Composing Families of Timed Automata

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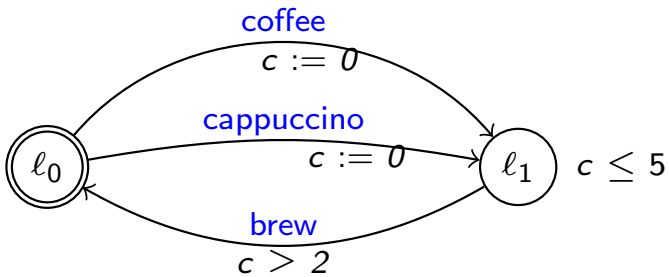

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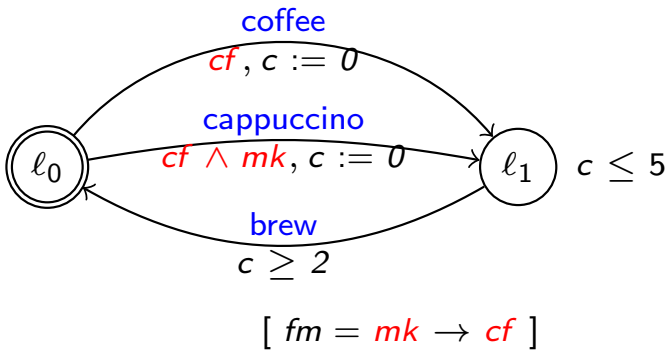

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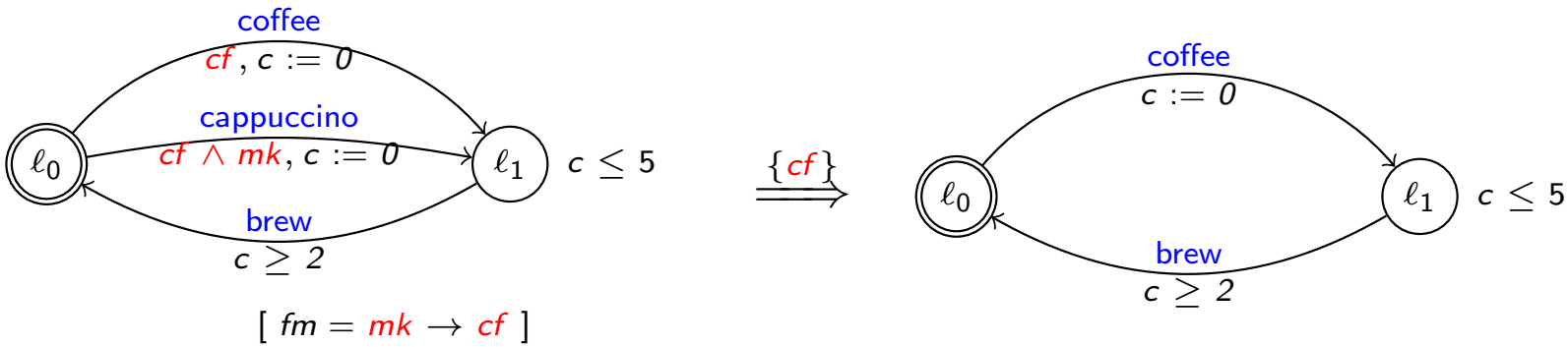

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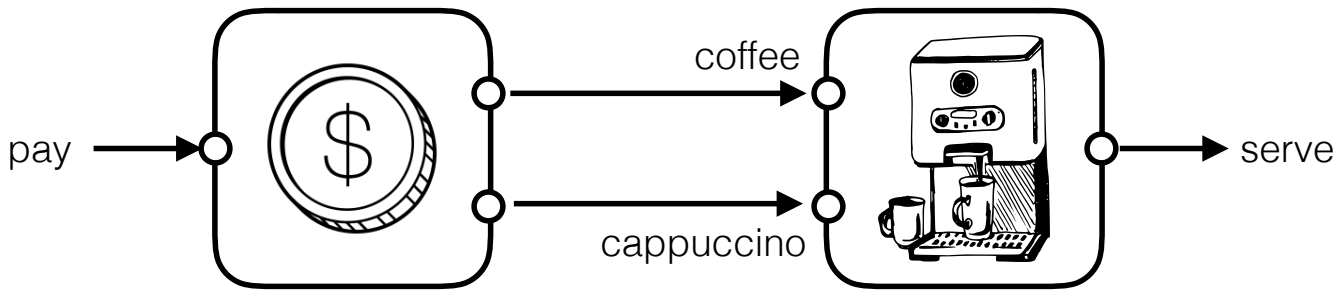
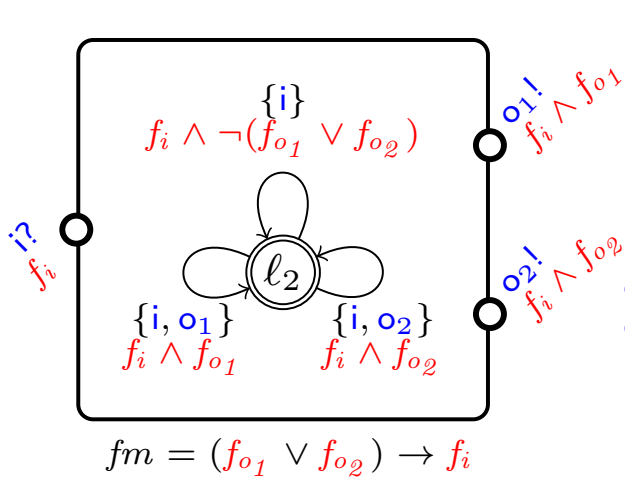
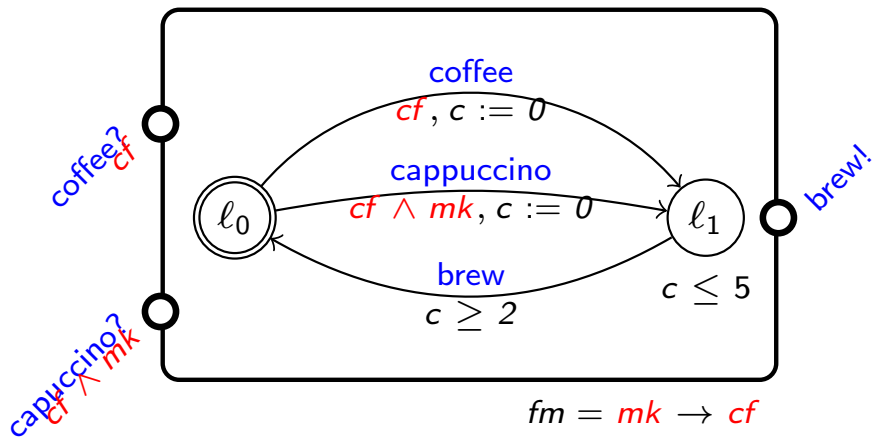


Interface Feature Timed Automta

- Extends FTA with *interfaces* and *multi-action transitions*.





- ?,! denote inputs and outputs interfaces, respectively.
- each interface has associated an inferred *feature expression*.

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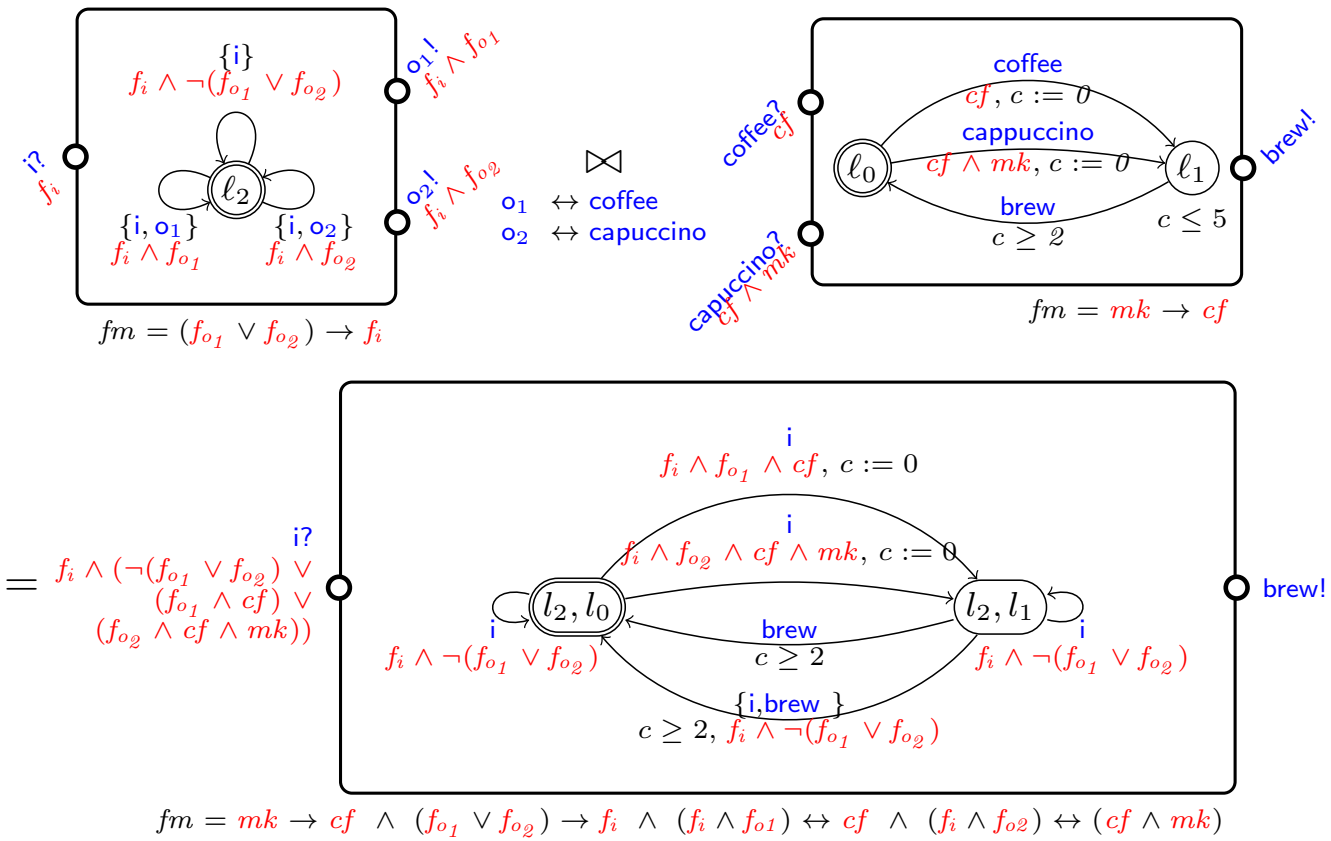
Operations over IFTA:

- Product: $\mathcal{A}1 \times \mathcal{A}2$
- Synchronization: $\Delta_{a,b}(\mathcal{A})$
- Composition $= \mathcal{A}_1 \bowtie_{a_1 \leftrightarrow b_1, \ldots, a_n \leftrightarrow b_n} \mathcal{A}_2 = \Delta_{a_1,b_1} \ldots \Delta_{a_n,b_n}(\mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2)$



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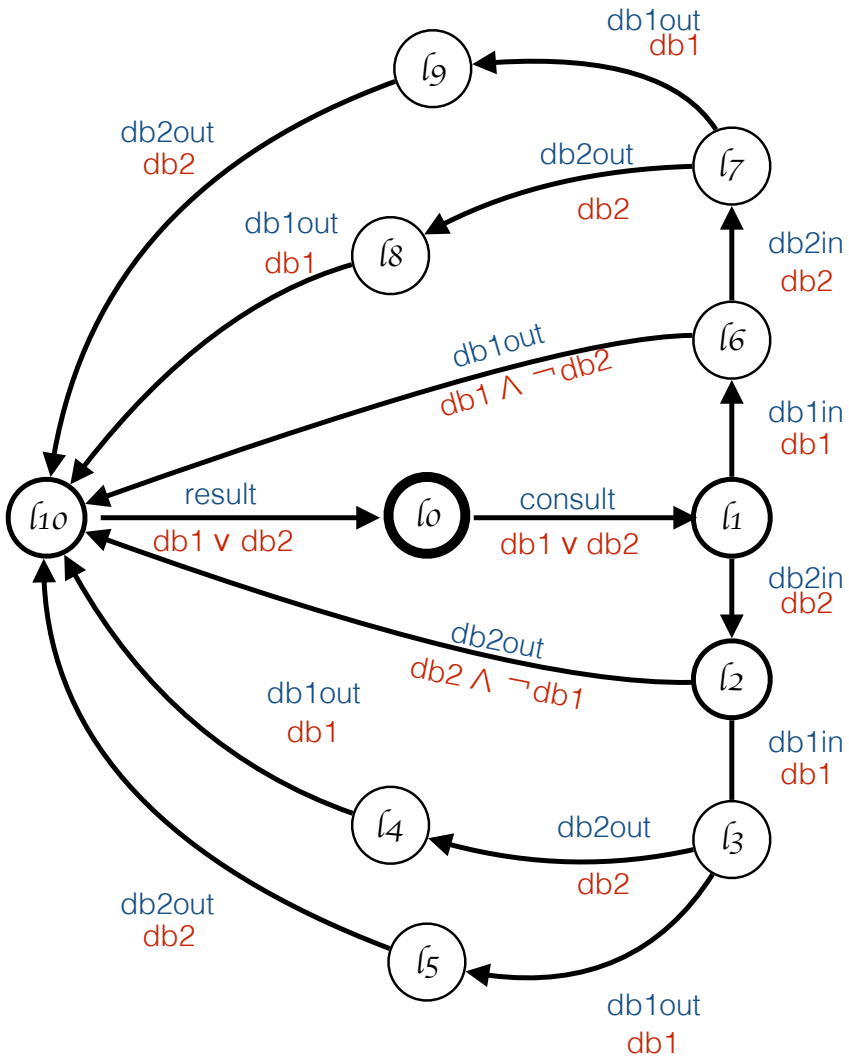

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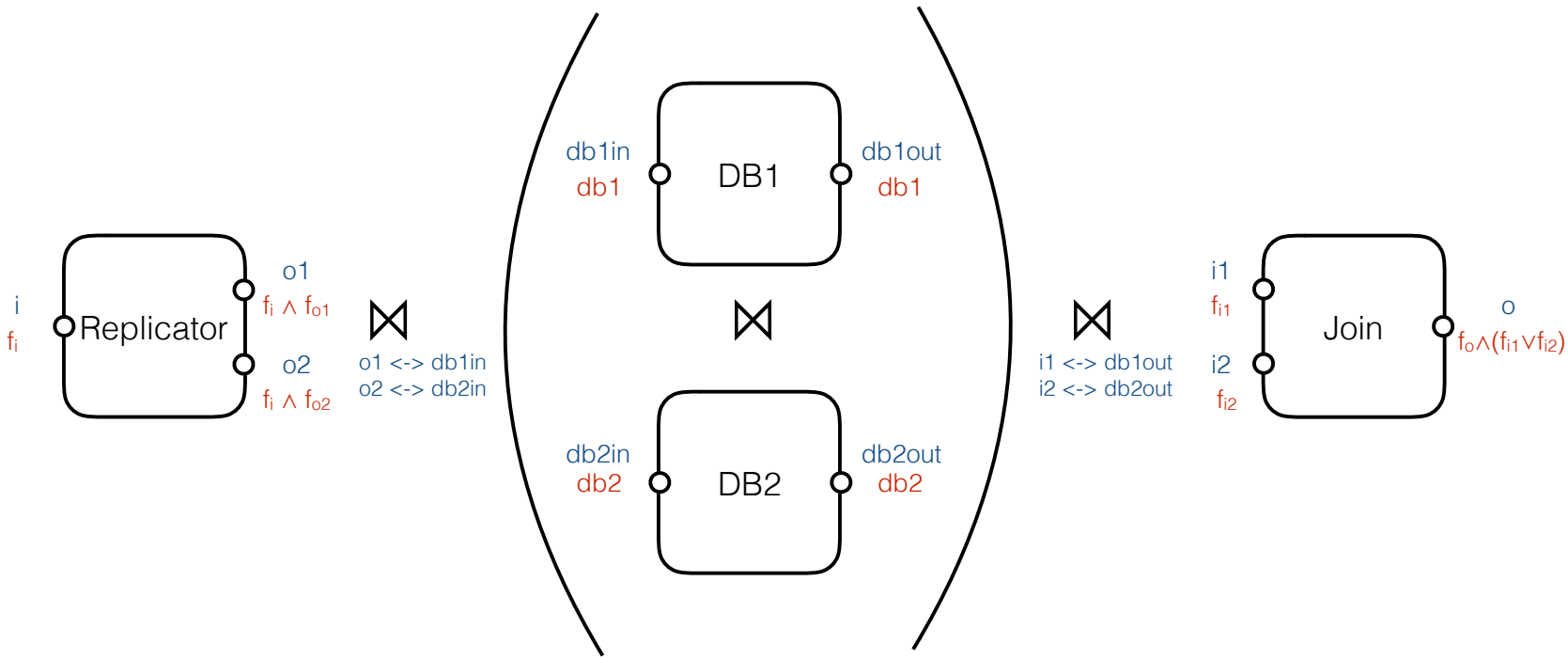

$$fm = (f_o \rightarrow (f_{i_1} \vee f_{i_2})) \wedge (f_o \rightarrow (f_{i_1} \vee f_{i_2})) \wedge$$
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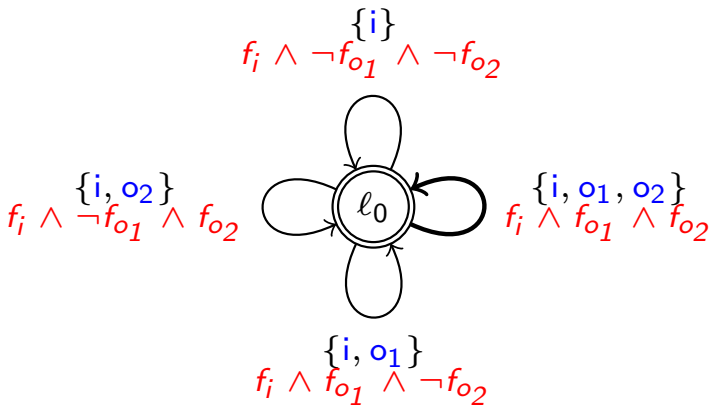

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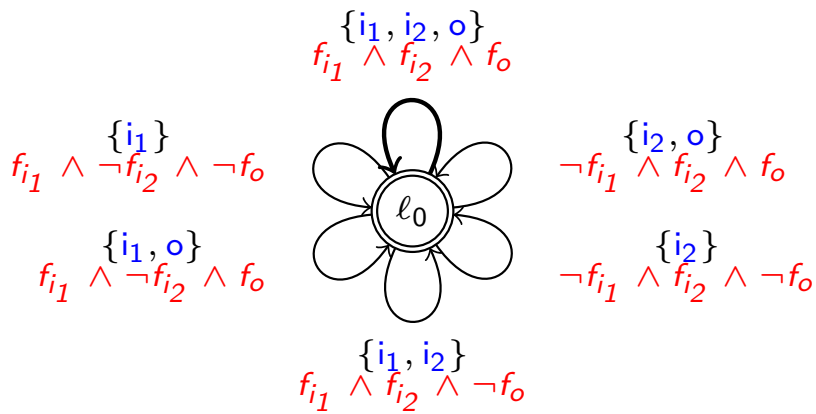

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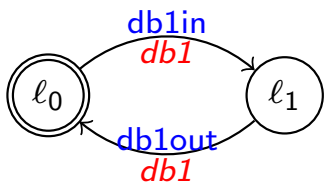

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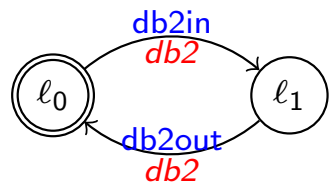

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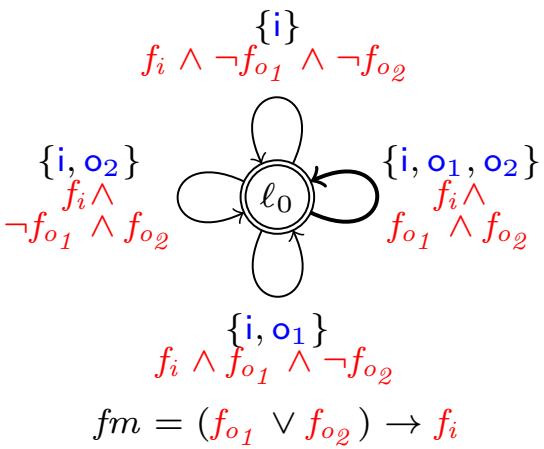

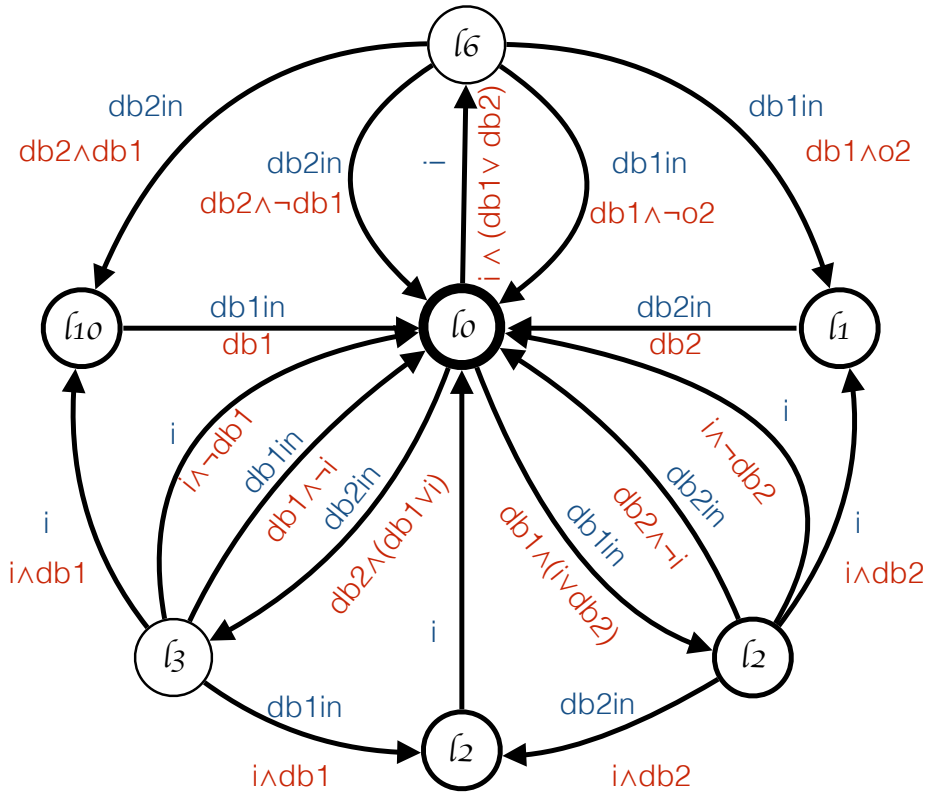

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Implementation

Scala DSL:

- Specification of IFTA and networks of IFTA (NIFTA)
- Product, synchronization and composition over IFTA and NIFTA
- NIFTA to networks of FTA (FTA) (with committed states)
- NFTA to Uppaal network of TA
- Visualization in DOT and Vis.js (interactive)

Demo: https://github.com/joseproenca/ifta

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