



Composition and Semantic Enhancement of Web-Services

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Introduction to the CASheW-s Project

- Our main objective is to develop a more generic approach to Web-Service composition.
- Therefore we are investigating the use of a timed process calculus to provide *compositional* behavioural semantics for workflows.
- The culmination of this will be a workflow engine, which will first be able to orchestrate OWL-S workflows.
- In this presentation we look at the operational semantics for OWL-S, and our approach to building them.

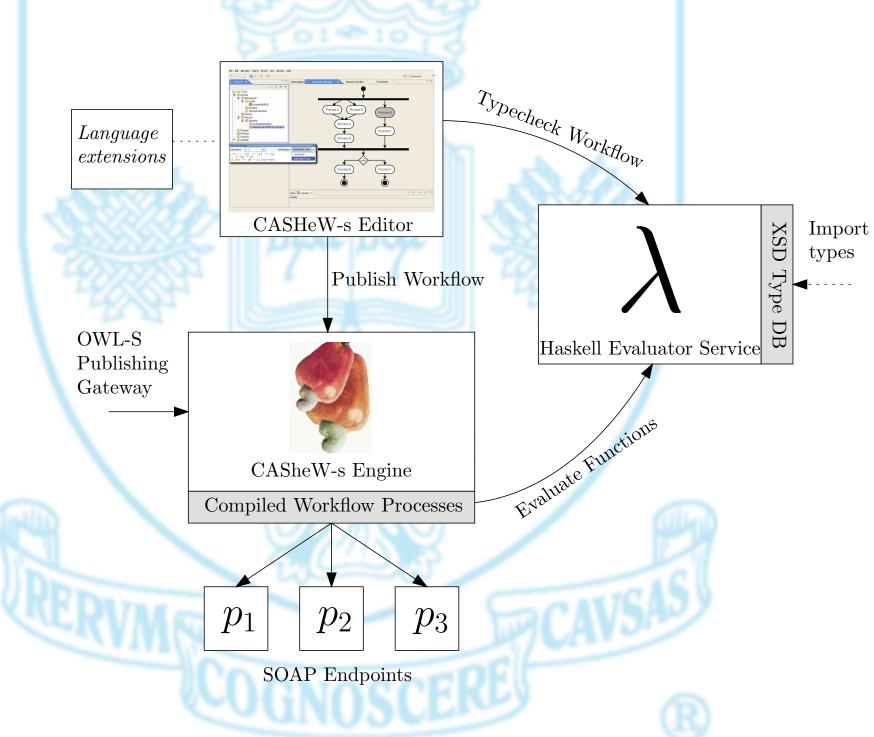


CaSHew-NUtS

- A conservative extension of the timed process calculus CaSE, which itself is a conservative extension of Milner's CCS.
- Extends CCS with the notion of abstract clocks, which facilitate multi-party synchronization.
- In CaSE, clocks are bound by *maximal progress*, meaning silent actions always take precedence over clock ticks.
- CaSHew-NUtS extends this concept with the possibility of clocks which do not exhibit maximal progress.



CASheW-s Architecture





CaSHew-NUtS Composition Rules

$$\operatorname{Com3} \frac{E \xrightarrow{\alpha} E', F \xrightarrow{\overline{\alpha}} F'}{E \mid F \xrightarrow{\tau} E' \mid F'} \quad \begin{array}{l} \Lambda &= \{a, b, c, \cdots\} \\ \overline{A} &= \{\overline{a}, \overline{b}, \overline{c}, \cdots\} \\ \alpha \in \mathcal{A} = \Lambda \cup \overline{\Lambda} \cup \{\tau\} \\ \end{array}$$

$$\operatorname{Com1} \frac{E \xrightarrow{\alpha} E'}{E \mid F \xrightarrow{\alpha} E' \mid F} \quad \operatorname{Com2} \frac{F \xrightarrow{\alpha} F'}{E \mid F \xrightarrow{\alpha} E \mid F'} \\ \operatorname{Com4} \frac{E \xrightarrow{\sigma_i} E' \mid F \xrightarrow{\sigma_j} F'}{E \mid F \xrightarrow{\sigma_{i \cdot j \cdot k}} E' \mid F'} \\ \gamma \in \mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{T} \\ \mathcal{T} &= \{\rho, \sigma, \cdots\} \end{array}$$



CASheW-s Syntax

- Problems with OWL-S Syntax
 - Incoming dataflow tied to Performance restricting further composition.
 - Fine for persistence/communication, but doesn't represent the composition of a system.
 - Uncomfortable notion of *Produce* tied to dummy variable *TheParentPerform*.
- CASheW-s syntax
 - More open to composition.
 - Allows compositional translation from OWL-S syntax.



Process Syntax for CASheW-s

AtomicProcess *m* AProcess Process ::= **CompositeProcess** *m CProcess* ConsumeList ProduceList **CProcess** Sequence PerformanceList Split PerformanceList **SplitJoin** *PerformanceList* Any-Order PerformanceList **ChooseOne** *PerformanceList* IfThenElse Performance Performance **RepeatWhile** *Performance* **RepeatUntil** Performance



Performance Syntax for CASheW-s

Performance ::= Perform n Process DataAggregationConnection ::= Connect n c o a jPerformanceList ::= Performance(*PerformanceList*); *Performance* (PerformanceList); Connection::= ValueDataListDataAggregation ValueCollectorList ValueData ::= ValueData a $ValueDataList ::= \epsilon | ValueData ValueDataTail$ ValueDataTail ::= $\epsilon \mid$; ValueData ValueDataTailValueCollector ::= ValueCollector a k $ValueCollectorList ::= \epsilon | ValueCollector ValueCollectorTail$ ValueCollectorTail ::= ϵ ; ValueCollector ValueCollectorTail Consume ::= Consume $a \ n \ b \ j$ $ConsumeList ::= \epsilon \mid Consume ConsumeTail$ $ConsumeTail ::= \epsilon \mid ; Consume ConsumeTail$ Produce ::= Produce c n d $ProduceList ::= \epsilon \mid Produce ProduceTail$ $ProduceTail ::= \epsilon \mid ; Produce ProduceTail$



Orchestration Channels

- **r** is the *ready to execute* channel, which a process uses to indicate that it has no further execution preconditions. (Something the informal semantics rely on, but no-one else has formalised).
- e is the *permission to execute* channel, which a process must receive input on before it can begin executing.
- t signifies the *token*, which signifies permission to execute for each of the process's child performances (in a similar fashion to a token ring network). Different token passing games facilitate performance serialization.



Orchestration Clocks

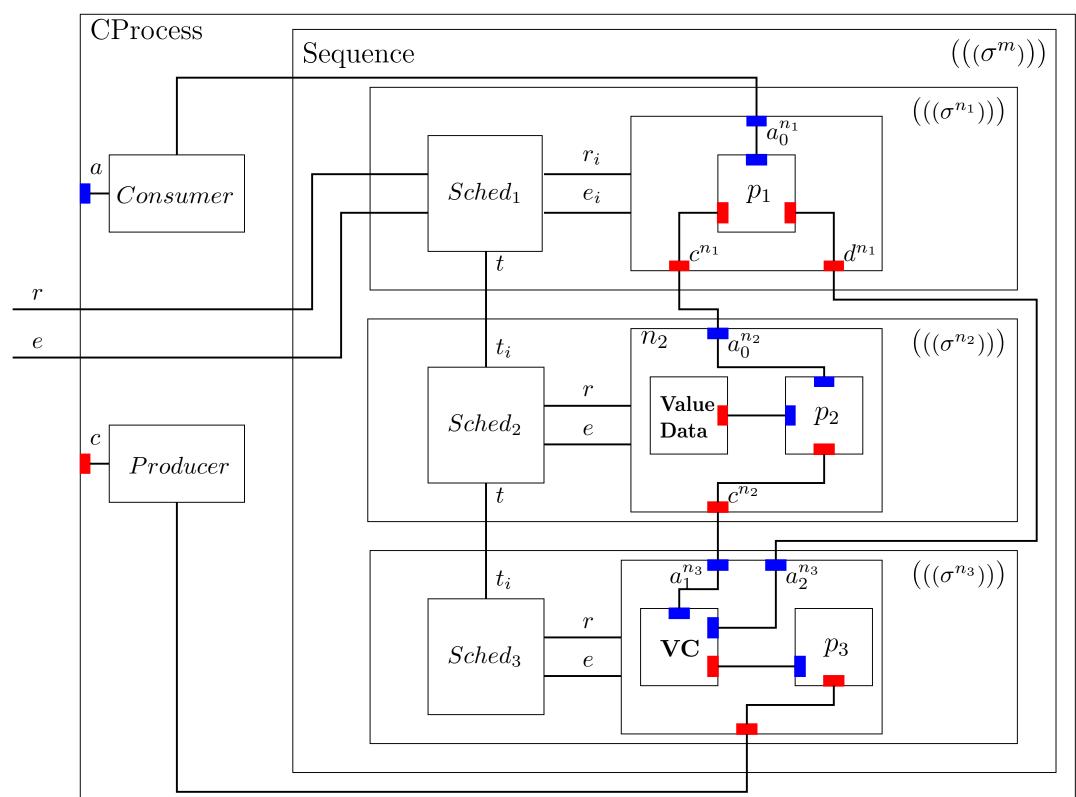
- Two main clock types used for orchestration.
- σ^m is the process clock, it ranges over the entire scope of the process and its child performances and may be used to resynchronize (such as after a split-join), where m is the name of the process.
- σ^n, σ^o are *performance clocks*, they are used to signal that a performance has completed, and are used to decide when control can be passed on to another scheduler in the system, where n and o are names of performances.



Composite Process Layout

CompositeProcess cp Sequence **Perform** $n_1 p_1$ Connect $c n_1 a n_2 0$ Connect $d n_1 a n_3 2$ **Perform** $n_2 p_2$ ValueData a Connect $c n_2 a n_3 1$ **Perform** $n_3 p_2$ ValueCollector a 2 Consume $a n_1 a 0$ **Produce** $c n_3 c$

Composite Process Layout in CASheW-s





OWL-S Process Semantics

$[[AtomicProcess m P]]_C^A = {}^m [[P]]_C^A$

$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{CompositeProcess m P G H} \end{bmatrix}_{C}^{A} = \begin{pmatrix} m \llbracket \mathbf{P} \rrbracket_{C^{m}}^{A} & | \llbracket \mathbf{G} \rrbracket_{\emptyset}^{A} & | \llbracket \mathbf{H} \rrbracket_{C}^{\emptyset} \end{pmatrix} \setminus A^{m} \cup C^{m} / \{ \sigma^{c} \mid c \in C \} \end{bmatrix}$

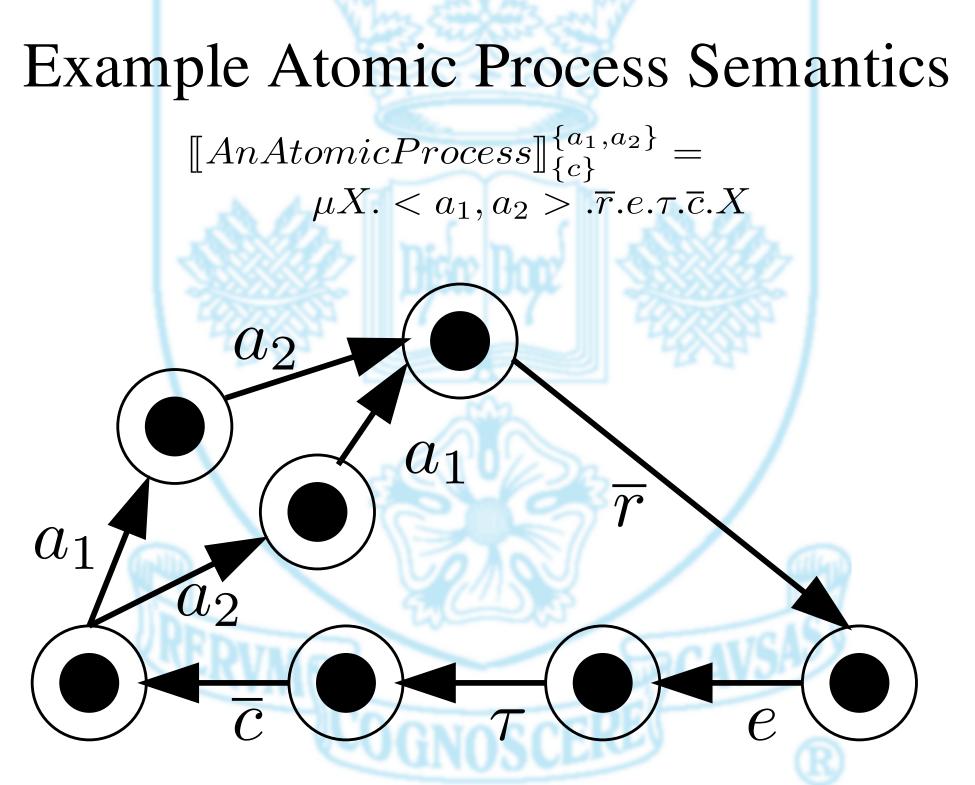
Where

• m is a process name

- p is a process
- A is a set of inputs
- C is a set of outputs

- G is a Consume List
- H is a *Produce List*







Consume Semantics

• *Consume* pulls an input which is required to run a process.

$$[\textbf{Consume} \ a \ n \ b \ j]]_{\emptyset}^{\{a\}} = \mu X.a.\overline{b_{j}^{n}}.X$$

 \boldsymbol{a}

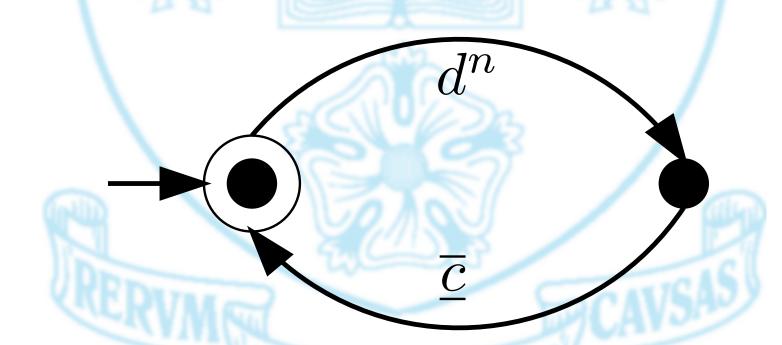




Produce Semantics

• *Produce* pushes an output which has been produced by a process.





• Within CASheW-s, *Produce* is not a type of performance, rather a type of connection



Connection Semantics

• *Connect* shunts the output of one performance in a composite process, to the input of another.

 $\llbracket \mathbf{Connect} \ n \ c \ o \ a \ j \rrbracket = \mu X.c^n.\overline{a_j^o}.X$



Composite Process Semantics

• Defined in terms of a top-level *Governor* process, and in the case of unbounded child-performances an inductively defined context-based composition semantics, which pair a *Scheduler* with the performance semantics.

 ${}^{m}[\![\mathbf{Sequence} \ Q]\!]_{C}^{A} = {}^{m} [\![{}^{seq}Q]\!]_{C}^{A} / \sigma^{m} \setminus t$

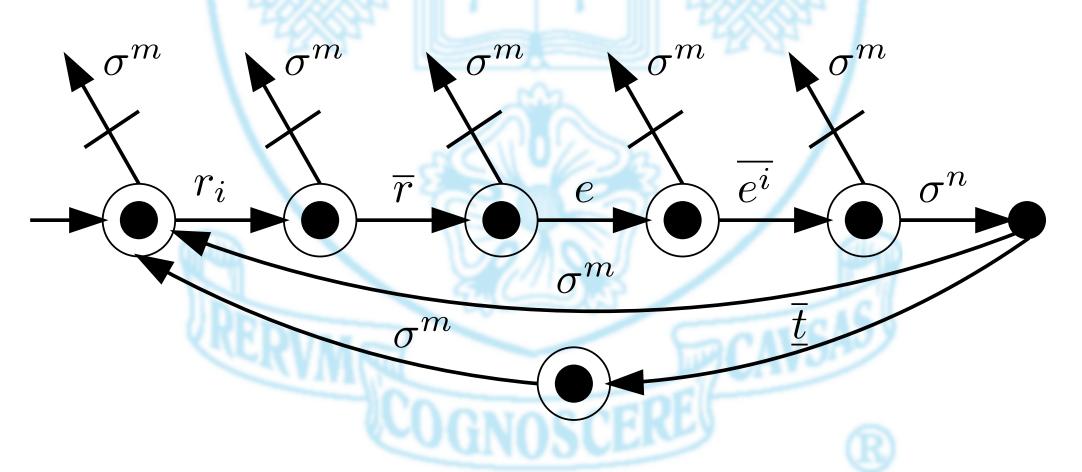
 ${}^m[\![\mathbf{SplitJoin}\ Q]\!]_C^A = ({}^m[\![{}^{sj}Q]\!]_C^A \mid \mu X.\sigma^m.\overline{r}.e.\sigma^m.\sigma^m.X) /\!\!/ \sigma^m$

 ${}^{m} \llbracket \mathbf{AnyOrder} \ Q \rrbracket_{C}^{A} = {}^{m} \ \llbracket {}^{any}Q \rrbracket_{C}^{A} / \sigma^{m} \setminus t$



Sequence Semantics Base Case

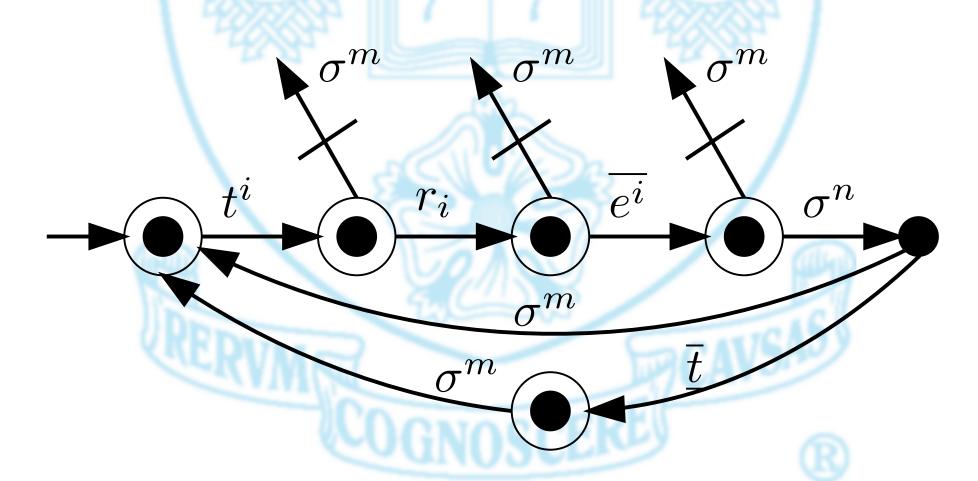
$$\begin{split} {}^{m} \llbracket^{seq} \mathbf{Perform} \ n \ p \ U \ V \rrbracket_{C}^{A} = \\ ({}^{n} \llbracket \mathbf{Perform} \ n \ p \ U \ V \rrbracket_{C^{n}}^{A^{n}} [e \mapsto e^{i}, r \mapsto r^{i}] \mid \\ \mu X. \underline{r^{i}}. \overline{r}. e. \overline{e^{i}}. \sigma^{n} \sigma^{m} \lfloor \overline{t}. \sigma^{m}. X \rfloor \sigma^{m}(X)) / \sigma^{n} \setminus \{r^{i}, e^{i}\} \end{split}$$





Sequential Composition Semantics General Case

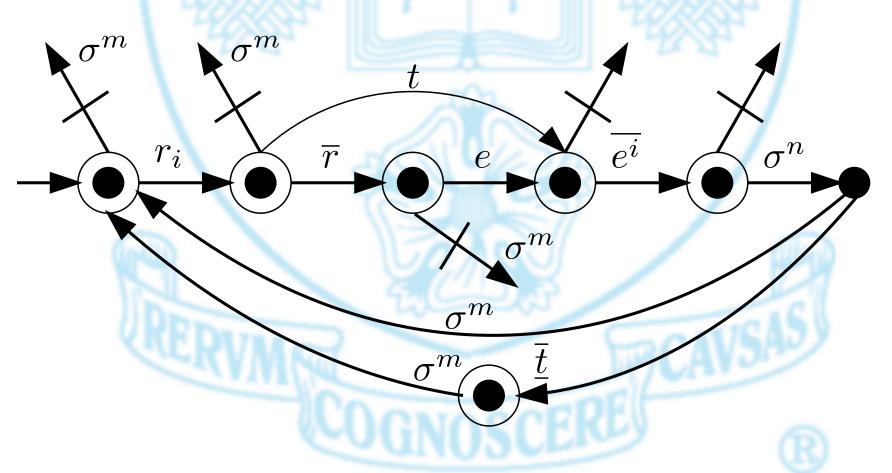
$$\begin{split} {}^{m} \llbracket^{seq}(Q); \mathbf{Perform} \ n \ p \ U \ V \rrbracket_{C^{Q} \cup C^{n}}^{A^{Q} \cup A^{n}} = \\ ({}^{n} \llbracket \mathbf{Perform} \ n \ p \ U \ V \rrbracket_{C^{n}}^{A^{n}} [e \mapsto e^{i}, r \mapsto r^{i}] \mid {}^{m} \llbracket^{seq} Q \rrbracket_{C^{Q}}^{A^{Q}} [t \mapsto t^{i}] \mid \\ \mu X.t^{i}.\underline{r^{i}}.\overline{e^{i}}.\sigma^{n}{}_{\sigma^{m}} \lfloor \overline{t}.\sigma^{m}.X \rfloor \sigma^{m}(X)) / \sigma^{n} \setminus \{r^{i}, e^{i}\} \end{split}$$





AnyOrder Composition Semantics Base Case

$$\begin{split} ^{m} \llbracket^{any} \mathbf{Perform} \ n \ p \ U \ V \rrbracket^{A}_{C} = \\ & \begin{pmatrix} ^{m} \llbracket^{any} \mathbf{Perform} \ n \ p \ U \ V \rrbracket^{A}_{C} [e \mapsto e^{i}, r \mapsto r^{i}] \ | \\ & \mu X. \underline{r^{i}}_{\sigma^{m}}. (\underline{\overline{r}.e.\overline{e^{i}}.\sigma^{n}}_{\sigma^{m}}. \lfloor \underline{\overline{t}}.\sigma^{m}.X \rfloor \sigma^{m}(X) + \\ & \underline{t.\overline{e^{i}}.\sigma^{n}}_{\sigma^{m}}. \lfloor \underline{\overline{t}}.\sigma^{m}.X \rfloor \sigma^{m}(X)) \end{pmatrix} \setminus \{e^{i}, r^{i}\} / \sigma^{n} \end{split}$$





AnyOrder Composition Semantics General Case

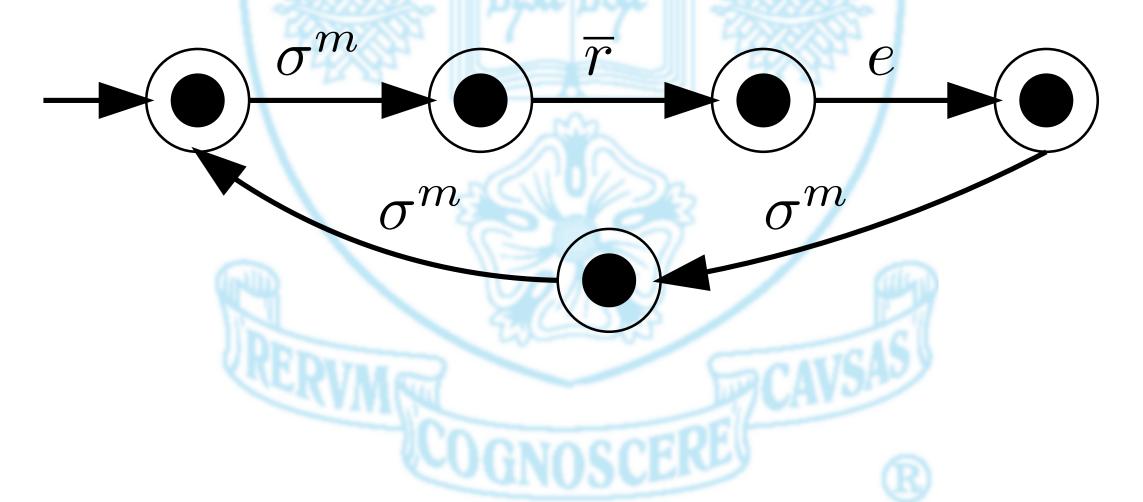
 ${}^{m}[\![^{any}(Q); \mathbf{Perform} \ n \ p \ U \ V]\!]_{C^{Q}\cup C^{n}}^{A^{Q}\cup A^{n}} = \\ {}^{m}[\![^{any}\mathbf{Perform} \ n \ p \ U \ V]\!]_{C^{n}}^{A^{n}} \mid {}^{m}[\![^{any}Q]\!]_{C^{Q}}^{A^{Q}}$

• We use this induction in all cases to define the semantics for the general case where all performances are handled in the same way.



Split/SplitJoin Process Semantics (Governor)

$$\begin{split} & {}^{m} \llbracket \mathbf{SplitJoin} \ Q \rrbracket_{C}^{A} = ({}^{m} \llbracket {}^{sj}Q \rrbracket_{C}^{A} \mid \mu X.\sigma^{m}.\overline{r}.e.\sigma^{m}.\sigma^{m}.X) /\!\!/ \sigma^{m} \\ & {}^{m} \llbracket \mathbf{Split} \ Q \rrbracket_{C}^{A} = ({}^{m} \llbracket {}^{split}Q \rrbracket_{C}^{A} \mid \mu X.\sigma^{m}.\overline{r}.e.\sigma^{m}.\sigma^{m}.X) /\!\!/ \sigma^{m} \end{split}$$





 σ^m

 $\overline{e^i}$

SplitJoin Composition Semantics

${}^{m}[\![{}^{sj}\mathbf{Perform} \ n \ p \ U \ V]\!]_{C}^{A} = \\ ({}^{m}[\![{}^{sj}\mathbf{Perform} \ n \ p \ U \ V]\!]_{C}^{A}[e \mapsto e^{i}, r \mapsto r^{i}] \mid \\ \mu X.\underline{r^{i}}_{\sigma^{m}}.\sigma^{m}.\sigma^{m}.\underline{e^{i}}.\sigma^{n}.\sigma^{m}.X) \setminus \{e^{i}, r^{i}\}/\sigma^{n}$

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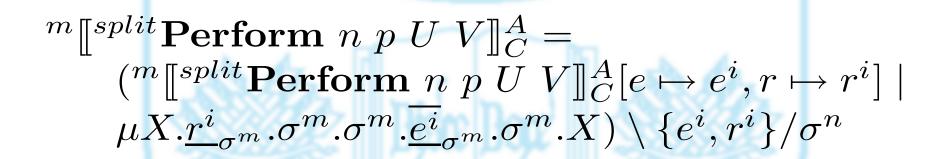
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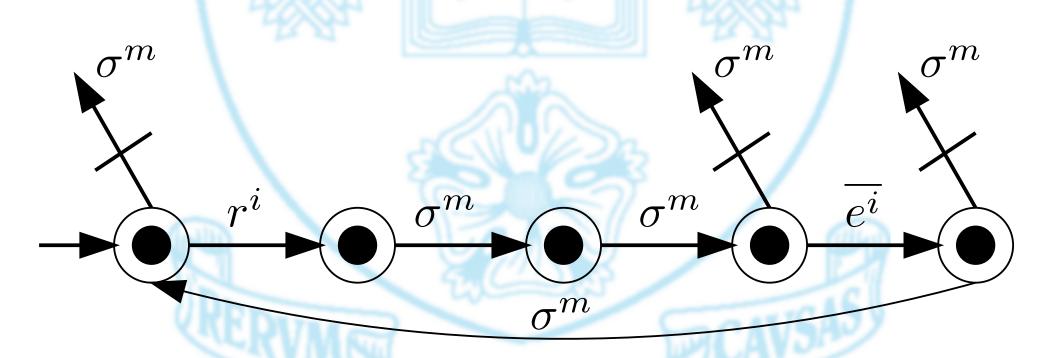
 σ^m

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Split Composition Semantics





• Split is our primary motivation for clock ticks not bound by maximal progress



Next Step: Haskell Implementation

- We already have an implementation of the CaSHew-NUtS Process Calculus in Haskell, the next step is to define semantics for mapping OWL-S to this representation.
- The Haskell implementation allows the calculus to be grounded in IO operations, enabling Web-Service invocation.
- This can then be combined with our HAIFA interoperability kit to enable orchestration.



Conclusion

- We have presented a timed process calculus semantics for OWL-S, which we will shortly be using to build an orchestration engine.
- We predict that this approach to providing operational semantics can be applied to other work-flow languages, allowing a single engine to be able handle heterogeneous orchestration.
- All of this will be combined with the safety of Haskell, to build reliable, predictable workflows.





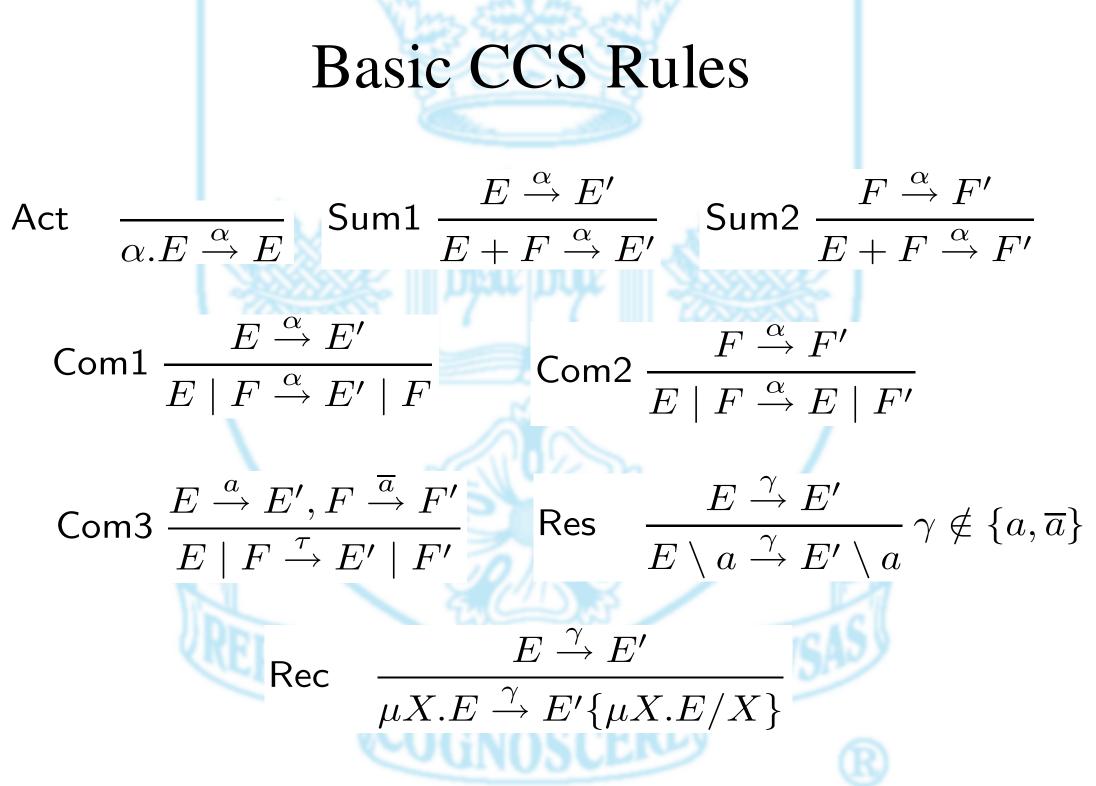




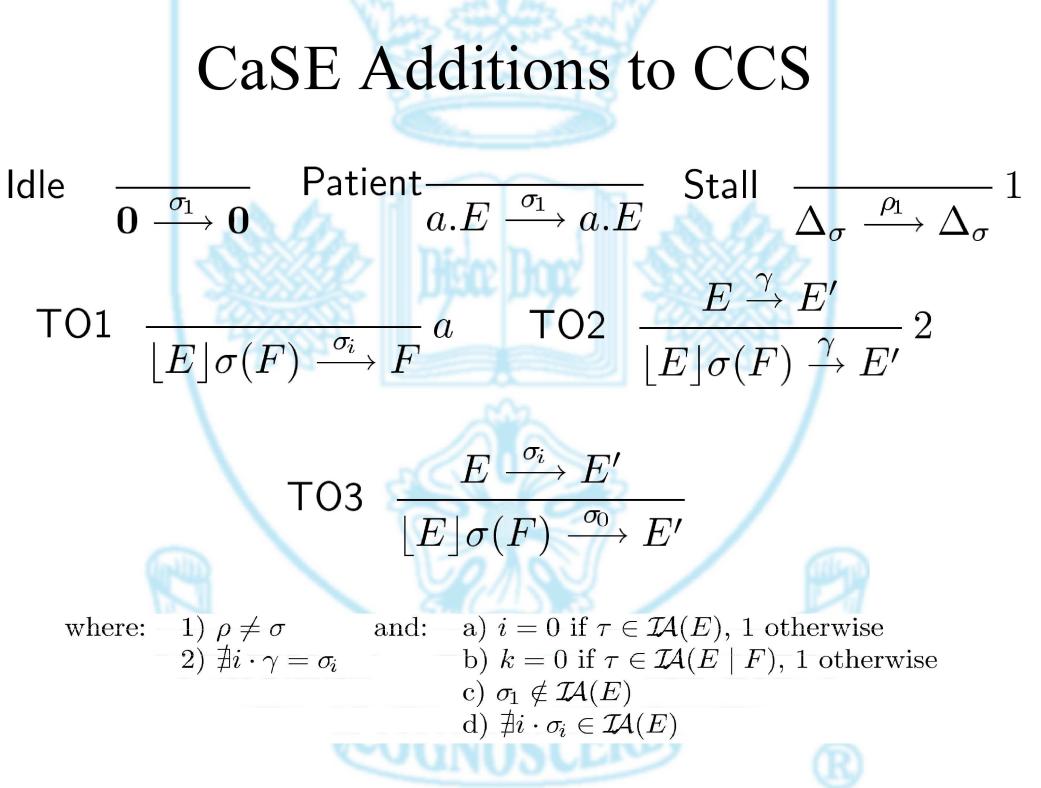
More to come soon...













CaSE Additions (cont) $\operatorname{STO2a} \frac{E \xrightarrow{\alpha} E'}{|E|\sigma(F) \xrightarrow{\alpha} E'} 2$ ST01 $\frac{1}{|E|\sigma(F) \xrightarrow{\sigma_i} F} a$ STO3 $\xrightarrow{E \xrightarrow{\sigma_i} E'}{|E|\sigma(F) \xrightarrow{\sigma_0} E'}$ $\mathsf{STO2b} \frac{E \xrightarrow{\rho_i} E'}{|E| \sigma(F) \xrightarrow{\rho_i} E'} 1$ $\operatorname{Com4} \frac{E \xrightarrow{\sigma_i} E' F \xrightarrow{\sigma_j} F'}{E \mid F \xrightarrow{\sigma_{i \cdot j \cdot k}} E' \mid F'} b$ where: 1) $\rho \neq \sigma$ and: a) i = 0 if $\tau \in \mathcal{I}(E)$, 1 otherwise 2) $\nexists i \cdot \gamma = \sigma_i$ b) k = 0 if $\tau \in \mathcal{I}(E \mid F)$, 1 otherwise c) $\sigma_1 \notin \mathcal{IA}(E)$ d) $\nexists i \cdot \sigma_i \in \mathcal{IA}(E)$



