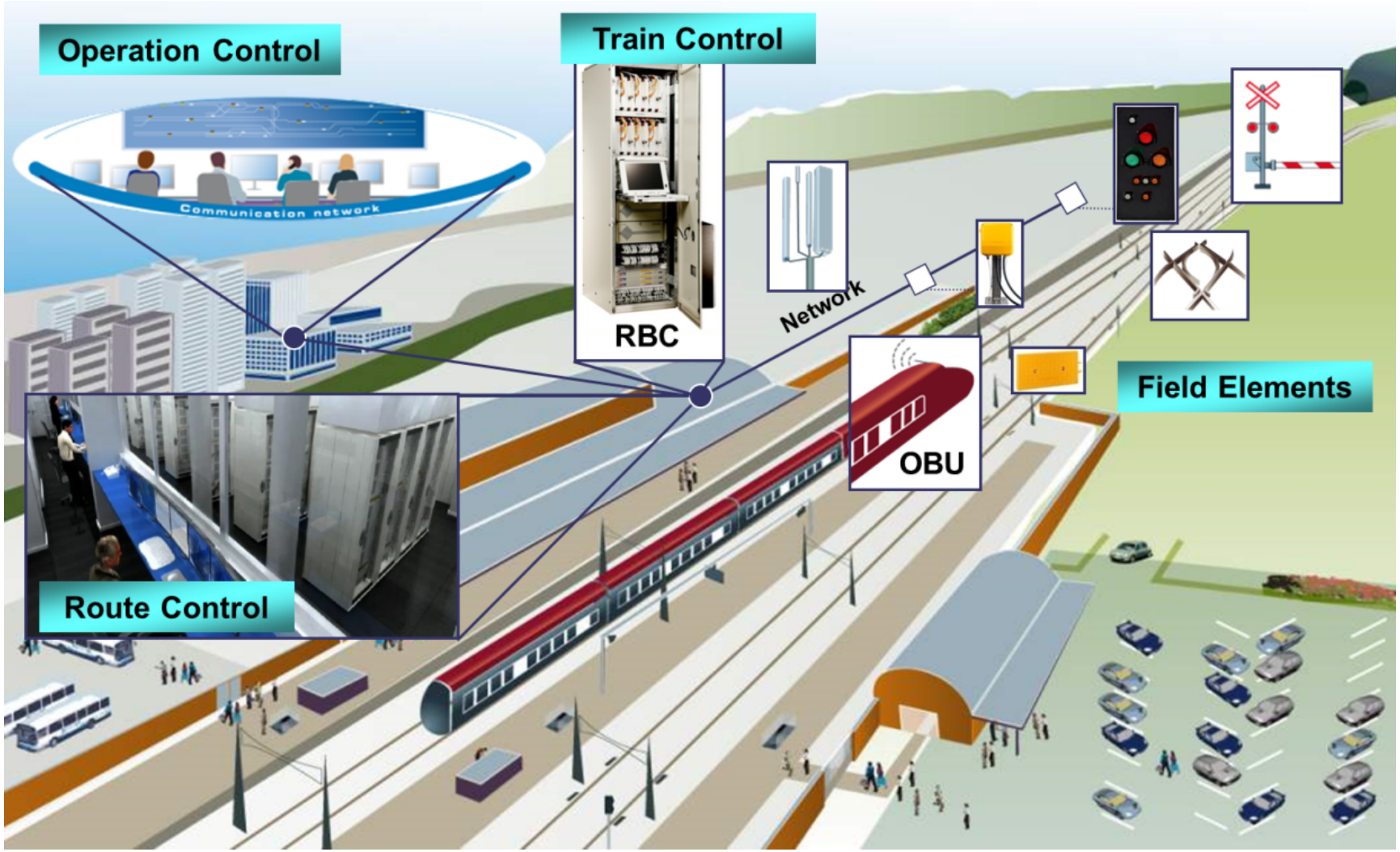
Railway products



Issues:

- Commercial
- Safety with variability

Trends:

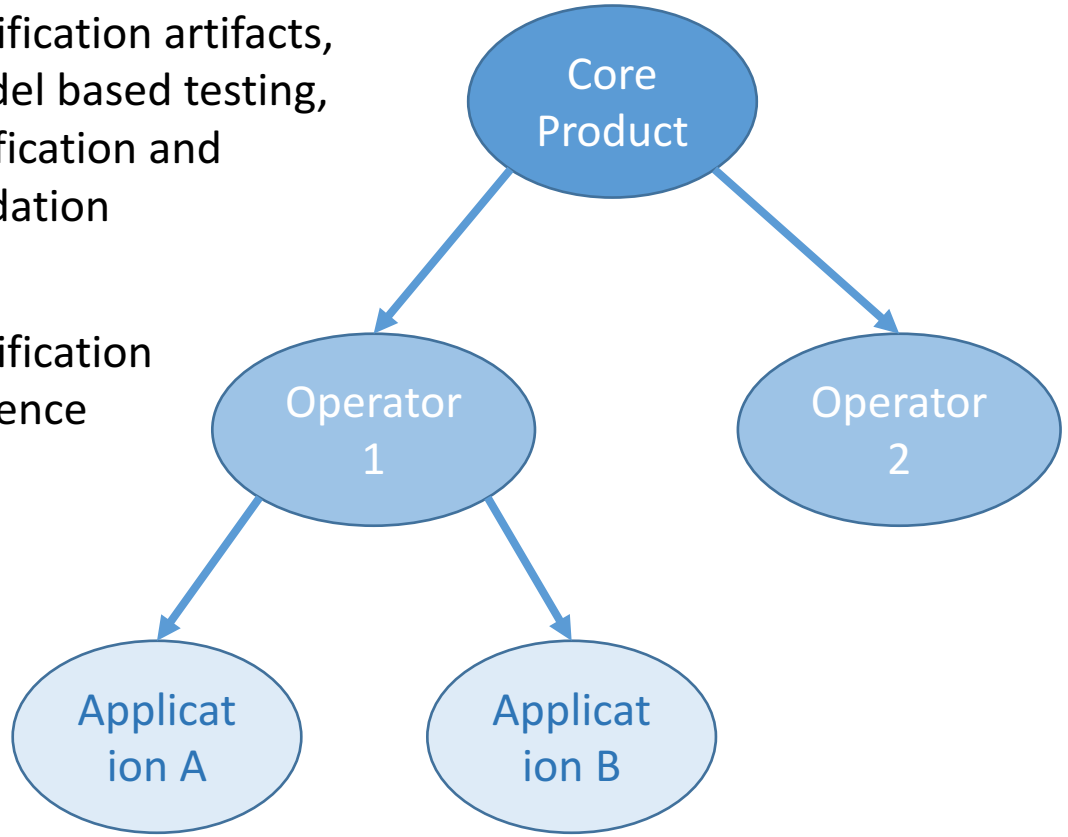
- Removal of some field elements (Signals, TTD, …), replacing by intelligent algorithms.
- Remote movement authority, possibly in clouds
- Central operation centers, split between safety critical and non-safety critical

OBU - Onboard Unit (ETCS compliant)
RBC - Radio Block Center
TTD - Trackside Train Detection

Railway Control Product Line

Re-usable safety certification artifacts, Model based testing, verification and validation

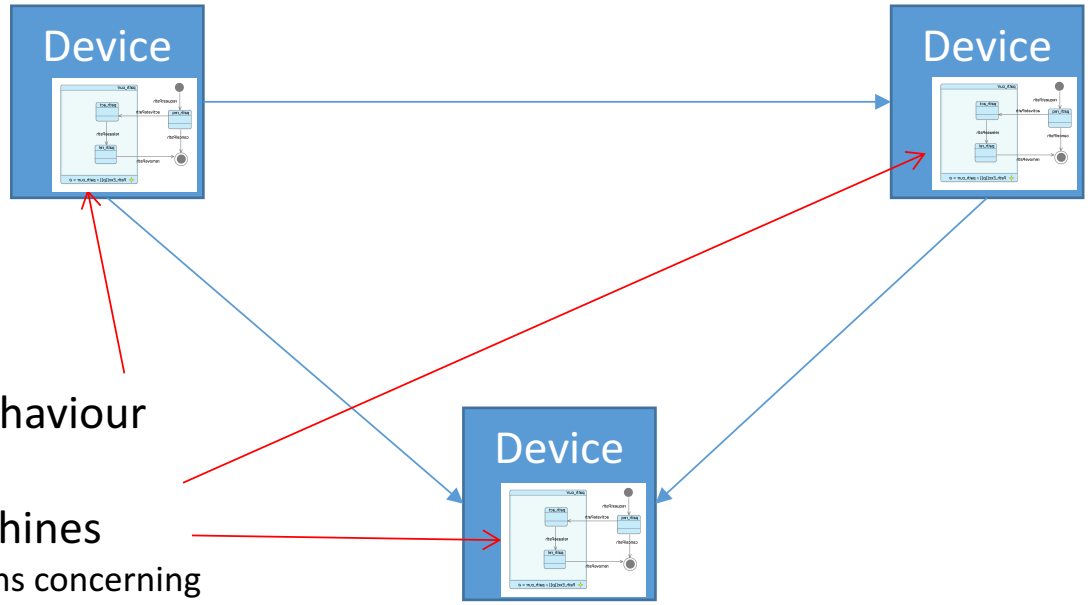
Certification Evidence



- Core Product
  - Generic (partially abstract)
  - Strongly verified
  - Formally proven (FM experts)
- Operator Specific Product
  - Customer Rules (e.g. Signals)
  - Implementation technology
  - Refinement of Core model
  - FM aware domain engineers
- Application Specific Instantiation
  - Configuration tools
    - (e.g. Station Layout)
    - Instantiated to meet Axioms
  - Application Engineers (non-FM)

Model based testing - Conformity of implementation with model

Cyber Physical Systems



Local state and behaviour

(using)

iUML-B State Machines

(with guards and actions concerning attributes and associations)

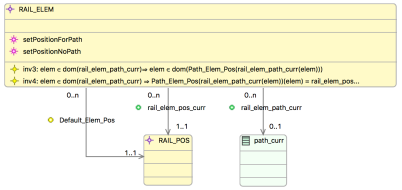
Interconnected devices

up one meta-level

Entity Relationship diagrams

using

iUML-B Class Diagrams



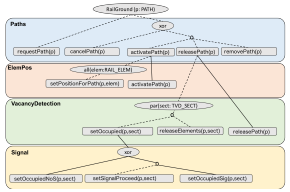
System Behaviour

consisting of

Sequences of local events

using

Event Refinement Diagrams



We need to analyse the holistic system behaviour… Not enough to verify individual devices

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Railground - Topology

Element (e.g. T, P1, P2)

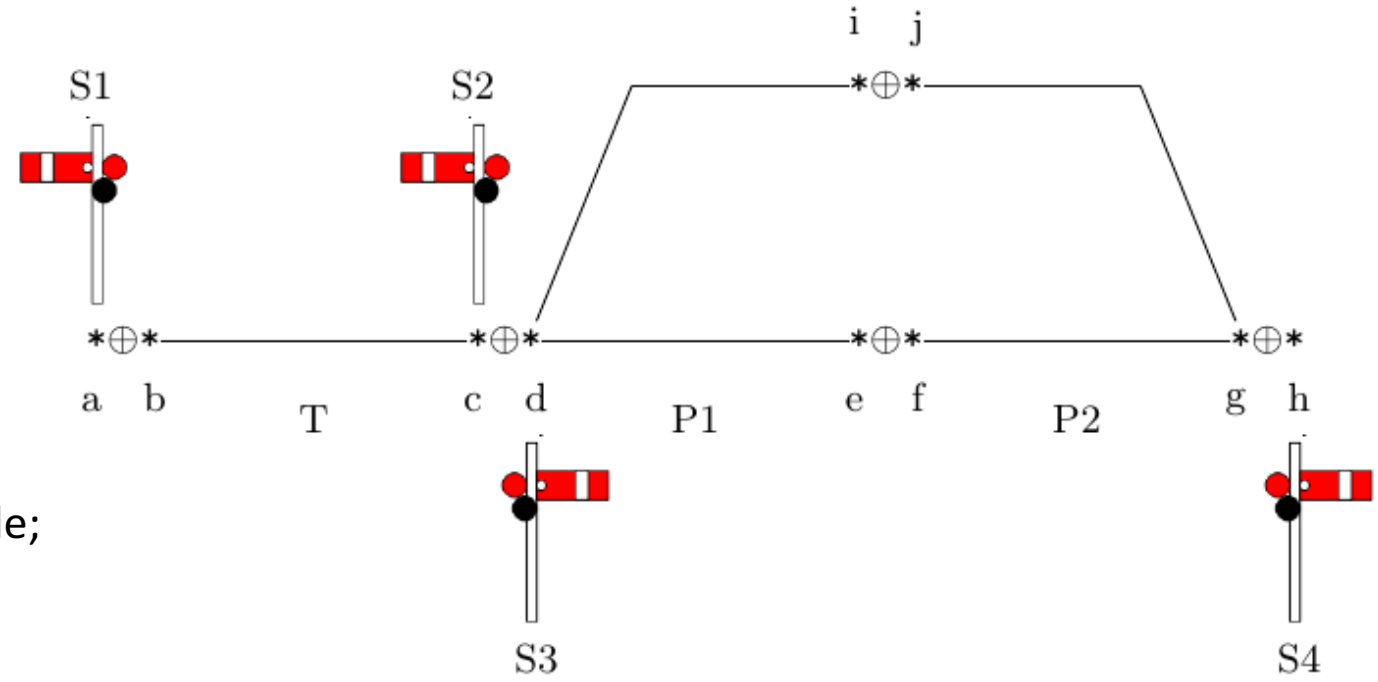
Connector (*) - a port of an Element
(e.g. P1 has 3 connectors: d,i,e)

Connectors are connected ⊕
to Connectors of other Elements
(e.g. c is connected to d)

Segment - a direction that an Element can provide; given by an ordered pair of its connectors:
(e.g. P1 has 4 segments:- di, id, de, ed)

Position – a distinct subset of an Element's segments that it can provide in a particular state.
(e.g. P1 has three positions:

1) 'Left' = {di,id}
2) 'Right' = {de, ed}
3) 'in transition (or broken)' = {}



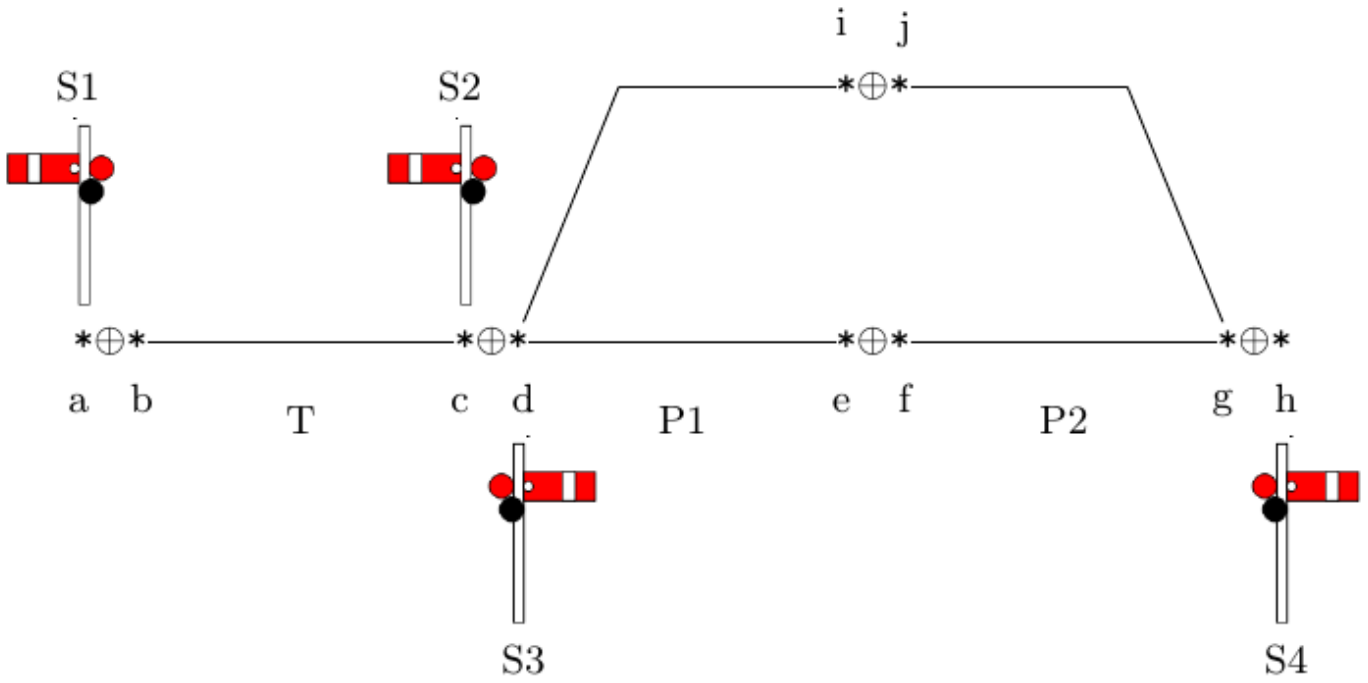
Railground - Paths

Path – a sequence of **Segment**s.

A path cannot contain two segments from the same Element.

The elements of a path are released from it as soon as the train passes through that segment

States of a path:
Requested => elements are being positioned
Active => trains can use the path (and its elements cannot be moved)
Released => all elements have been released from the path

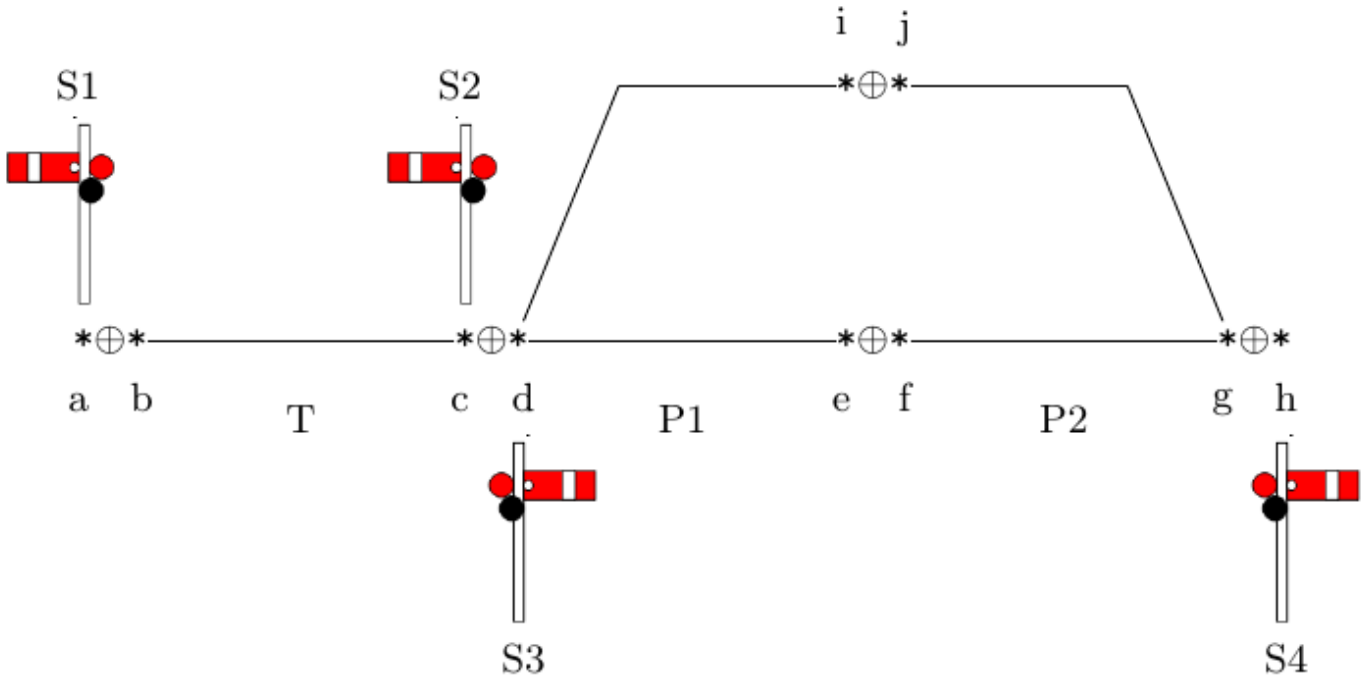


Railground – Vacancy Detection

TVD section
(Track Vacancy Detection)
A set of segments that belong to a train detection device.

State = vacant | occupied

Each segment belongs to exactly one TVD

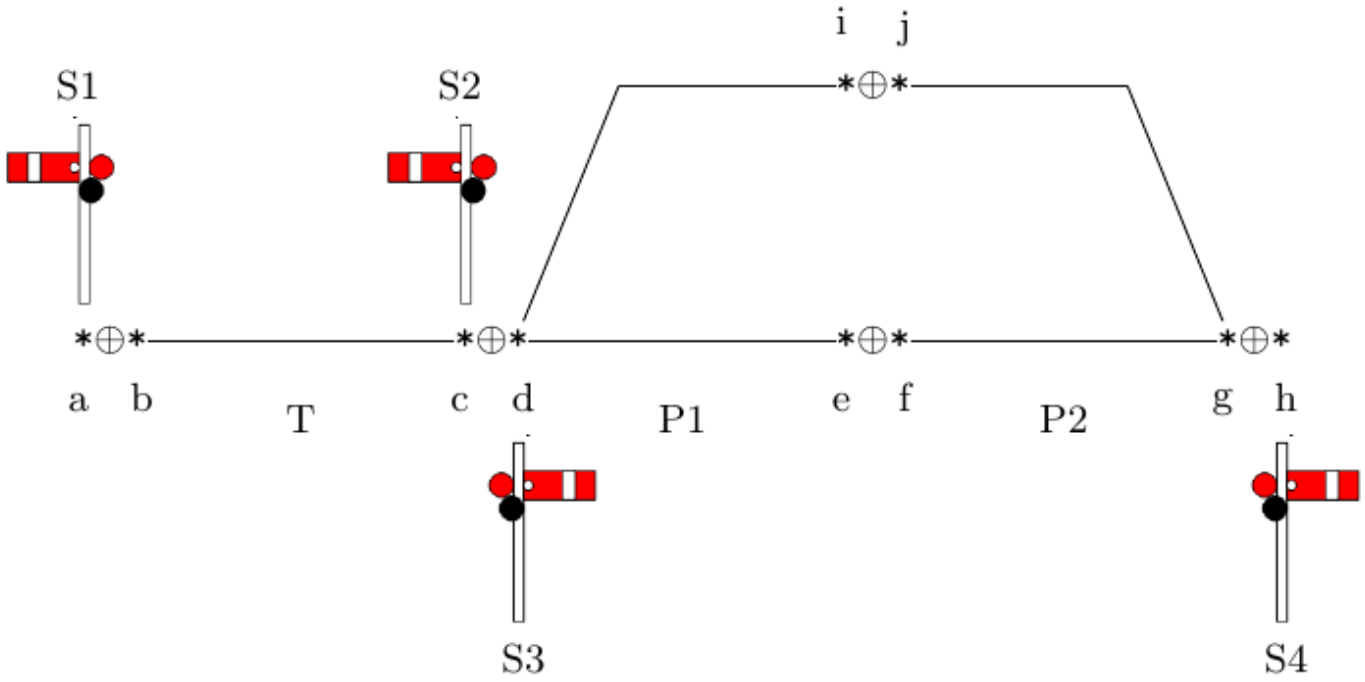


Railground

Signal – signals are attached to connectors and control trains from using the segments that follow that connector

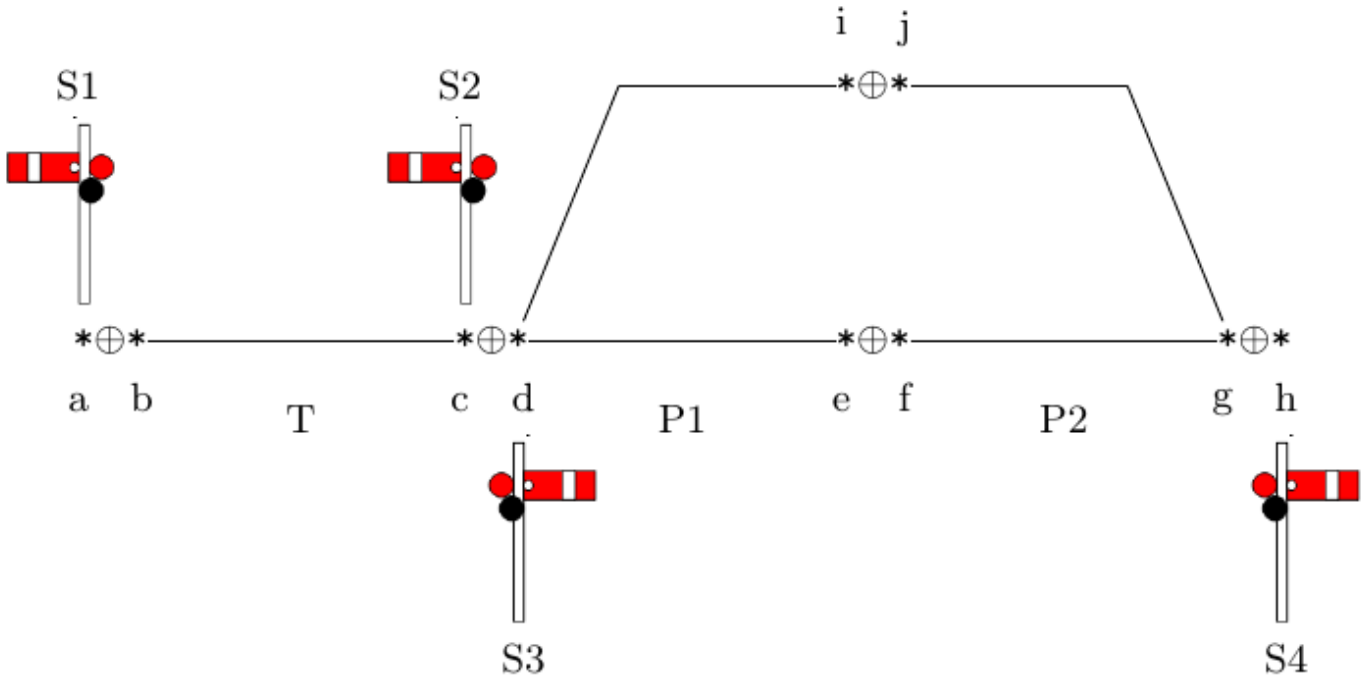
States = default | not default

Signal aspect is abstracted to default (stop) or not default (proceed). This can be refined with different operator requirements when producing a customer specific product



Railground – Safety Requirements

- Two active paths cannot overlap (avoid collisions)
- An active path must have all its elements in the correct positions (avoid derailment)
- A path can only be requested if it is disjoint from other active or requested paths <*lower level design condition*>



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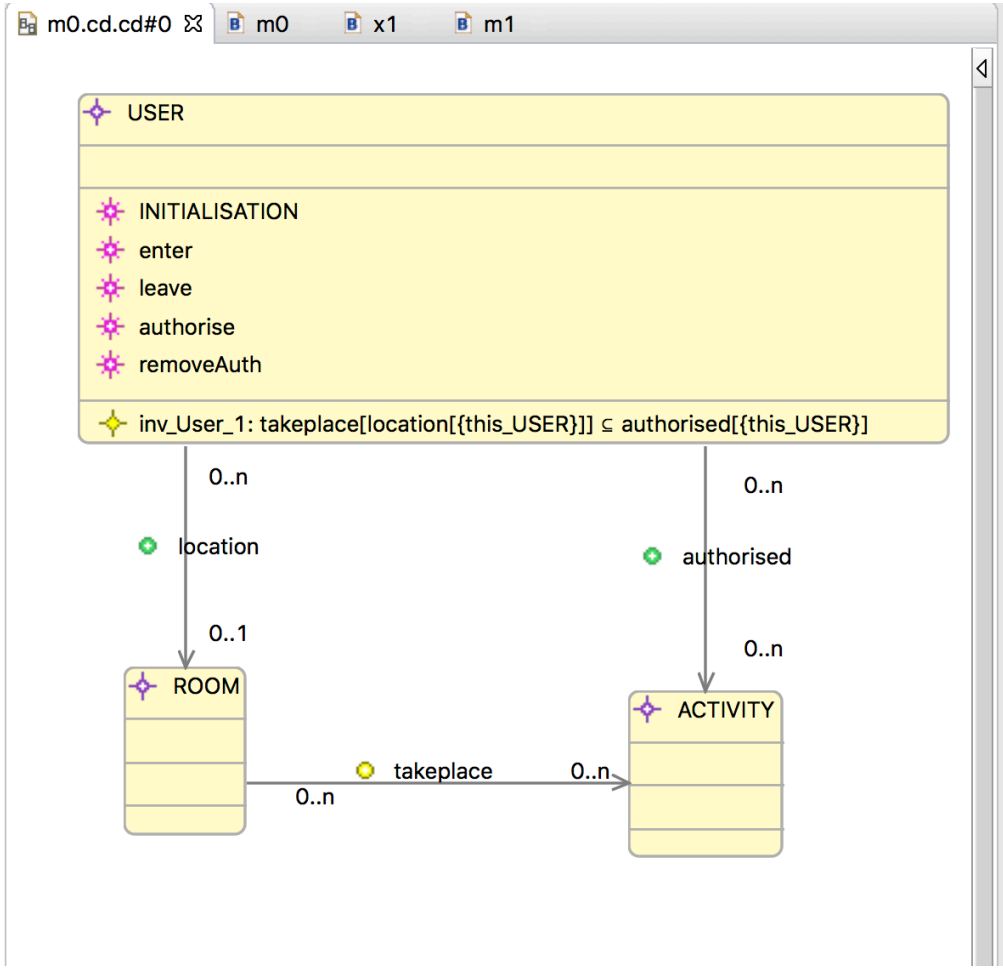
Event-B

- Systems modelling language
  - State - Represented by Typed Variables
  - Guarded events that alter the state
  - Refinement - more detailed state reveals more detailed events
- Formal modelling environment and toolset **(Rodin)**
  - Static checker
  - Automatic Proof tools
- Model Checker (ProB)
  - Invariant violations, refinement simulation errors
  - Animation mode for validation

Overview of iUML-B Class Diagrams



x0

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CONTEXT
    x0
SETS
    USER
    ROOM
    ACTIVITY
CONSTANTS
    takeplace
AXIOMS
    assocMult_takeplace:    takeplace ∈ ROOM ↔ ACTIVITY not theorem
END
```

m0

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MACHINE
    m0
SEES
    x0
VARIABLES
    location
    authorised
INVARIANTS
    inv_User_1: ∀this_USER·this_USER∈USER ⇒ (takeplace[location[{this_US
    assocMult_location: location ∈ USER ⇸ ROOM not theorem
    assocMult_authorised:   authorised ∈ USER ↔ ACTIVITY not theorem
EVENTS
```

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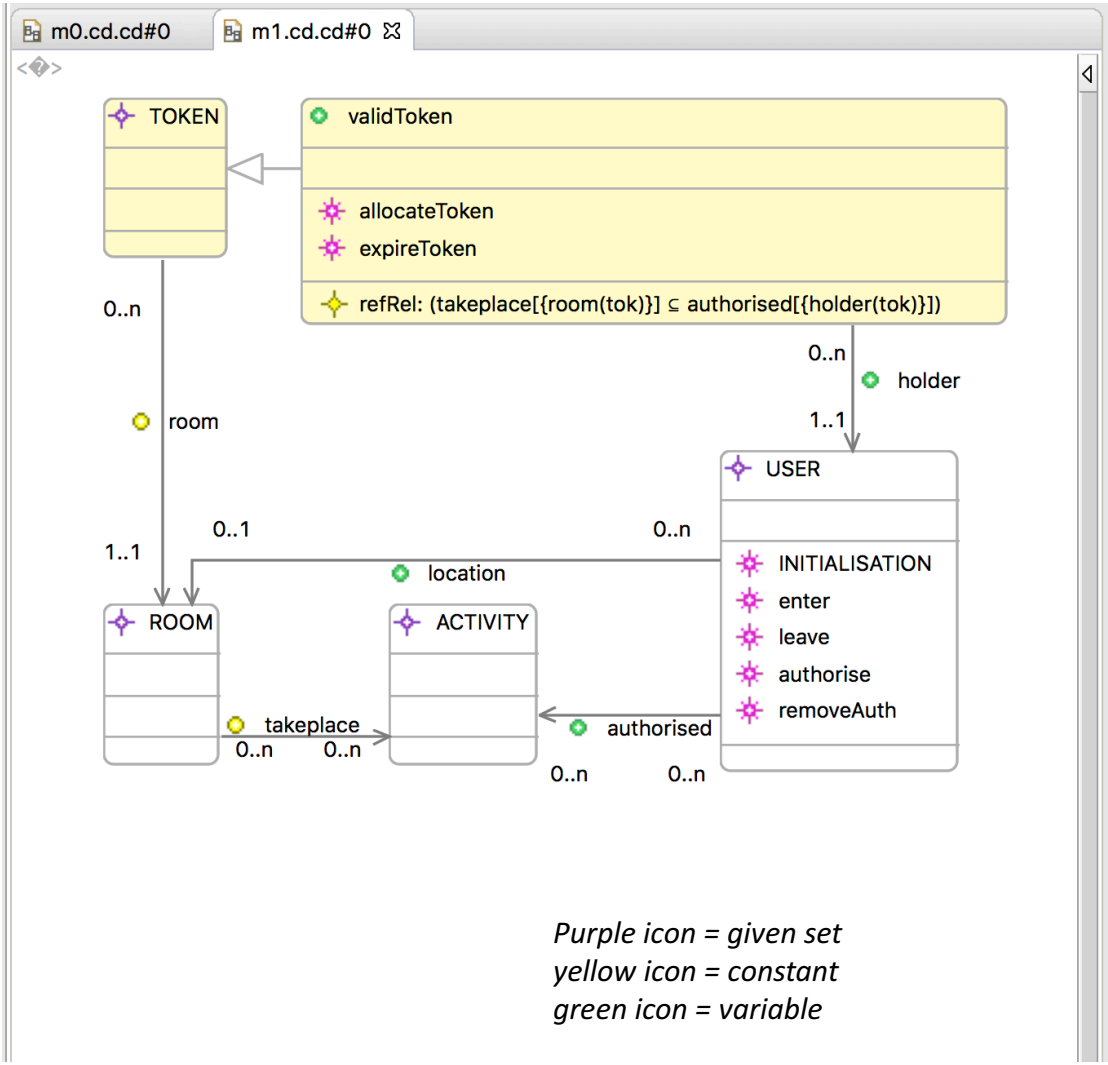

x0 x1

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CONTEXT
    x1 ›
EXTENDS
○   x0
SETS
○   TOKEN ›
CONSTANTS
○   room ›
AXIOMS
○   assocMult_room: room ∈ TOKEN ⟶ ROOM not theorem ›
END
```

m0 m1

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MACHINE
    m1 ›
REFINES
○   m0
SEES
○   x1
VARIABLES
○   location ›
○   authorised ›
○   holder ›
○   validToken ›
INVARIANTS
○   TOKEN_supertypeOf_validToken:  validToken ∈ ℙ(TOKEN) not theorem ›
○   assocMult_holder:  holder ∈ validToken ⟶ USER not theorem ›
○   refRel: ∀tok·tok∈validToken ⇒ ((takeplace[{room(tok)}] ⊆ authorised[
EVENTS
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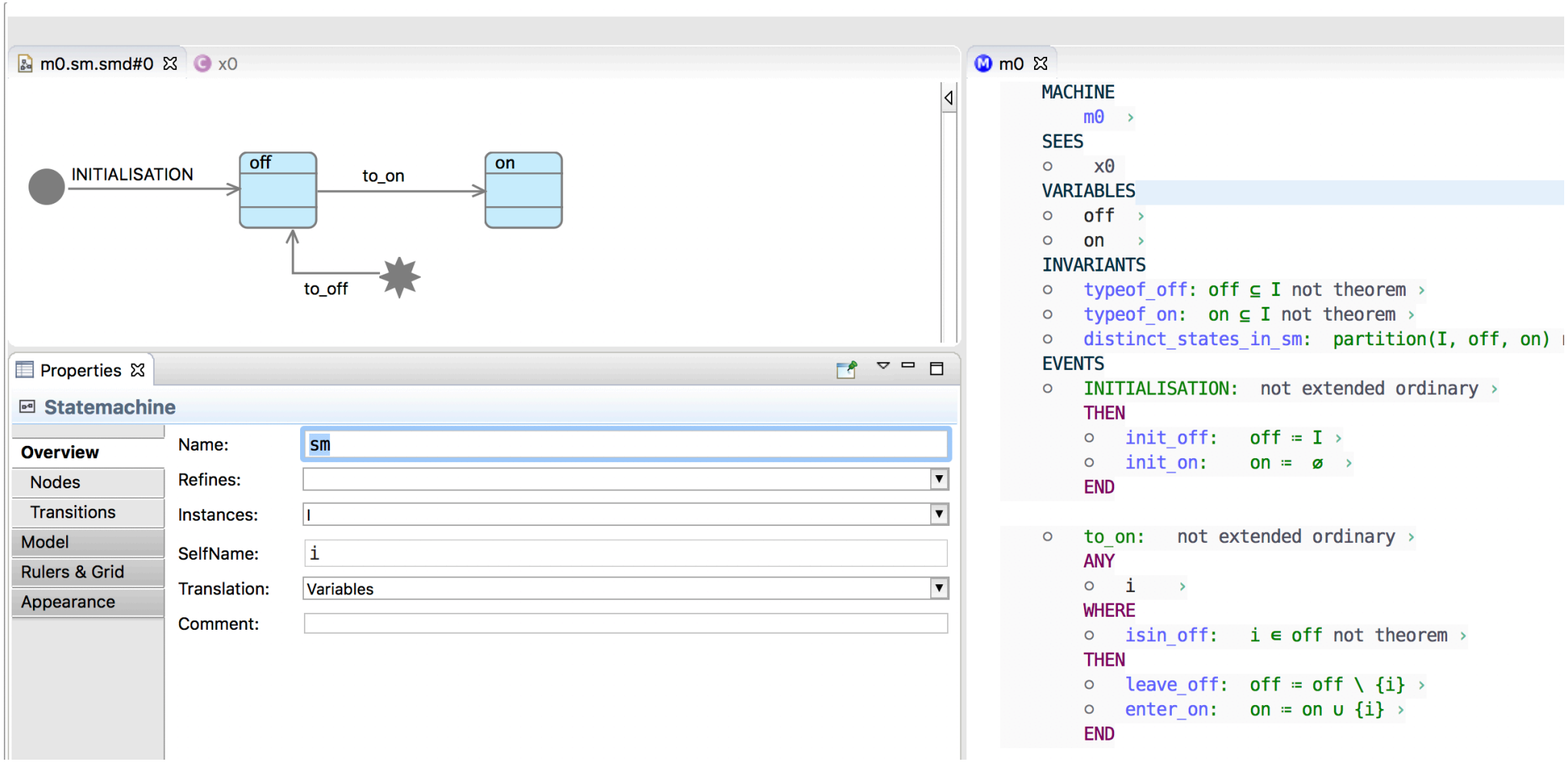
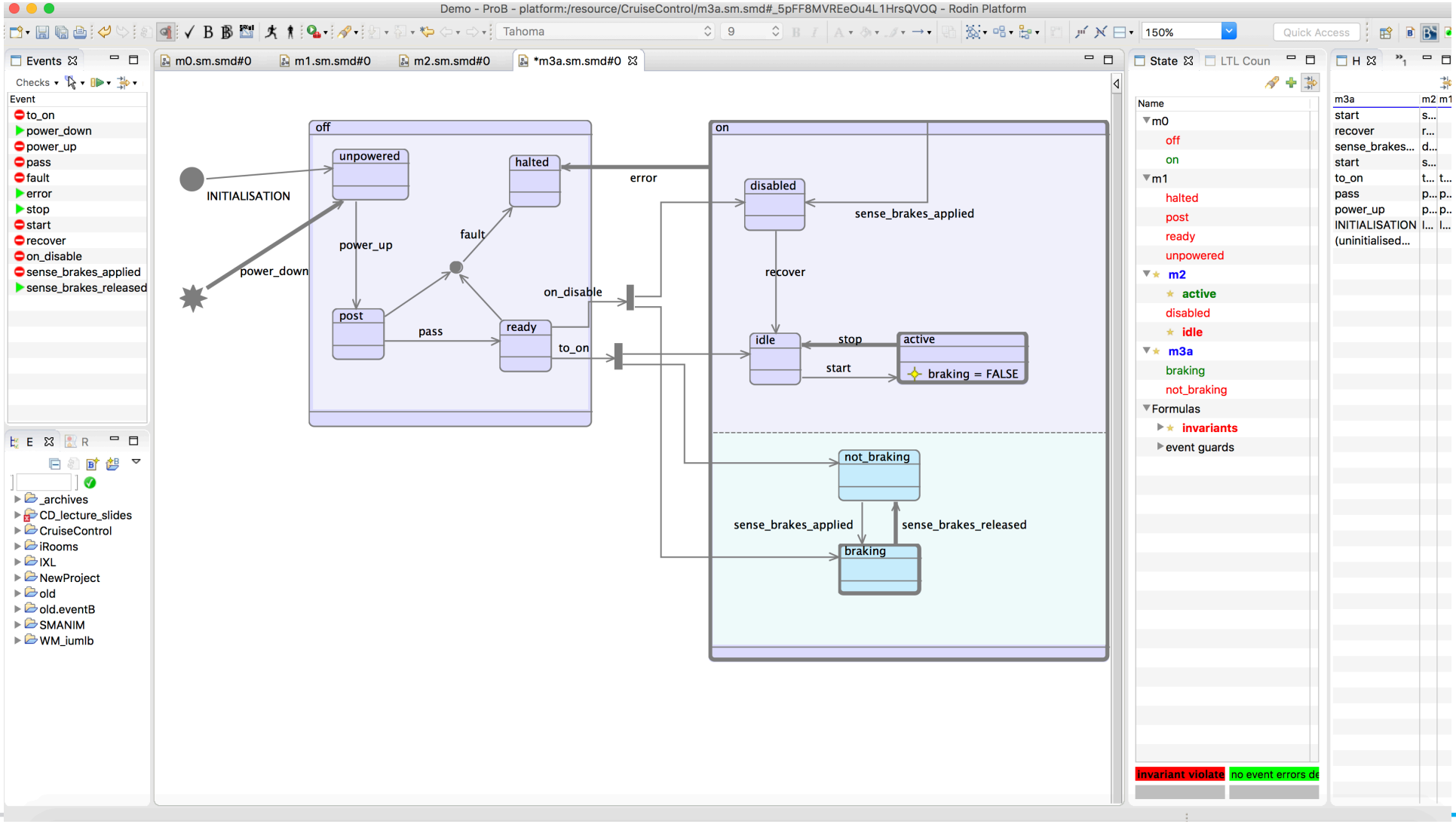
Overview of iUML-B State-machines

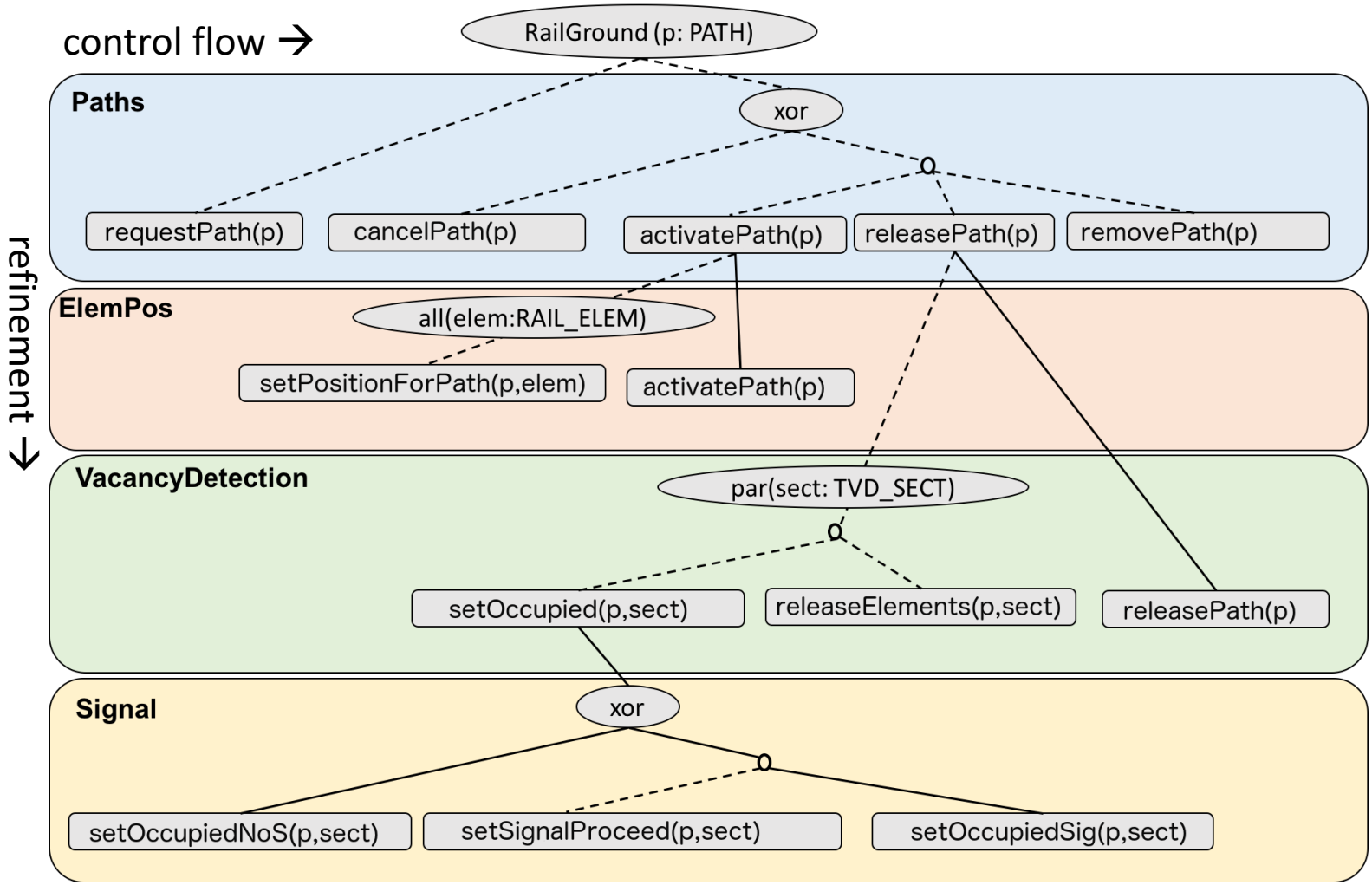


State-machine animation



Event Refinement Structures (ERS)

- In Event-B refinements we decompose events into new and refining events
- ERS visualises this event refinement
  - Solid line => event refinement
- Also shows control flow of events
  - Read from left to right
  - Combinator operators for iteration, choice, interleaving
- Inspired by Jackson Structured Diagrams (JSD)



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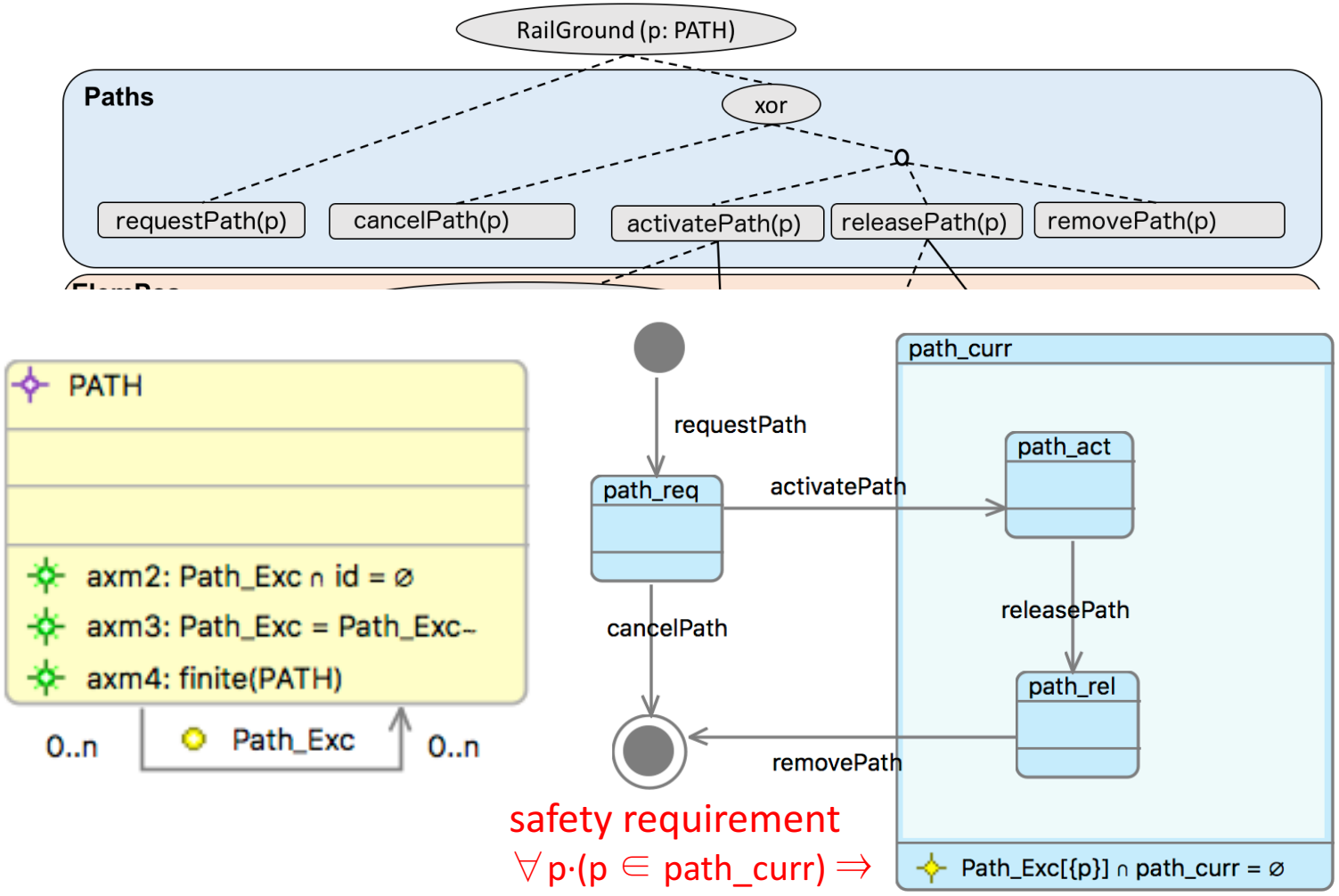
Abstract Model - Paths

- We start with paths since they feature prominently in the safety requirements
- Association Path_Exc models conflicts between Paths
  - Paths cannot conflict with themselves
  - Conflict is symmetric
- iUML-B State-machine shows the lifecycle of a path
- State invariant ensures that if a path,p, is current, none of its conflicting paths are current

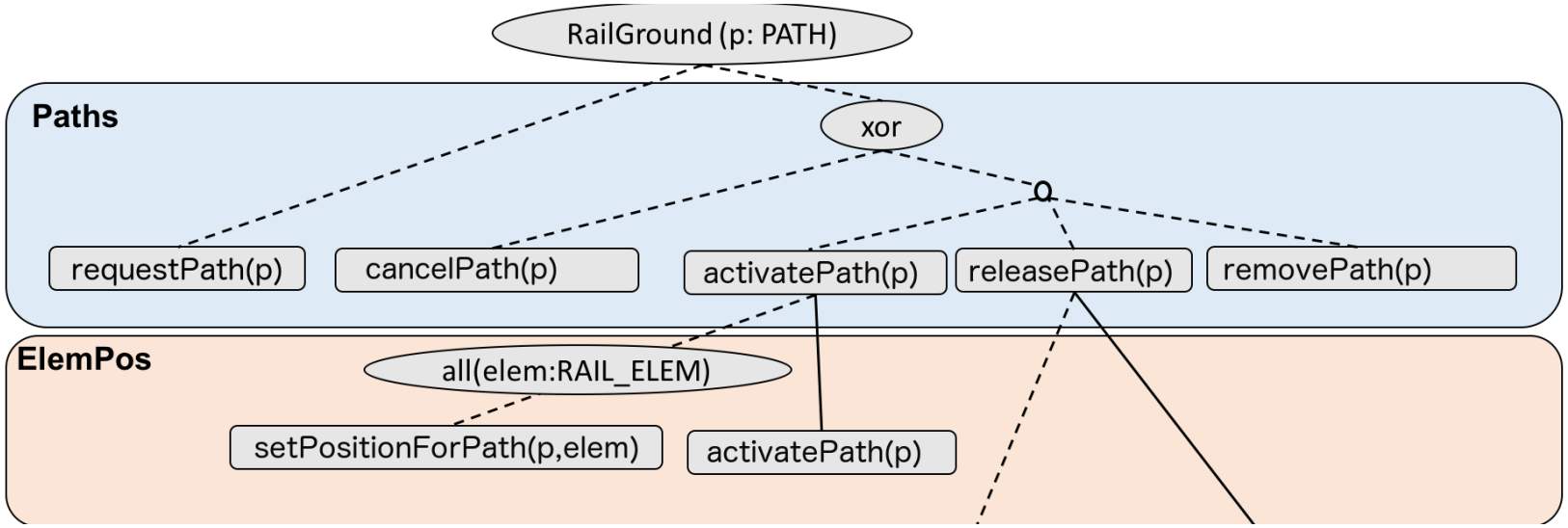


safety requirement

$\forall p \cdot (p \in path\_curr) \Rightarrow$

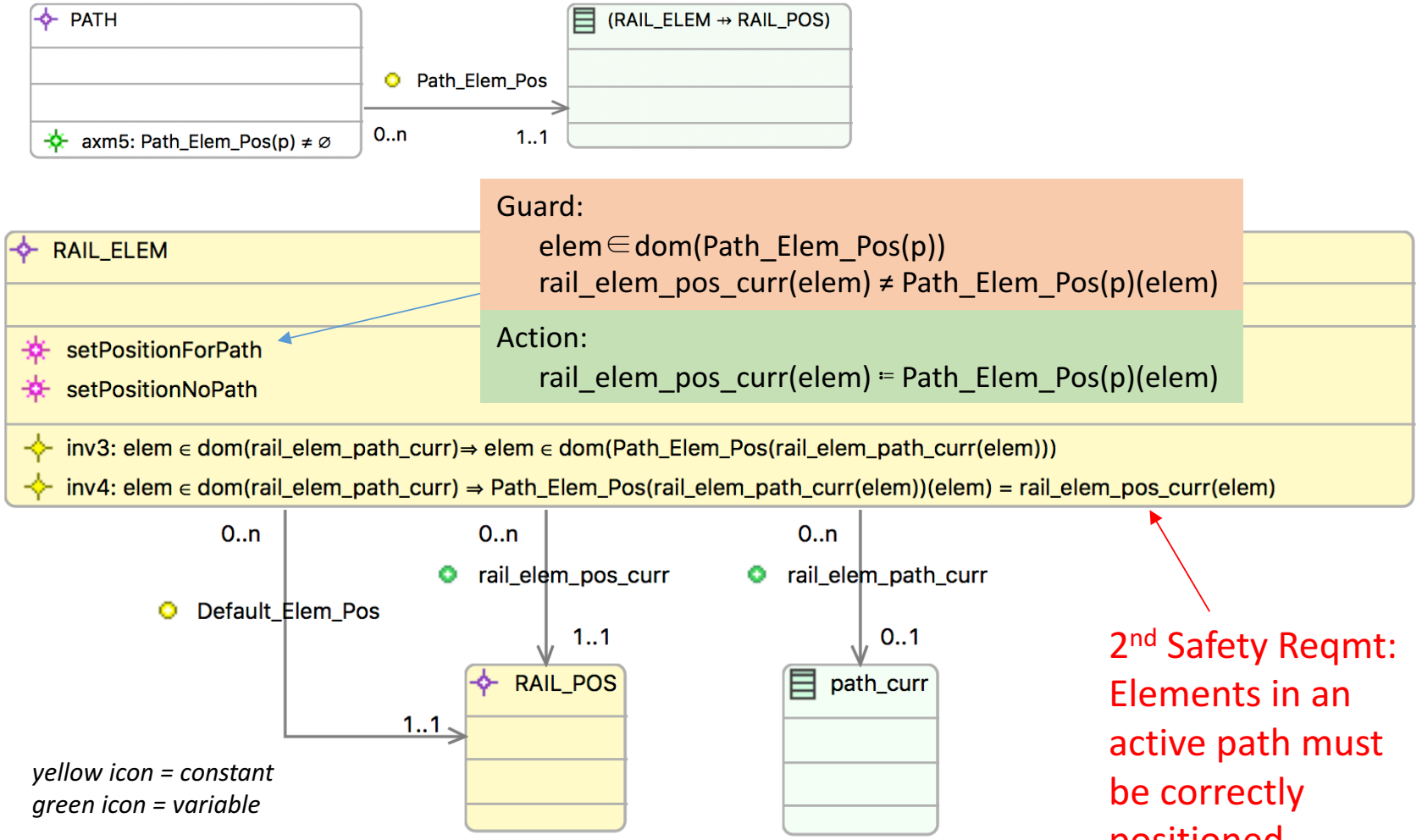
First Refinement – Elements and position

- setPositionForPath is a preliminary step to activatePath.
- It must be completed for all elements in the path before the refined event is enabled.

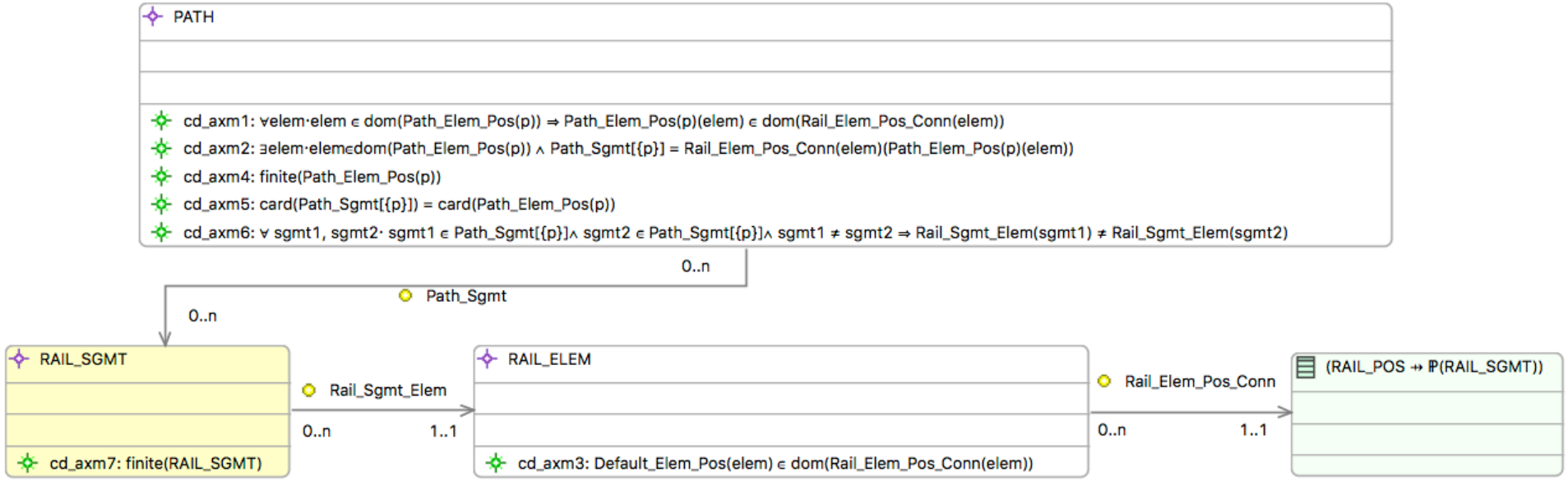


First Refinement – Elements and position

- Path_Elem_Pos - element positions for a path.
- rail_Elem_Pos current position
  - Set by setPositionForpath
- rail_elem_path_curr the path of an element (if any)
  - set/cleared by the path requestPath/path releasePath transitions



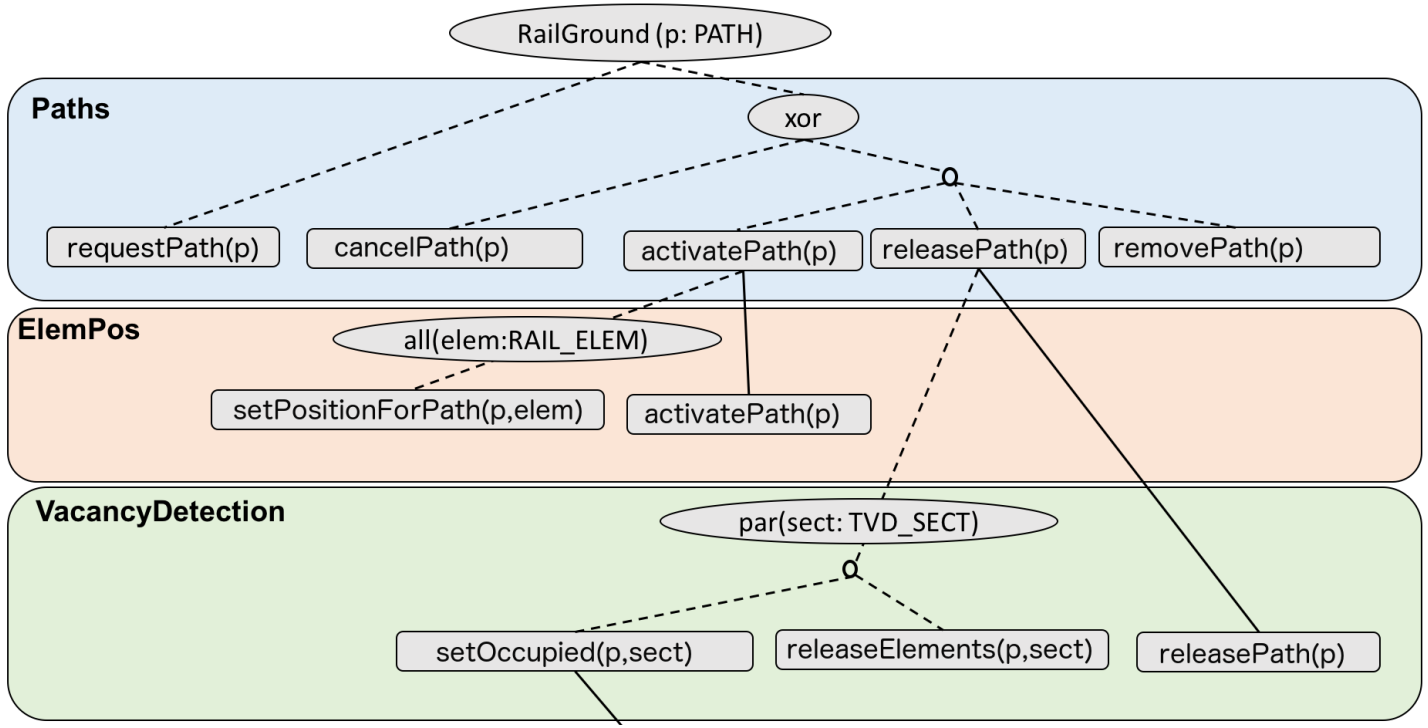
Second Refinement - Segments



- In this refinement we introduce the segments that make up a path (Path_Sgmt).
- Each segment is associated with exactly one Element (Rail_Sgmt_Elem).
- There is no event refinement, only strengthening of some existing guards and ac tions
- Hence there is no statemachine or ERS to consider

Third Refinement – Vacancy Detection

- The *par* operator permits interleaving of instances of TVD_SECT in the sequence setOccupied;releasePath
- This is a preliminary step for releasePath



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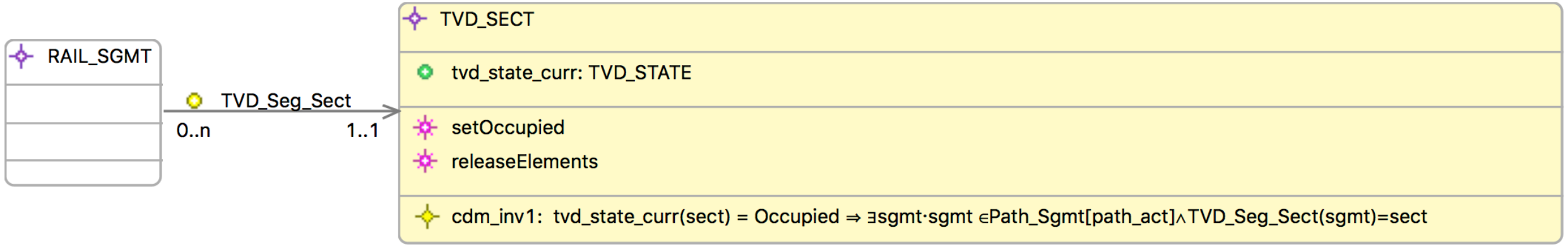
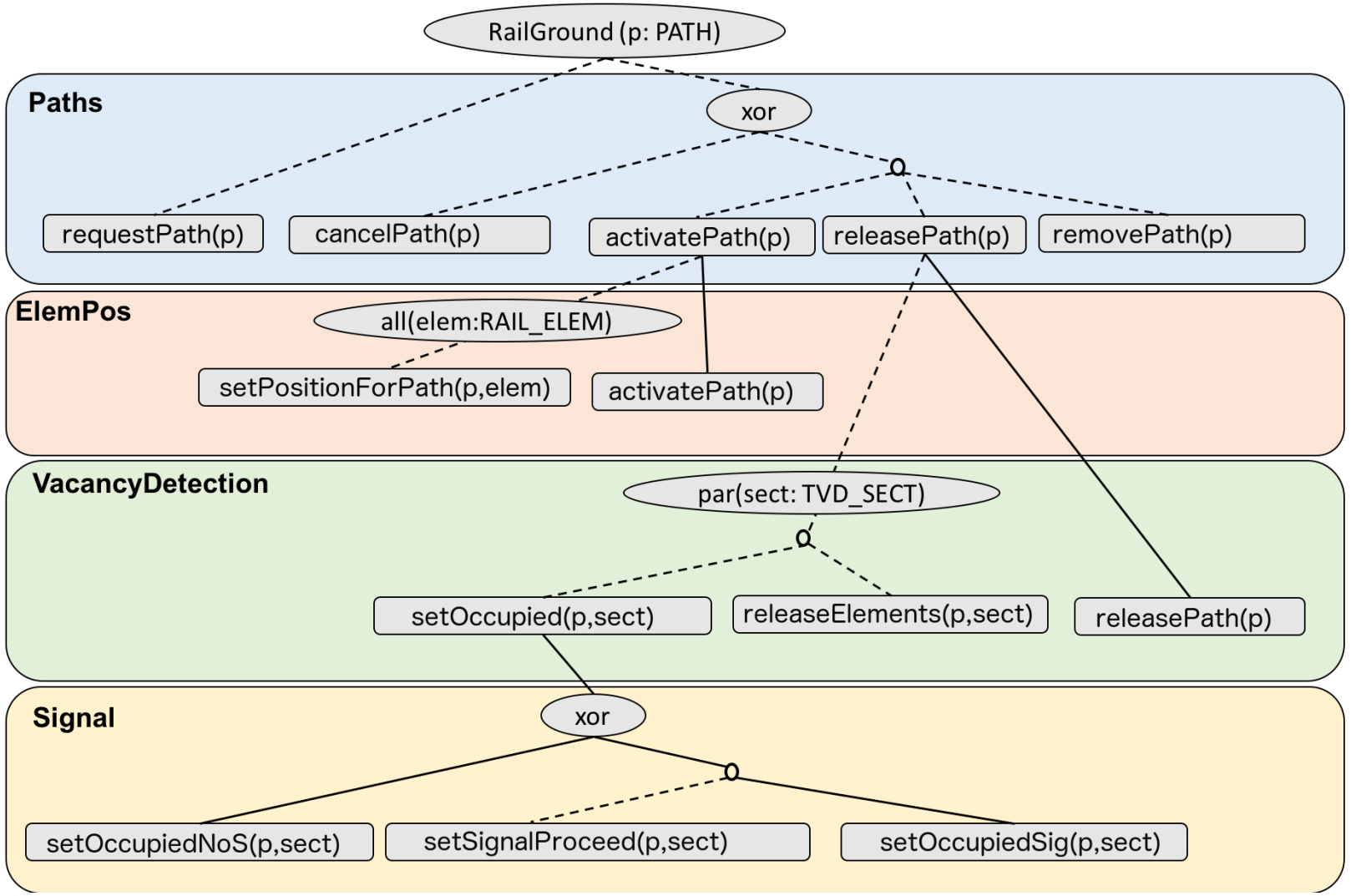


- Every Segment has a TVD section (TVD_Seg_Sect).
- TVD sections have a variable attribute (tvd_state_curr) to record whether the track is occupied or not.
- The variable is set to occupied by method setOccupied and cleared by releaseElements

Fourth Refinement - Signals

- setOccupied is split into two cases in this refinement.
- 1) setOccupiedNoS - the TVD section is part of a path but not protected by a signal.
- 2) setOccupiedSig - the section is protected by a signal and can only occur once the signal has been set to proceed by SetSignalProceed

- Note that, in this second case we model a constraint on the environment (i.e. trains do not pass default signals) to represent an assumption



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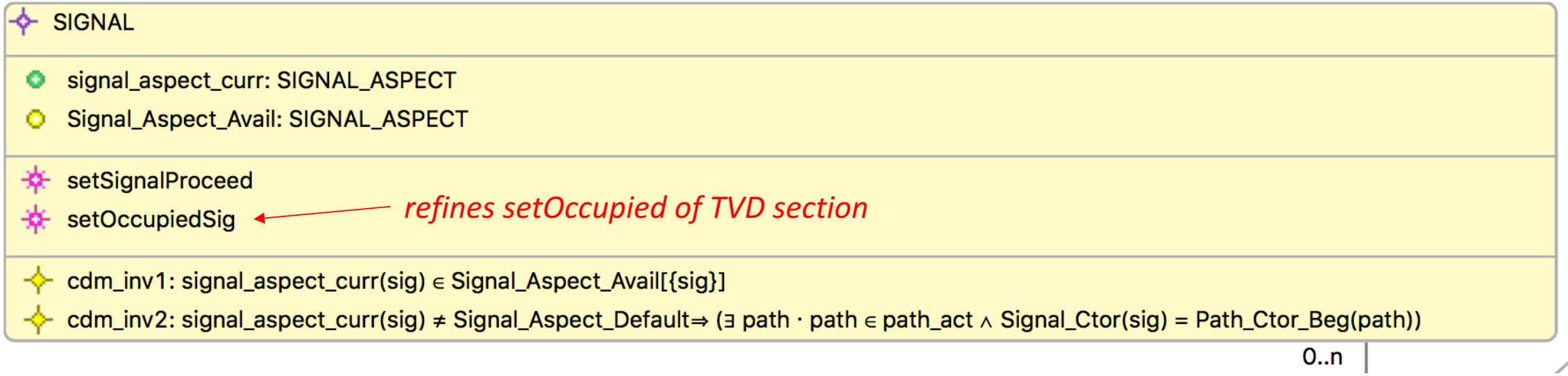
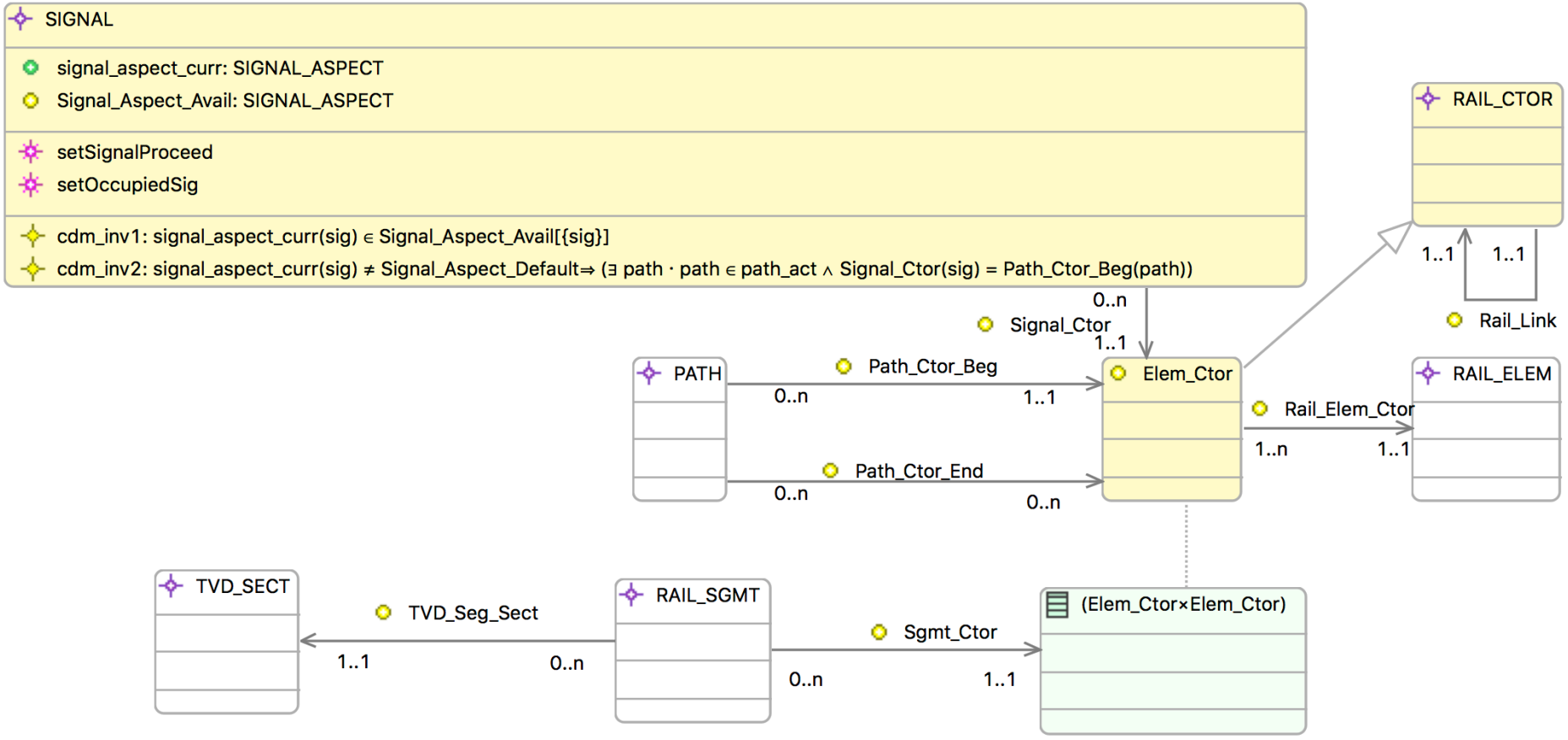


- The current aspect is given by attribute signal_aspect_curr
- The possible values for aspect are given by Signal_Aspect_Avail
- Currently only default is specified

- setSignalProceed sets the aspect to 'not default' (i.e. proceed)
- setOccupiedSig sets the aspect to default as the corresponding connected section becomes occupied

Fourth Refinement - Signals

- Signals are related to the other devices (classes) in the model via connectors



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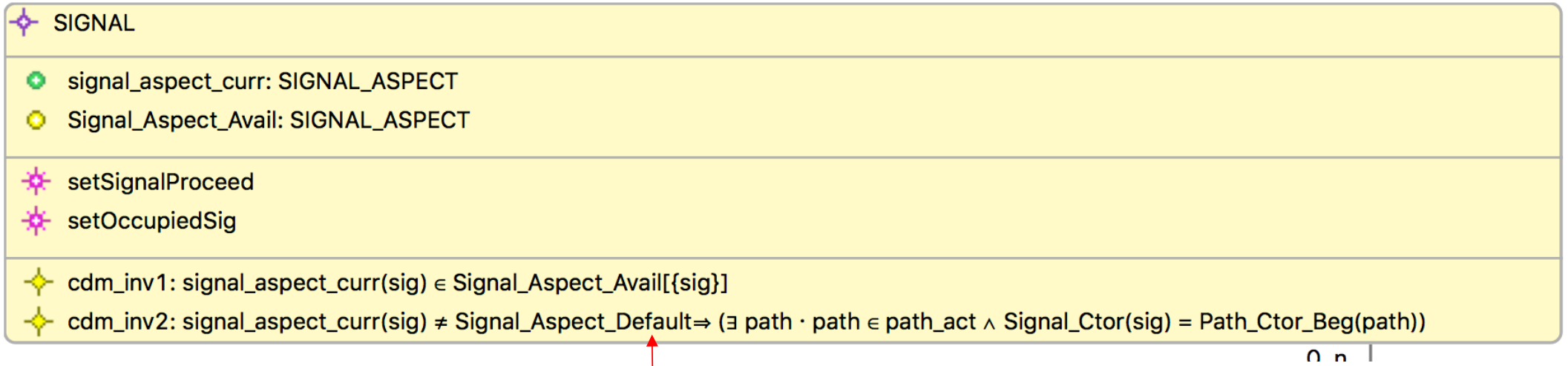

Signal Reqmt: A signal is only set to proceed (‘not default’) when there is an active path at rear of the signal

Ensured by guard of setSignalProceed

Model

The Event-B model is available as a dataset here:

https://doi.org/10.5258/SOTON/D0184.

You will need to install Rodin 3.3 from sourceforge and then install plug-ins from within Rodin.

(see ‘readme’ file within the dataset).

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Summary - Efficiency and Clarity

- Efficiency
  - ‘Amplification’ obtained from Diagrams
  - abstraction and re-usable v&v models
- Clarity - Separation of Concerns
  - Entity local level v System level
  - Refinement – introduce one entity at a time
  - Visualisation of..
    - entity relationships,
    - entity state & behaviour,
    - system process,
  - More understandable – e.g. by non-FM system engineers
  - Easier to communicate – e.g. to customers
  - Easier to Maintain

Future directions

- Integrate ERS tooling with iUML-B
  - Currently we are only using it to draw diagrams by hand
  - There is an ERS Event-B generator but it conflicts with iUML-B

- Composition/Inclusion mechanism
  - Devices s.a. signals can be modelled in a separate module
    - .. including as a refinement chain
  - Supports Customer Variations with pluggable modules
  - Hoang, Thai Son, Dghaym, Dana, Snook, Colin and Butler, Michael (2017) A composition mechanism for refinement-based methods, At 22nd International Conference on Engineering of Complex Computer Systems, Fukuoka, Japan. 05 - 08 Nov 2017. 10 pp.

- Add or integrate DSLs for Customer Specific variations
  - To generate the specific rules for a pluggable module

ABZ 2018 Case study :– Hybrid ERTMS/ETCS Level 3 standard

- ABZ 2018 Conference
  - Conference for cross fertilization of state-based formal methods:
  - ASM, Alloy, B, TLA, VDM and Z
  - ABZ2018 in Southampton, UK

- Common case study for 2018:
  - Hybrid ERTMS/ETCS Level 3 standard (virtual fixed block)
  - https://www.southampton.ac.uk/abz2018/information/case-study.page
  - Authors are invited to model the Hybrid ERTMS/ETCS standard in one of the above languages
  - Submission 29th Jan 18

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