

Semantic Families for Cyber-physical Systems

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Overview

- Semantics for CPS – time for a change of paradigm?
- Multiple formalisms in CPS modelling
 - ◆ Example 1. Testing theories and collaborative tool environments
 - ◆ Example 2. Verification of emergent properties
- Conclusions and future work

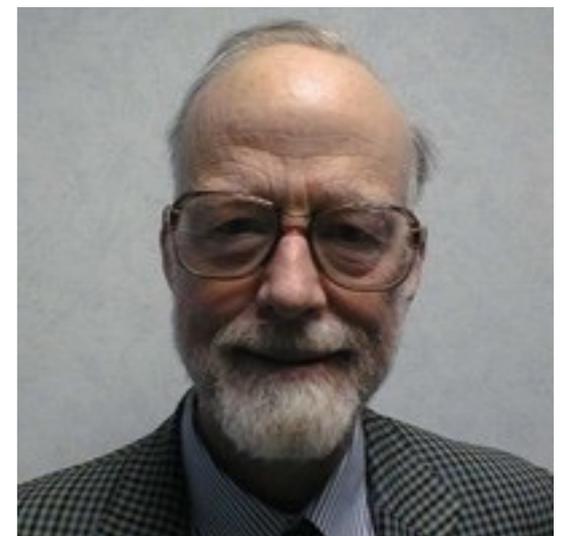
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Semantics for CPS – time
for a change of paradigm ?

Recall

- The investigation of concurrent systems semantics started somewhere in the seventies of the last century

C. A. R. Hoare:
Communicating Sequential Processes. Commun. ACM 21(8): 666-677 (1978)



Recall

- Since then, a multitude of formalisms has been developed and successfully applied to
 - **Development**
 - modelling
 - code generation
 - **Verification & Validation**
 - theorem proving
 - model checking
 - simulation
 - testing

Cyber-physical systems

- Systems of collaborating computational elements controlling physical entities

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyber-physical_system

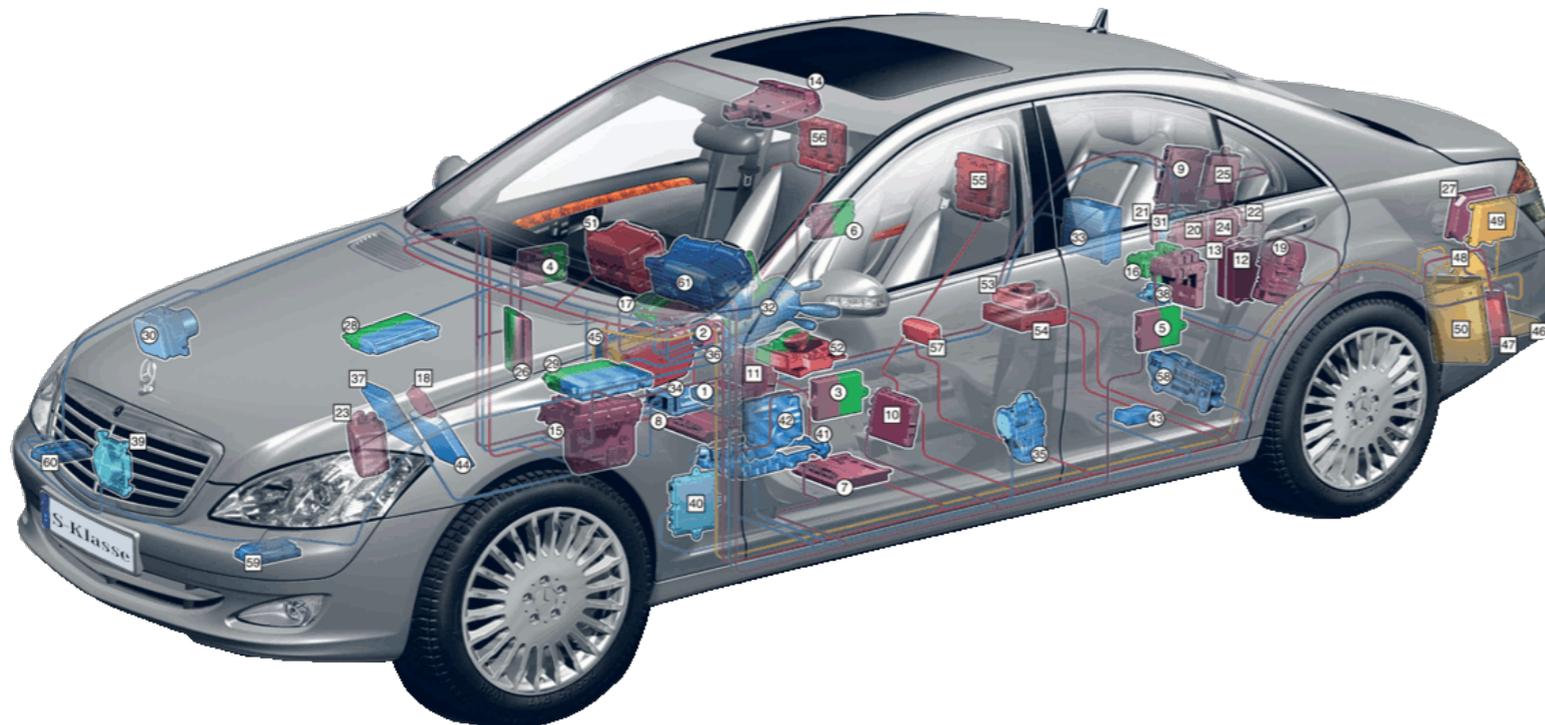


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Some CPS-characteristics affecting semantic modelling

Characteristic	Semantics
Distribution, time-discrete and time-continuous control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hybrid systems semantics
Modeling using multiple formalisms	Model, sentence, and theory translation
Emergent properties	Temporal logic, trace logic – how to verify in presence of multiple formalisms?
Dynamic re-configuration	Semantics for object-oriented systems – or can we find something simpler?
Evolution of asserted component behaviours	New paradigms for behavioural assertions?
Large numbers of replicated components	Can the knowledge about replication lead to optimised V&V methods?

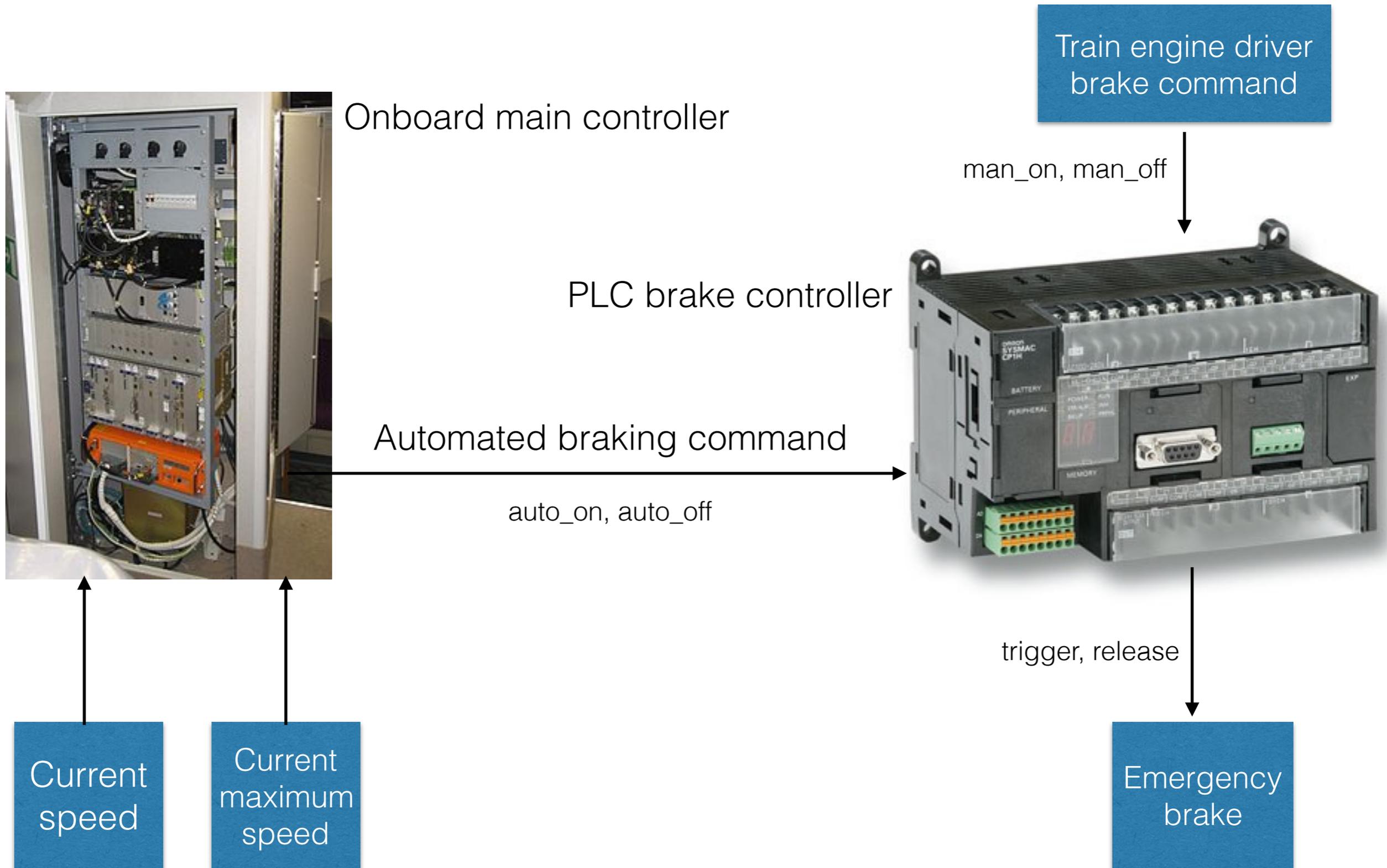
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Multiple formalisms in CPS modelling – Example 1. Testing theories and collaborative tool environments

Application scenario

- CPS consists of several components
- Some components are modelled by finite state machines (FSMs)
- Other components are modelled by SysML state machines with Kripke structure semantics

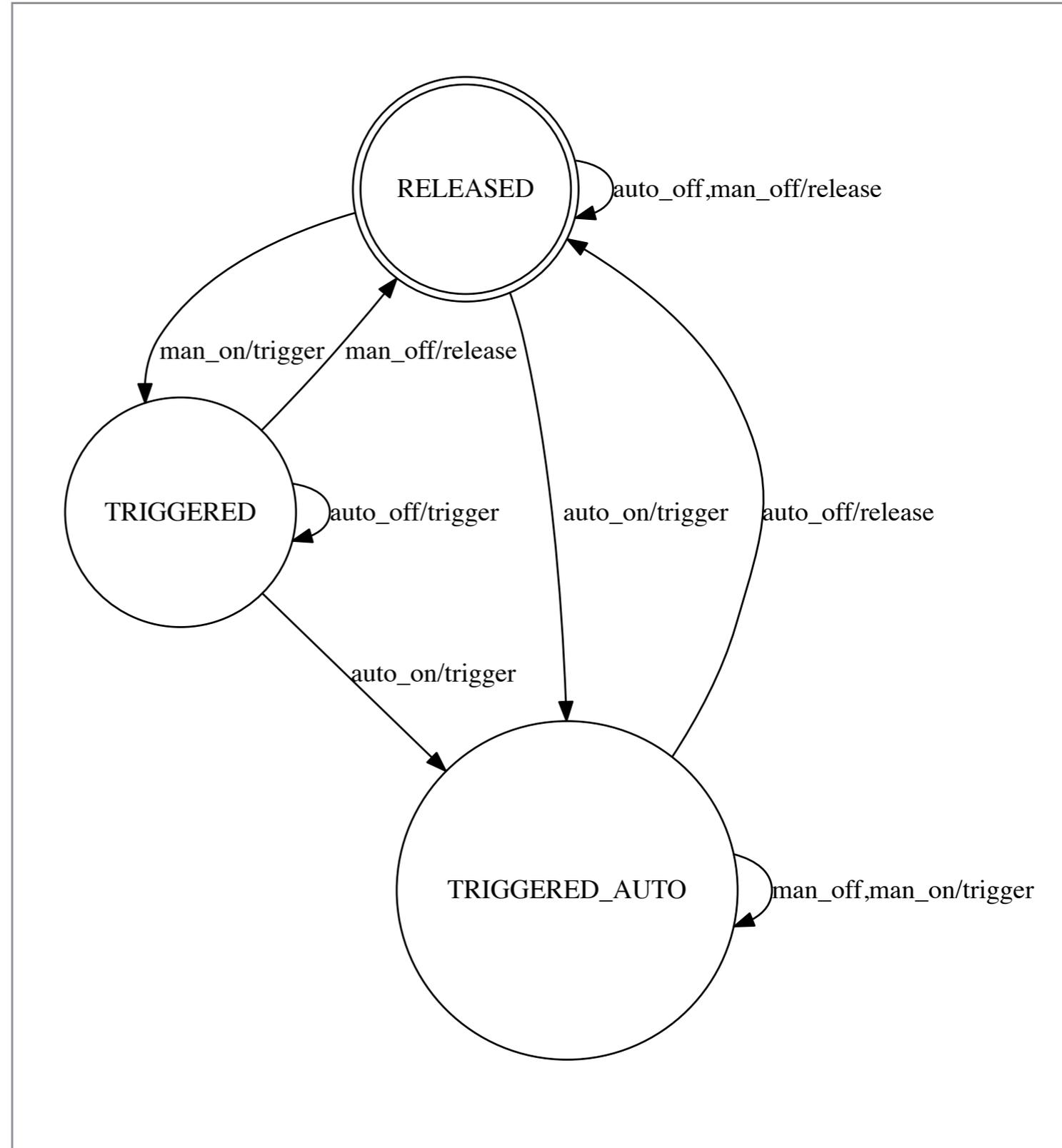
Application scenario – train onboard speed control



Brake controller

- Discrete inputs
- Discrete internal state
- Discrete outputs

★ Apply **complete FSM testing strategy**



Complete test suites

- Defined with respect to **fault model** (M, \leq, Dom) , that is,
 - ◆ a reference model M
 - ◆ a conformance relation \leq
 - ◆ a fault domain Dom
- **Complete** = sound + exhaustive
- **Sound** = every M' in Dom satisfying $M' \leq M$ passes
- **Exhaustive** = every M' in Dom violating $M' \leq M$ fails

Complete FSM test suites

- For FSMs, many complete testing strategies exist
 - ◆ for deterministic or nondeterministic FSMs
 - ◆ for completely defined or incomplete FSMs

Alexandre Petrenko, Nina Yevtushenko:

Adaptive Testing of Nondeterministic Systems with FSM. HASE 2014: 224-228



Robert M. Hierons:

**Testing from a Nondeterministic Finite State Machine
Using Adaptive State Counting.**

IEEE Trans. Computers 53(10): 1330-1342 (2004)



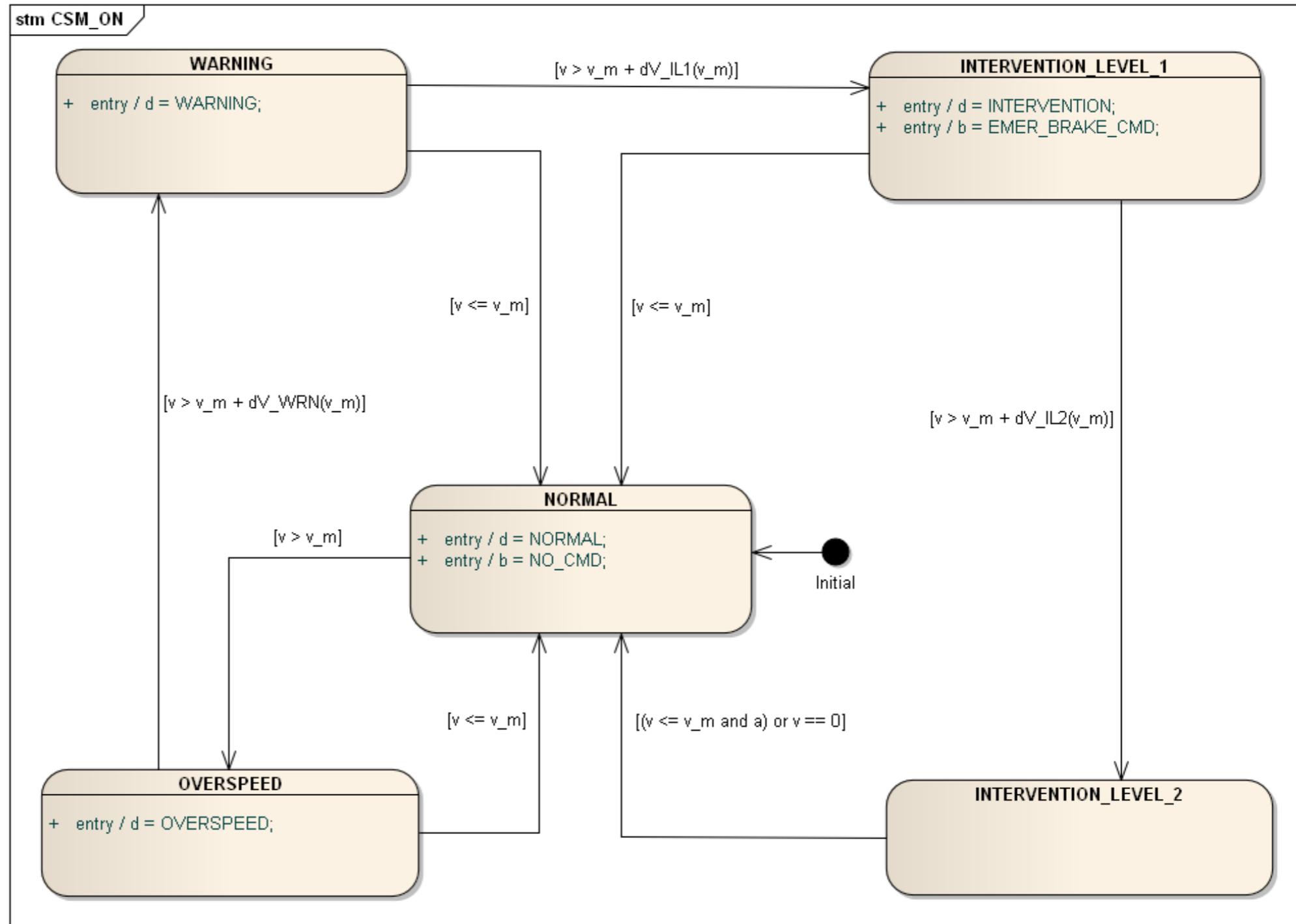
Onboard main controller

- Large input domains – speed
- Discrete internal state
- Discrete outputs

★ Apply input equivalence class testing

★ Can we also apply a complete strategy?

★ **TTT = Testing Theory Translation**



TTT

- Consider different **semantic domains** with their conformance relations
 - ◆ Finite state machines – language equivalence, language containment
 - ◆ Kripke structures – I/O-equivalence, I/O-refinement
- Fix a **signature** in each domain
 - ◆ Sig_1 – Kripke structures over fixed I/O variables
 - ◆ Sig_2 – FSMs over fixed I/O-alphabet

TTT

- Create a **model map** T from sub-domain of Sig_1 to Sig_2

$$T : Dom_1 \rightarrow Sig_2;$$
$$Dom_1 \subseteq Sig_1$$

- Create a **test case map** T^* from test cases of Sig_2 to test cases of Sig_1

$$T^* : TC(Sig_2) \rightarrow TC(Sig_1)$$

- Prove the **satisfaction condition**

Satisfaction condition

Condition 1. The model map is compatible with the conformance relations

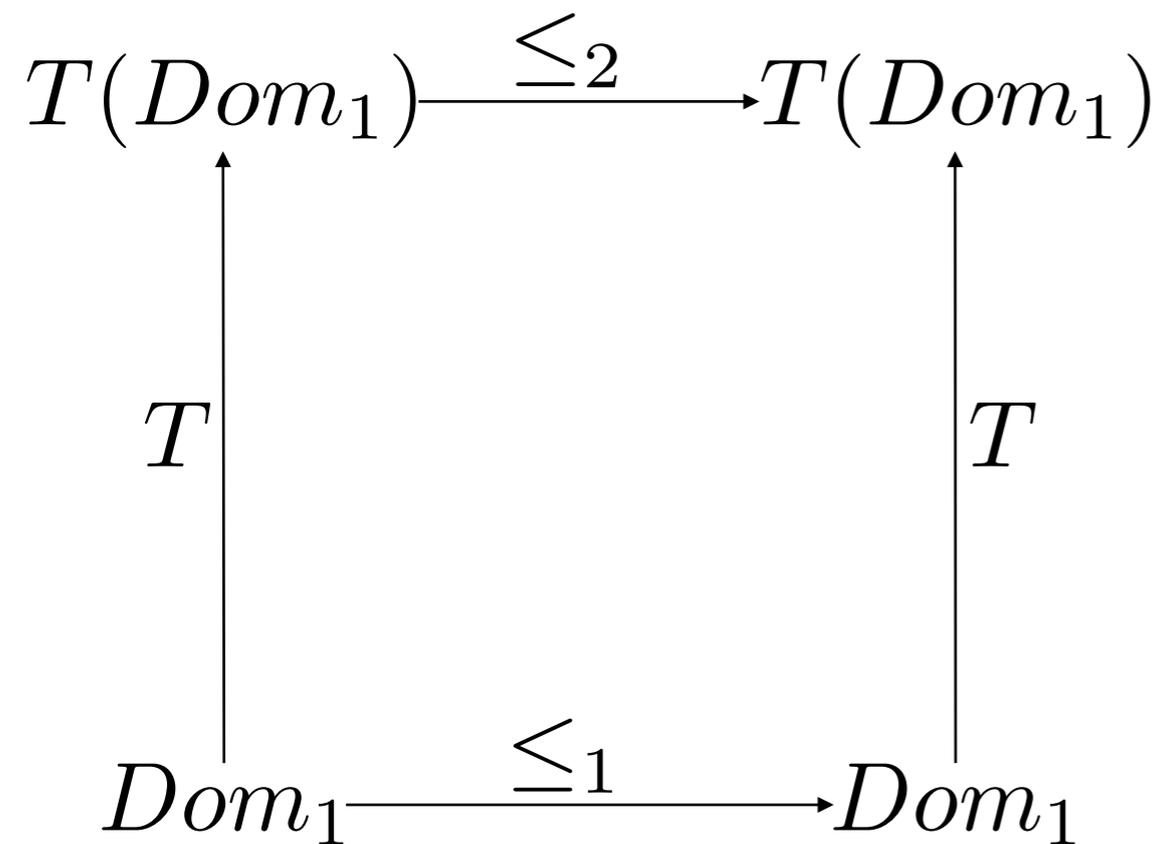
$$\forall \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{S}' \in Dom_1 : \mathcal{S}' \leq_1 \mathcal{S} \Leftrightarrow T(\mathcal{S}') \leq_2 T(\mathcal{S})$$

Condition 2. Model map and test case map preserve the pass relationship

$$\forall \mathcal{S} \in Dom_1, U \in TC(Sig_2) : T(\mathcal{S}) \underline{pass}_2 U \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{S} \underline{pass}_1 T^*(U)$$

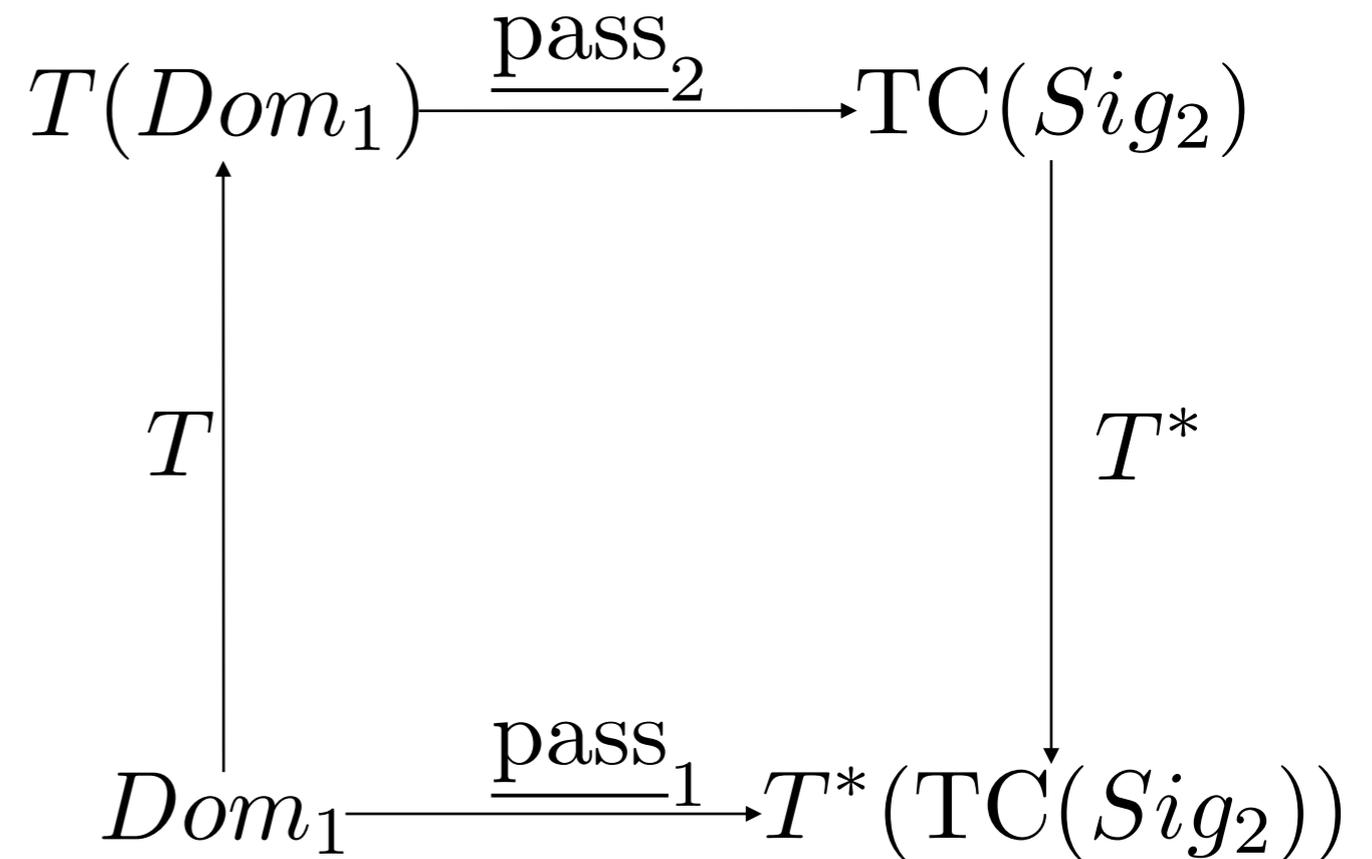
Satisfaction condition,
 reflected by commuting diagrams
 and relational composition

Condition 1



$$T; \leq_2 = \leq_1; T$$

Condition 2



$$\underline{\text{pass}}_1 = T; \underline{\text{pass}}_2; T^*$$

Recall. Relational composition

$$f \subseteq X \times Y, \quad g \subseteq Y \times Z$$

$$f; g = g \circ f = \{(x, z) \mid \exists y : (x, y) \in f \wedge (y, z) \in g\}$$

Condition 1

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T(Dom_1) & \xrightarrow{\leq_2} & T(Dom_1) \\ \uparrow T & & \uparrow T \\ Dom_1 & \xrightarrow{\leq_1} & Dom_1 \end{array}$$

$$T; \leq_2 = \leq_1; T$$

Condition 2

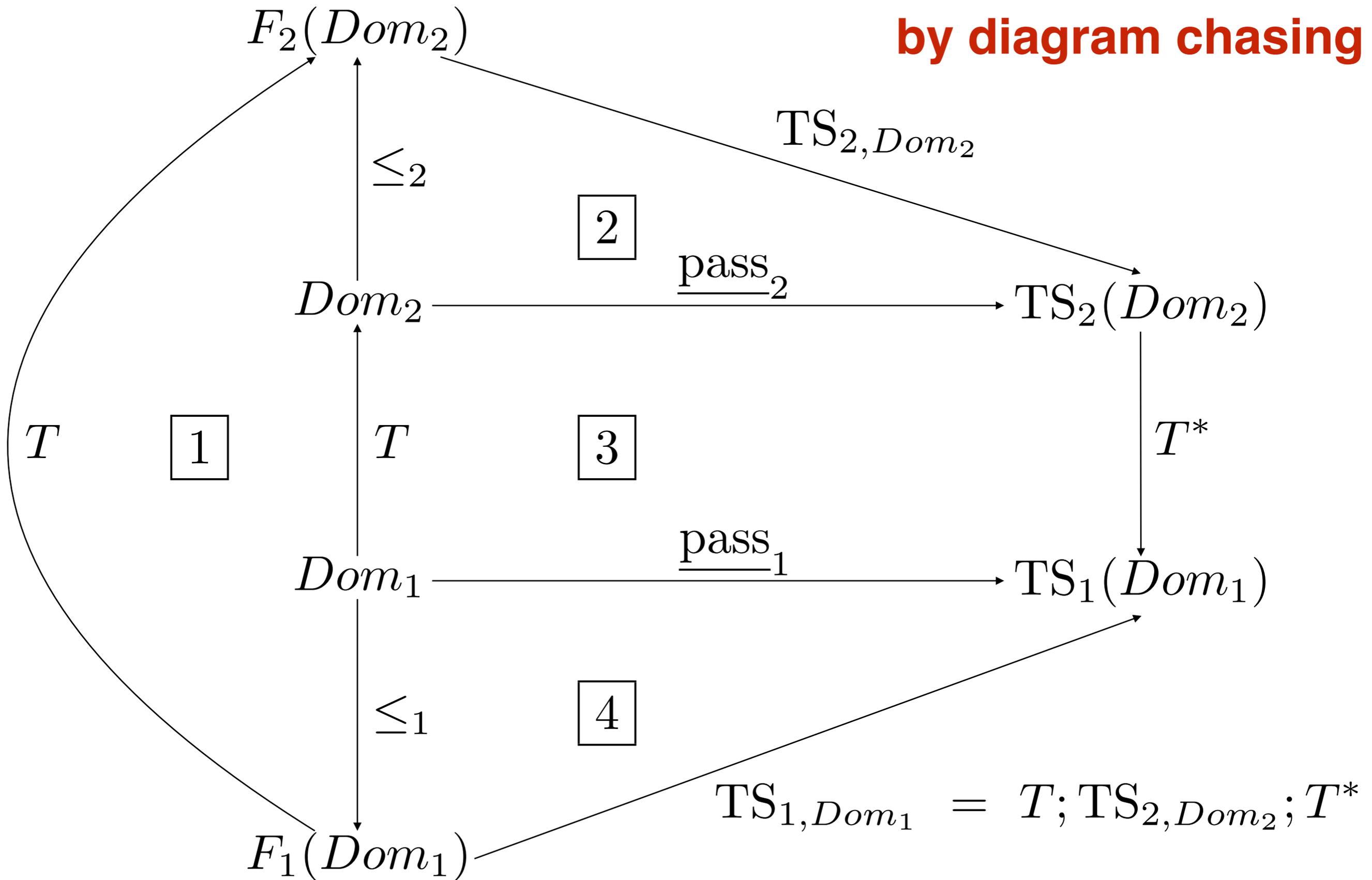
$$\begin{array}{ccc} T(Dom_1) & \xrightarrow{\underline{\text{pass}}_2} & \text{TC}(Sig_2) \\ \uparrow T & & \downarrow T^* \\ Dom_1 & \xrightarrow{\underline{\text{pass}}_1} & T^*(\text{TC}(Sig_2)) \end{array}$$

$$\underline{\text{pass}}_1 = T; \underline{\text{pass}}_2; T^*$$

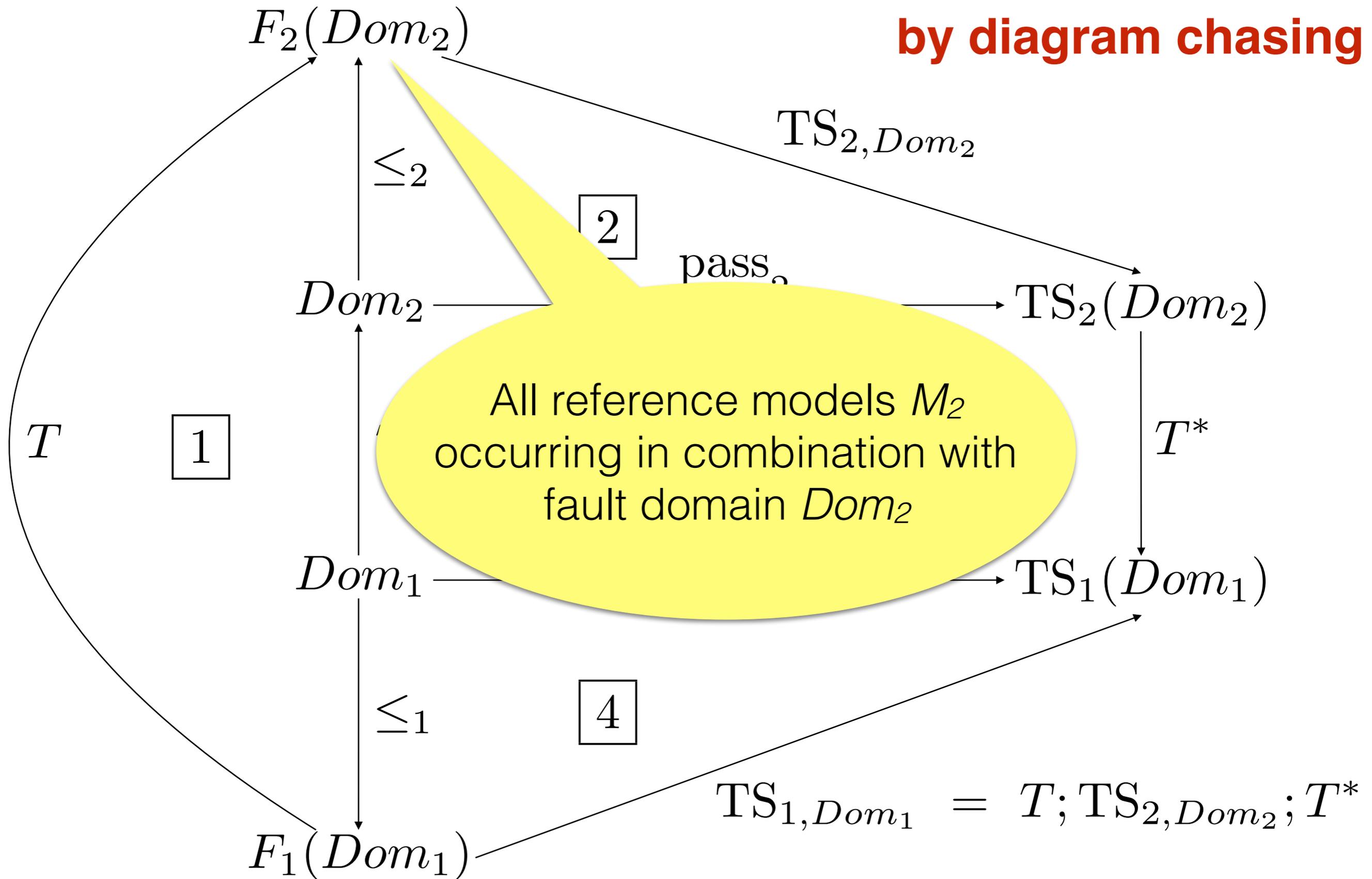
General theorem for translation of testing theories

Theorem 1. Suppose (T, T^*) exist and fulfil the satisfaction condition. Then every complete (sound, exhaustive) testing theory established in Sig_2 induces a likewise complete (sound, exhaustive) testing theory on Sig_1

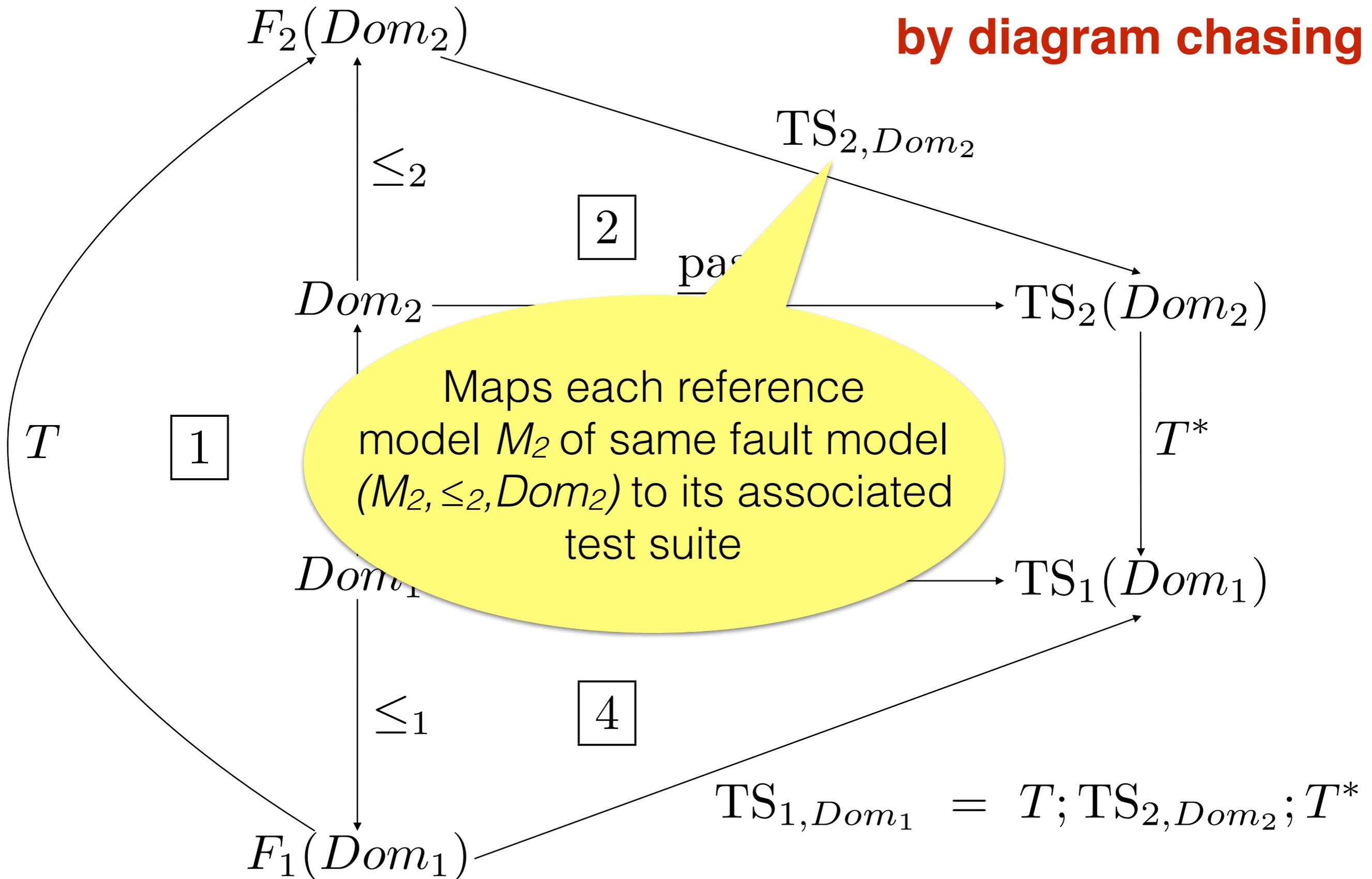
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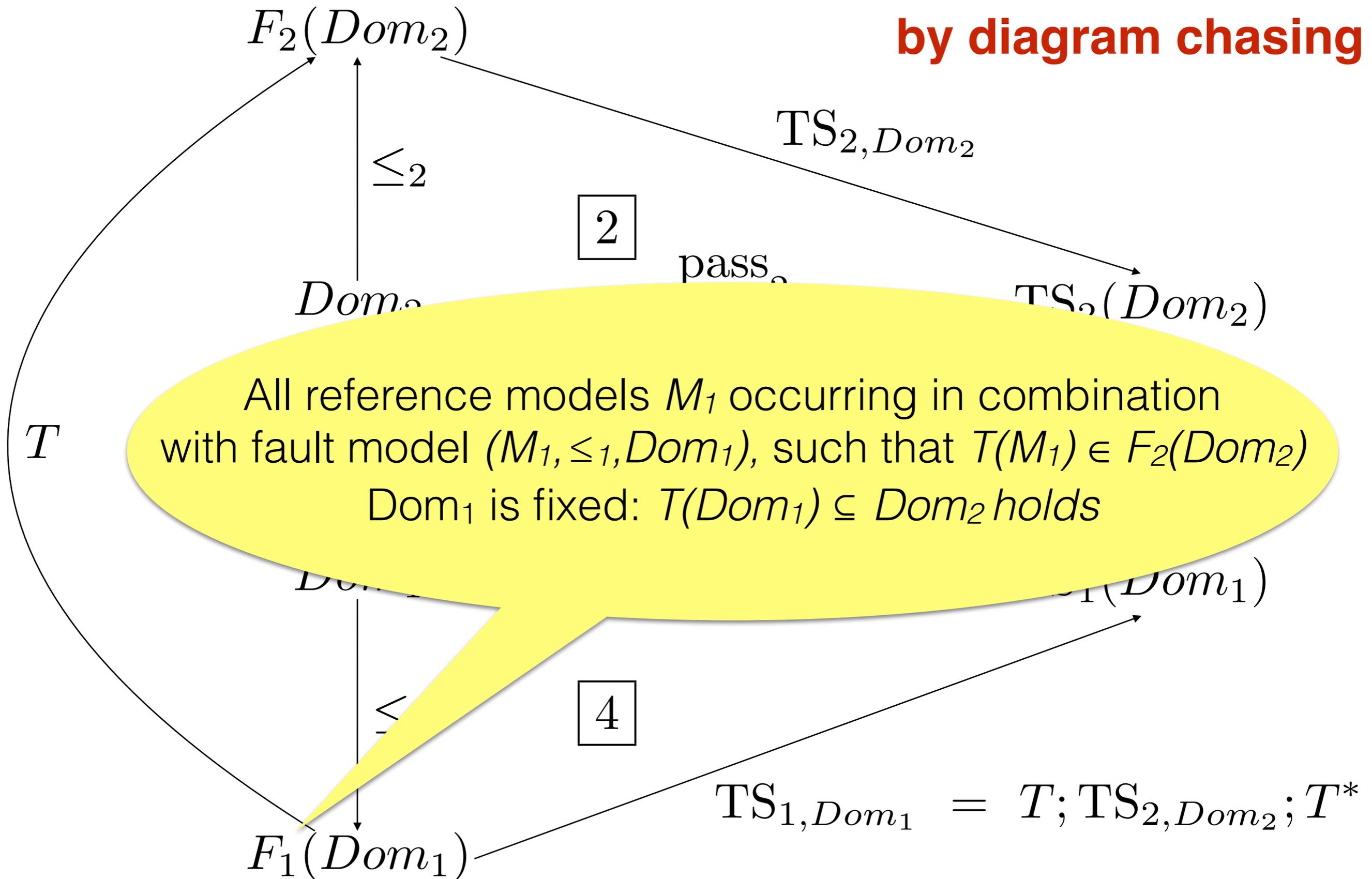
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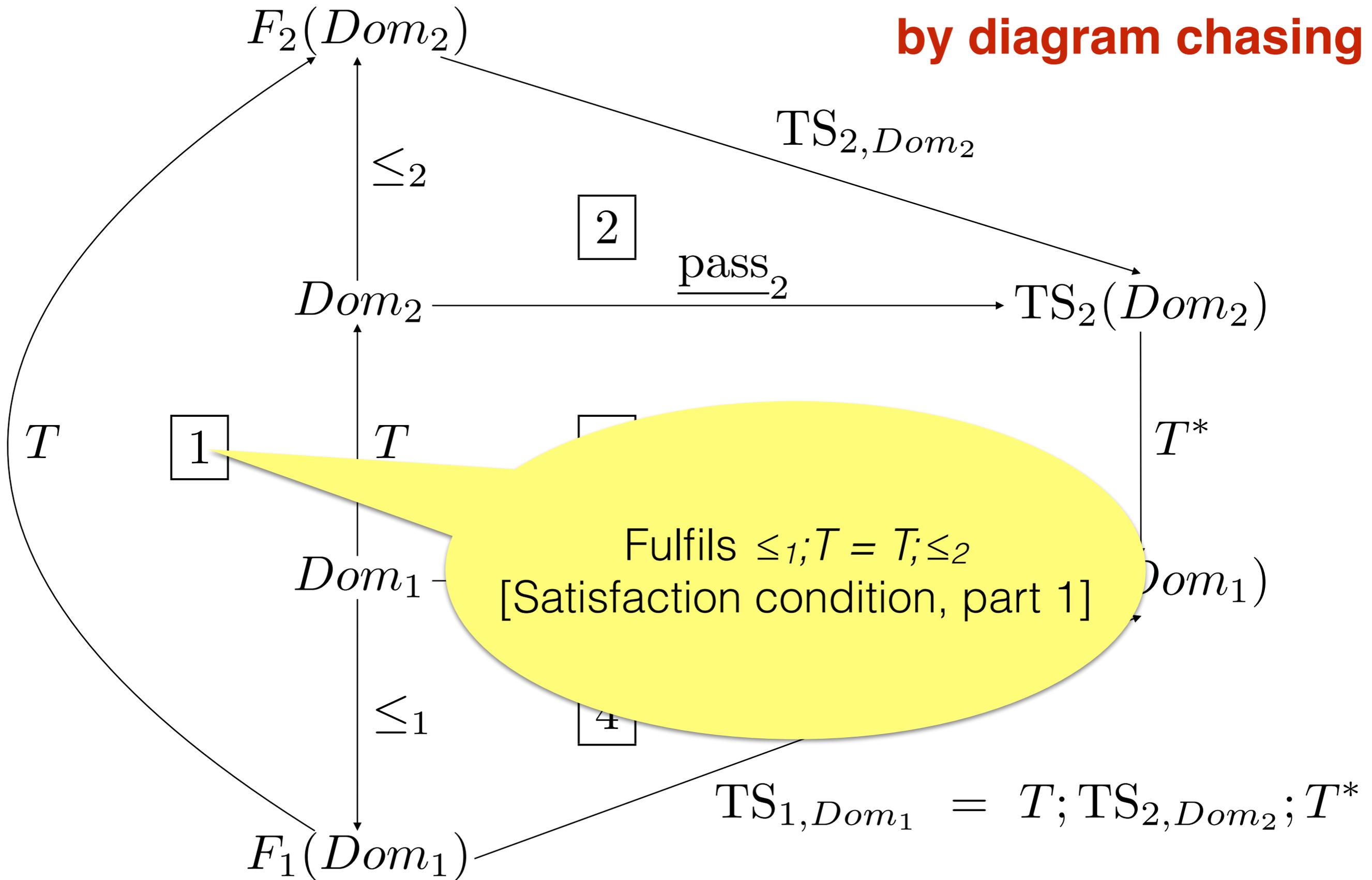
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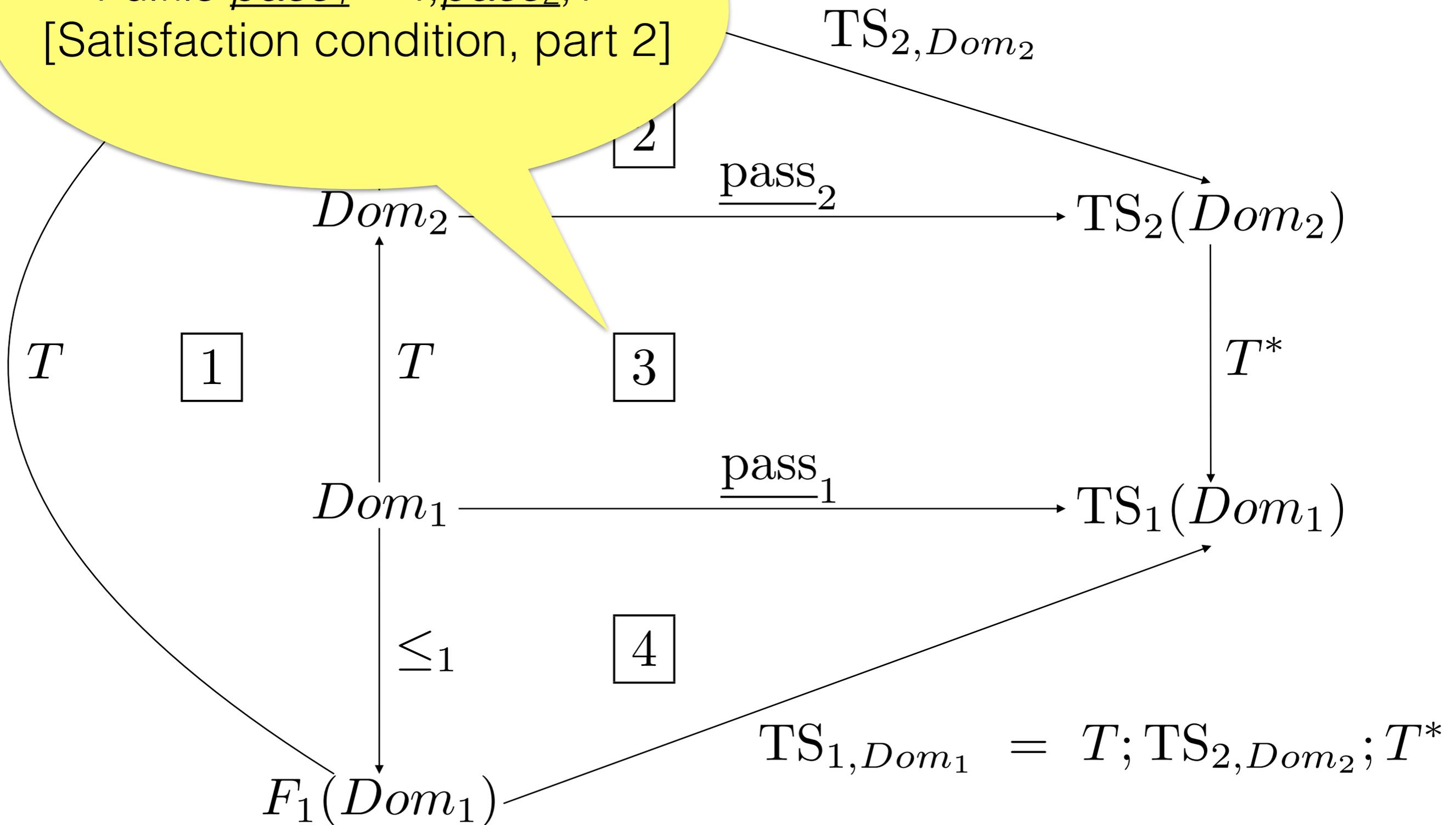


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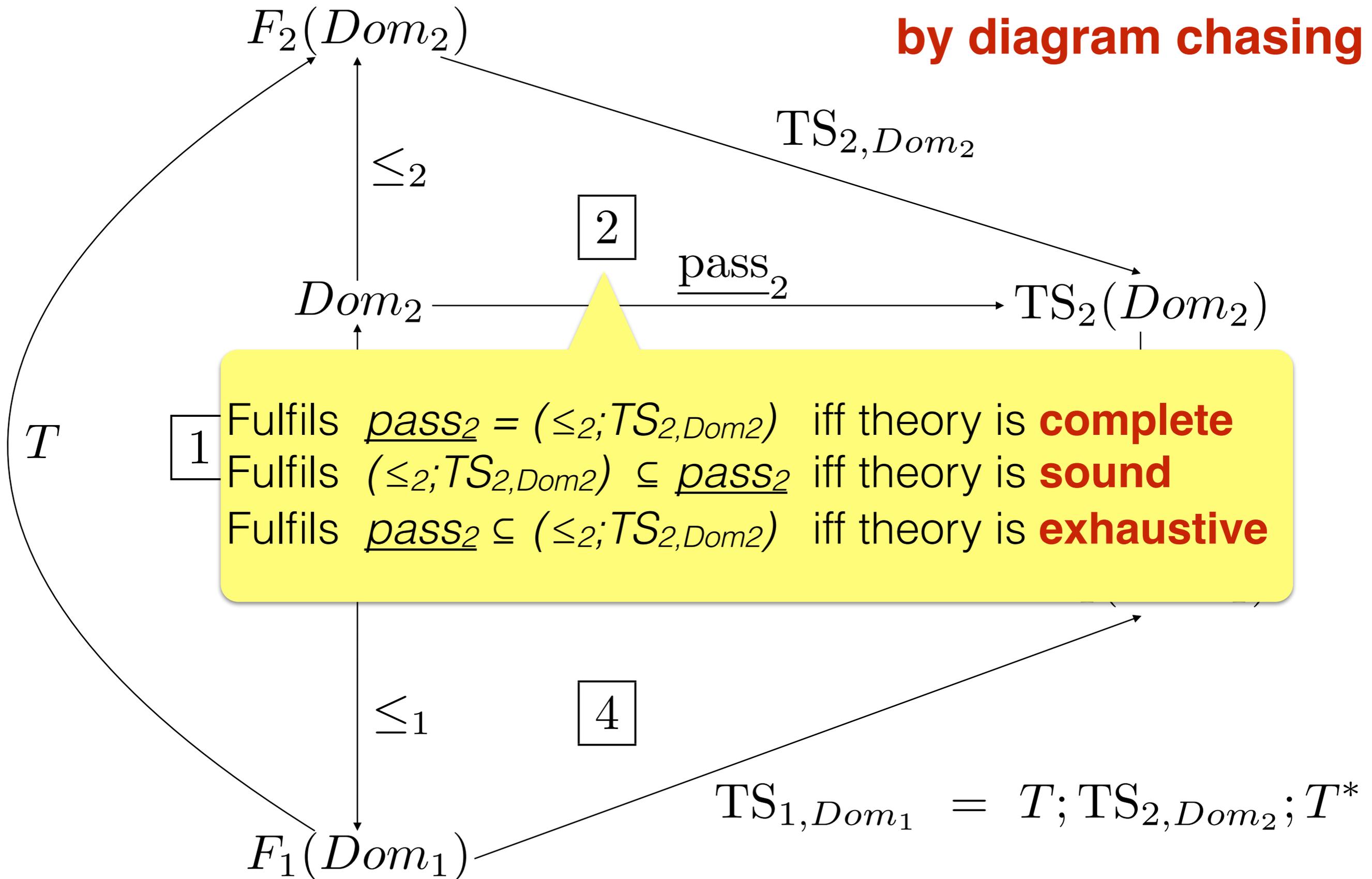


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Fulfils $\underline{pass}_1 = T; \underline{pass}_2; T^*$
[Satisfaction condition, part 2]



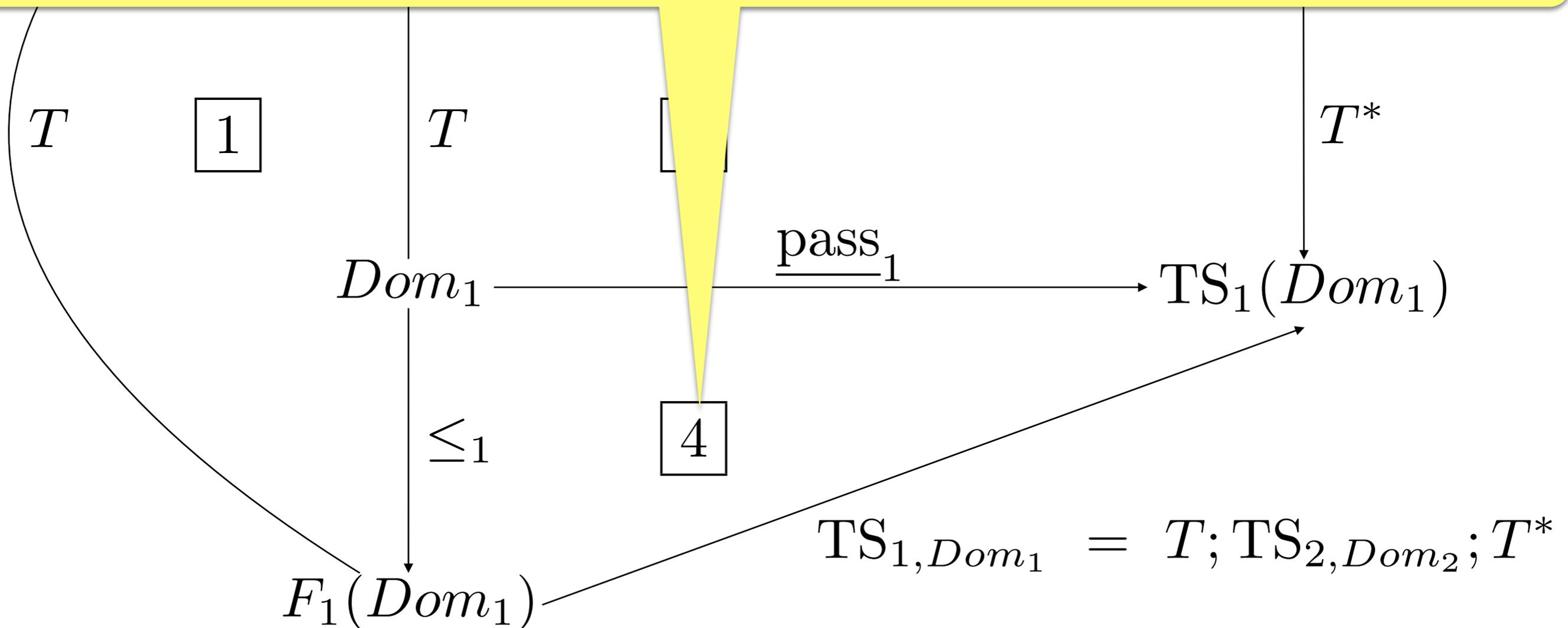
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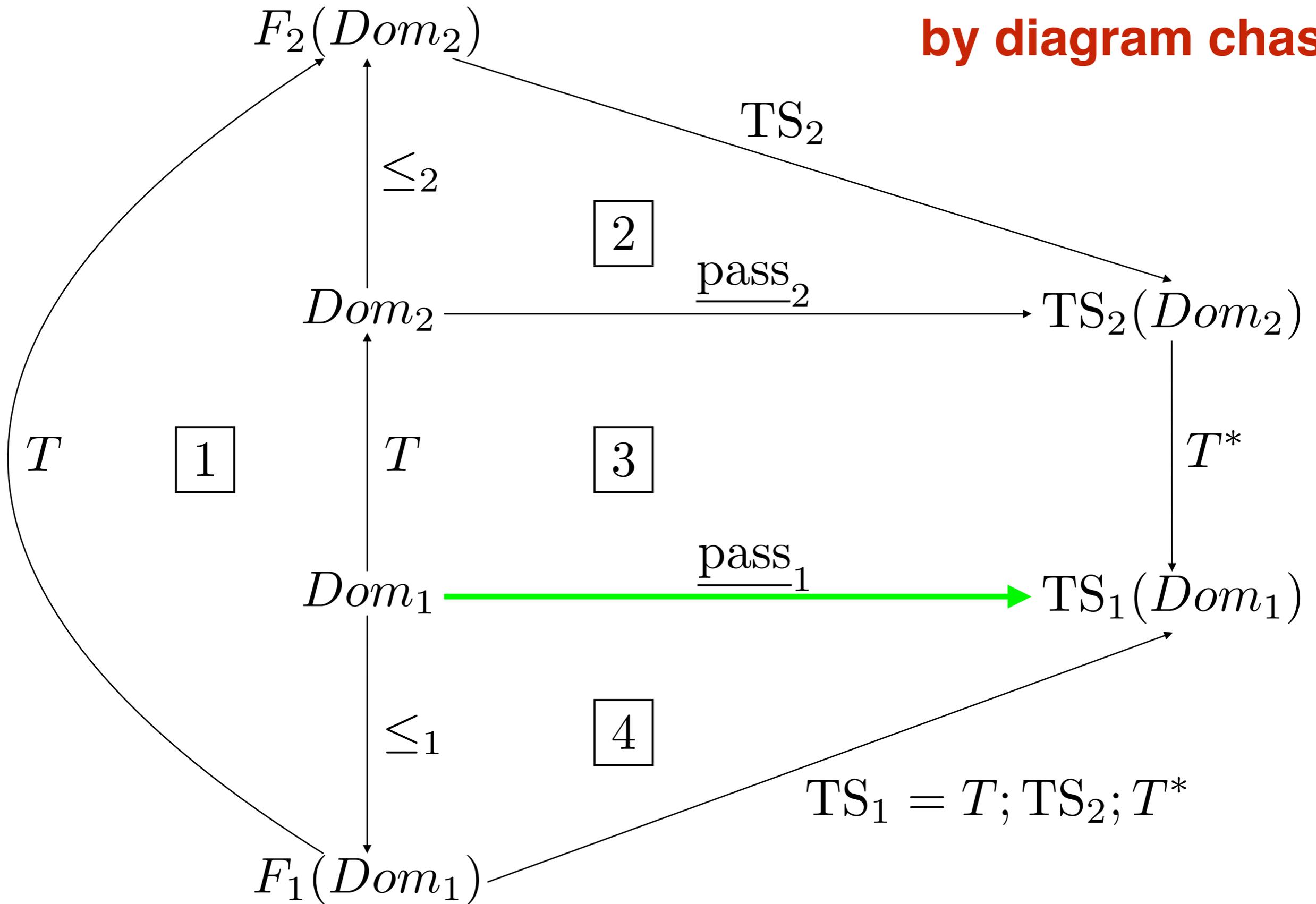
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$F_2(Dom_2)$

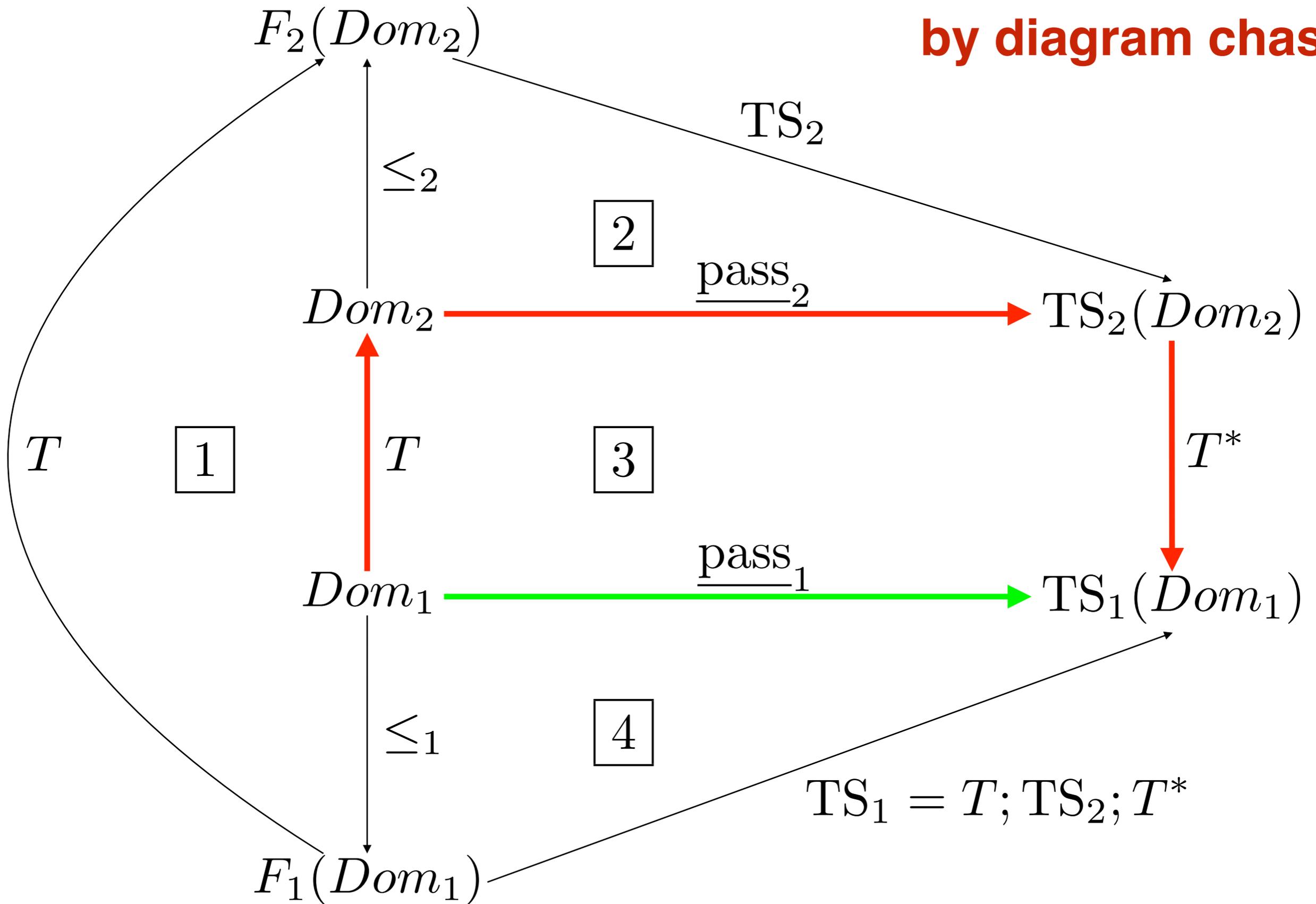
Fulfils $\underline{pass}_1 = (\leq_1; TS_{1,Dom_1})$ iff is $\underline{pass}_2 = (\leq_2; TS_{2,Dom_2})$ [completeness]
 Fulfils $(\leq_1; TS_{1,Dom_1}) \subseteq \underline{pass}_1$ iff is $(\leq_2; TS_2) \subseteq \underline{pass}_2$ [soundness]
 Fulfils $\underline{pass}_1 \subseteq (\leq_1; TS_{1,Dom_1})$ iff $\underline{pass}_2 \subseteq (\leq_2; TS_{2,Dom_2})$ [exhaustiveness]



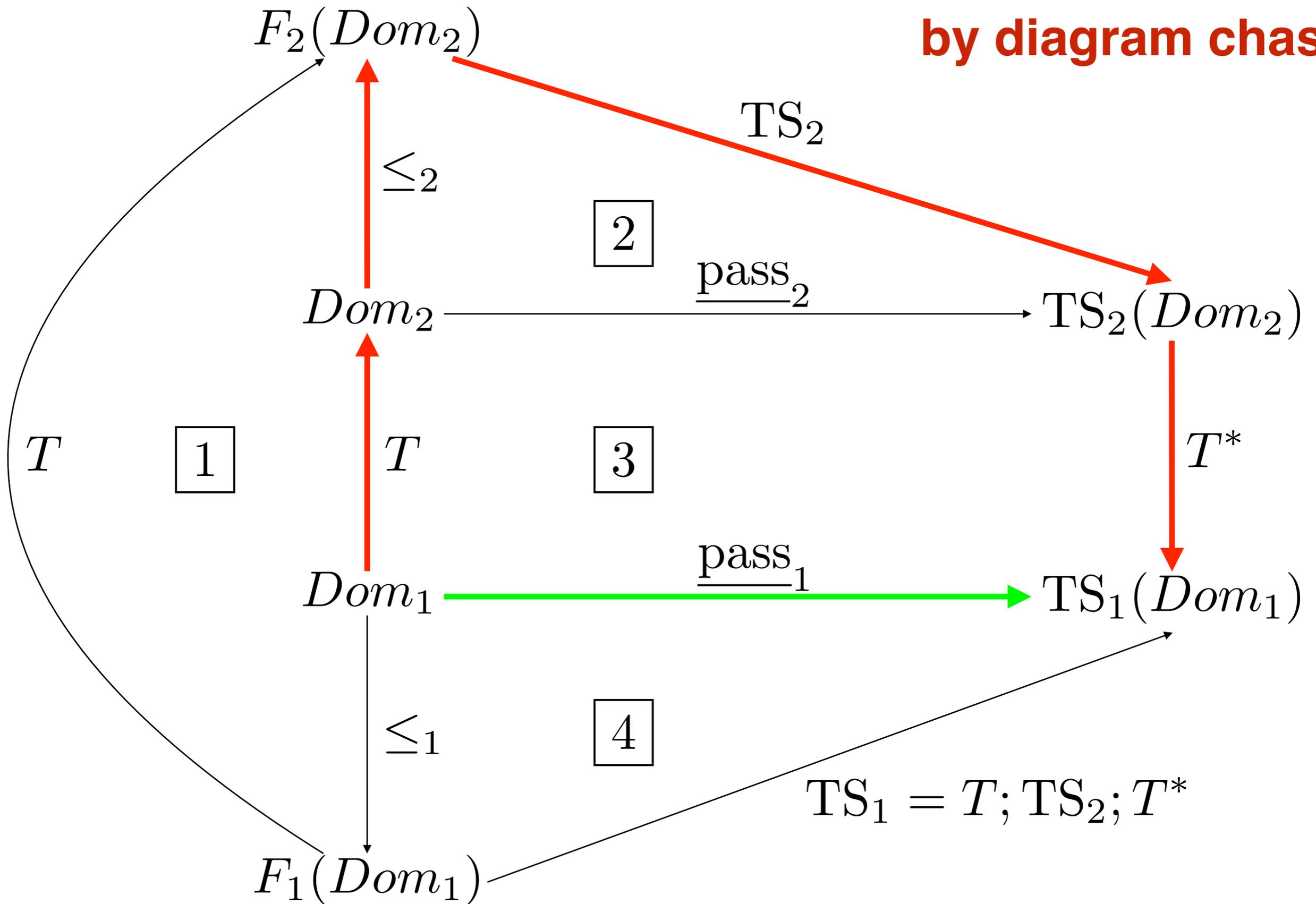
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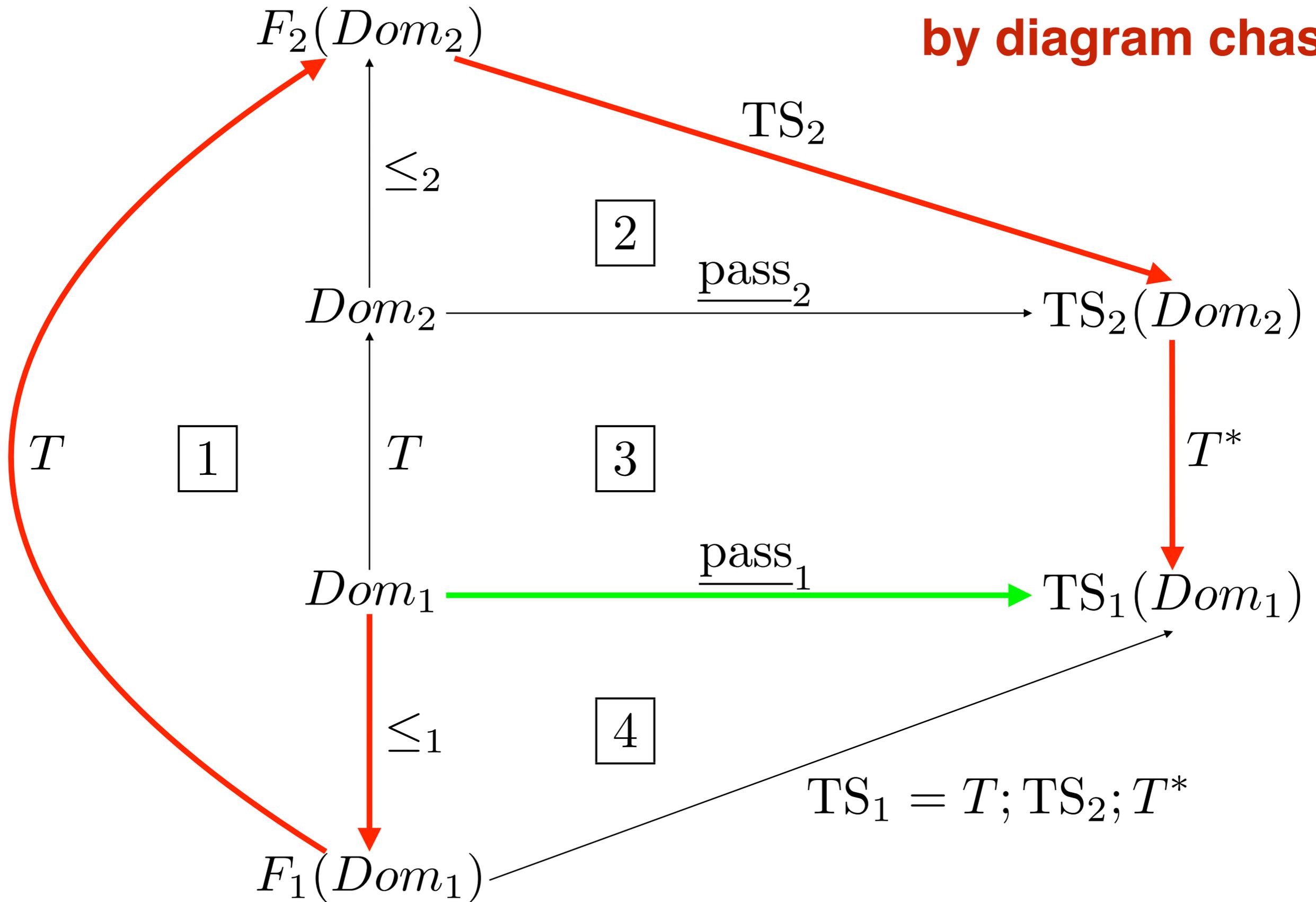
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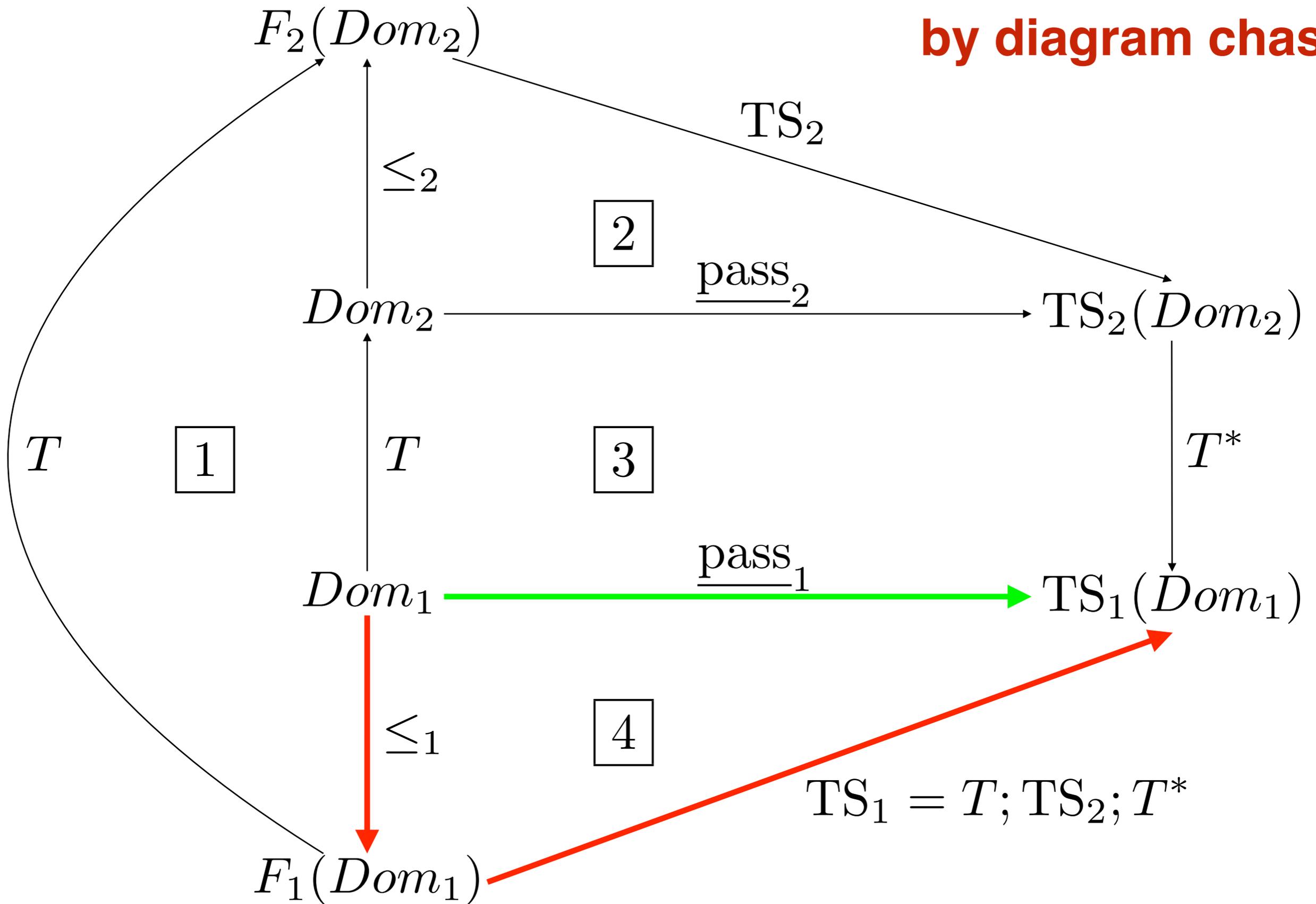
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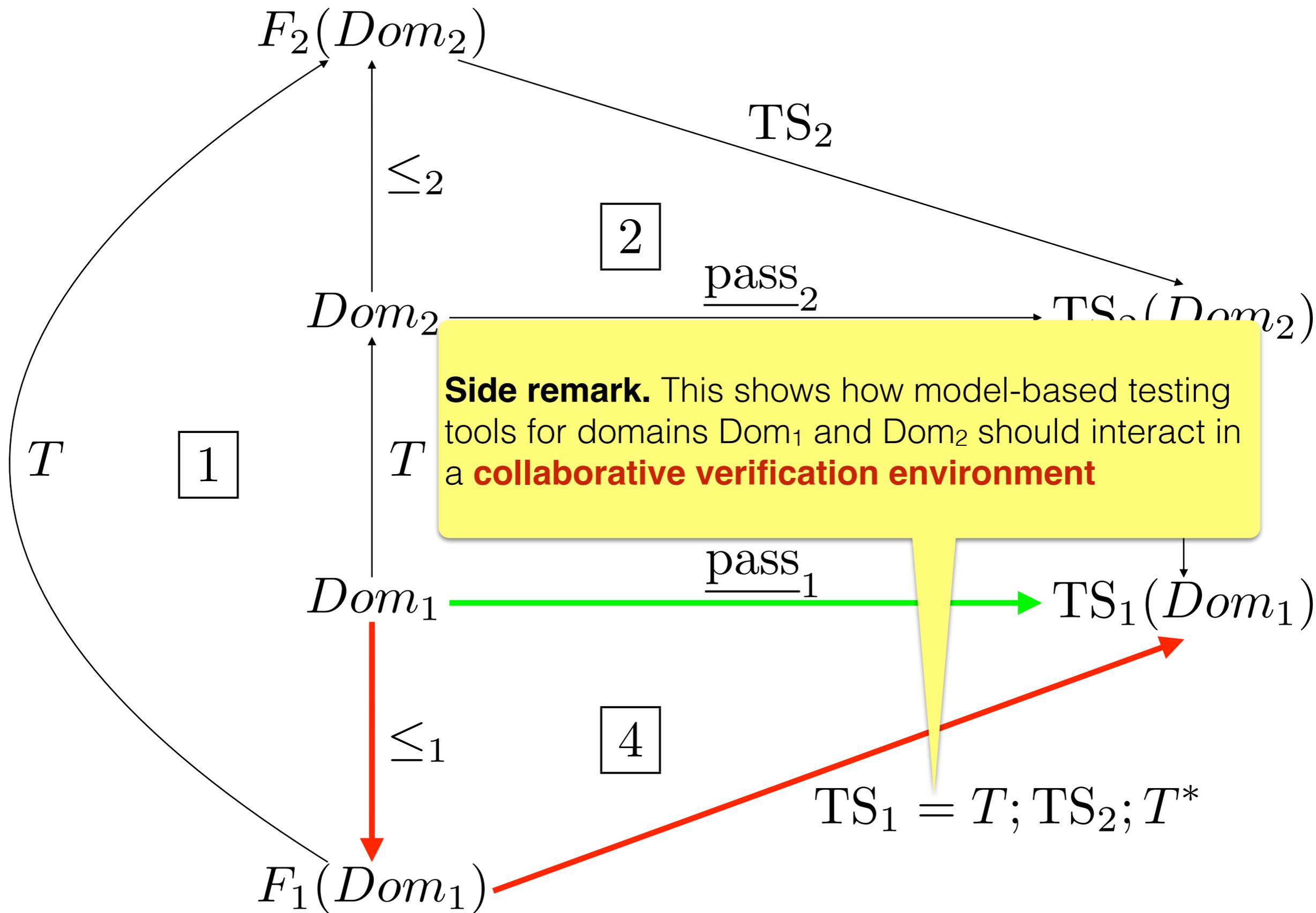


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TTT application

- **Theorem 2.** Every complete (sound, exhaustive) FSM testing theory for
 - ◆ language equivalence or
 - ◆ language containment

induces a complete (sound, exhaustive) **equivalence class partition testing theory** with analogous conformance relations for Kripke structures with **infinite input domains**, bounded nondeterminism, and finite internal state and finite outputs

Wen-ling Huang, Jan Peleska:
Complete Model-Based Equivalence Class Testing.
Int J Softw Tools Techno Transfer,
DOI 10.1007/s10009-014-0356-8., 2014

Wen-ling Huang, Jan Peleska:
Complete Model-Based Equivalence Class Testing for Nondeterministic Systems.
Submitted to Formal Aspects of Computing, 2015



TTT-application

- **Step 1. Transform the transition relation**
 - ◆ Create a transition relation of the model
 - ◆ Separate input variables, internal model variables, and output variables, by enumerating the latter
 - ◆ Aggregate sequences of transitions between transient states into a single transition leading to a quiescent post-state

TTT-application

- Step 1. Transform the transition relation
 - This leads to transition relation of the form

$$\mathcal{R} \equiv \bigvee_{i \in \text{IDX}} (\alpha_i \wedge (\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{y}) = (\mathbf{d}_i, \mathbf{e}_i) \wedge (\mathbf{m}', \mathbf{y}') = (\mathbf{d}_i, \mathbf{e}_i))$$
$$\vee \bigvee_{(i,j) \in J} (g_{i,j} \wedge (\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{y}) = (\mathbf{d}_i, \mathbf{e}_i) \wedge (\mathbf{m}', \mathbf{y}') = (\mathbf{d}_j, \mathbf{e}_j))$$

with

- Stability conditions α_i
- Jump conditions $g_{i,j}$
- Only input variables occur free in $\alpha_i, g_{i,j}$

TTT-application

- **Step 2. Calculation of input equivalence classes**
- Each satisfiable solution of

$$\Phi_f \equiv \bigwedge_{i \in \text{IDX}} g_{i, f(i)} \text{ with } f : \text{IDX} \rightarrow \text{IDX} \text{ permutation}$$

specifies one input equivalence class

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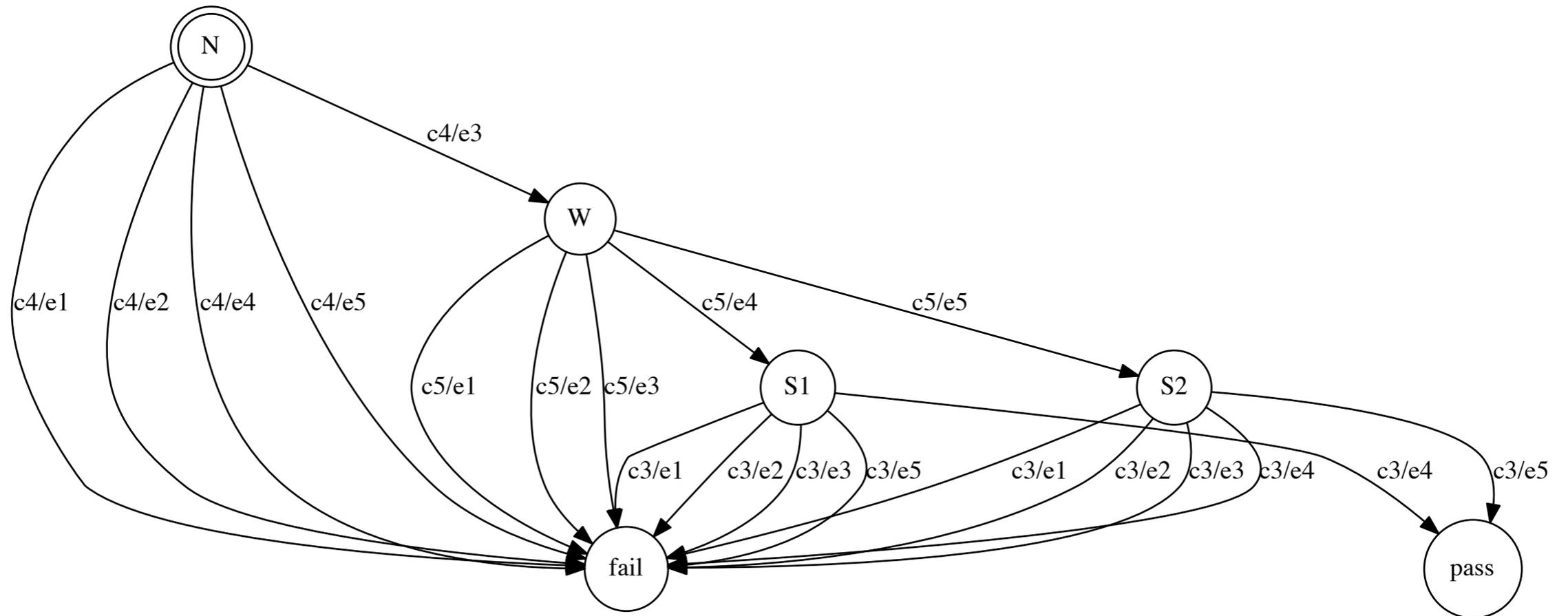
- **Step 3. Creation of the model map**
 - Map Kripke model to minimal, observable FSM with

Input alphabet	$\Sigma_I =$	$\{\Phi_f \mid \Phi_f \text{ is feasible}\}$
Output alphabet	$\Sigma_O =$	finite output domain of Kripke model
Internal states	$Q =$	$\{q_i \mid i \in \text{IDX}\}$
Transition relation	$h =$	$\{(q_i, \Phi_f, e_j, q_j) \mid f(i) = j\}$

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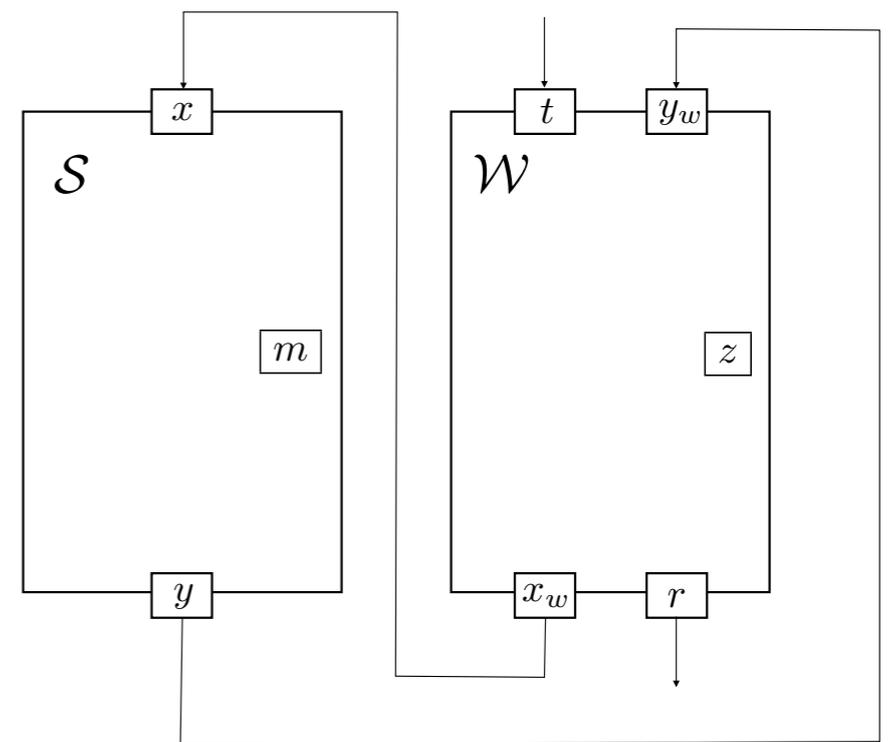
- **Step 4. Creation of the test case map**
 - ◆ FSM test cases are acyclic, terminating, single-input, output-complete FSMs
 - ◆ FSM test cases interact with the FSM to be tested via language intersection as „parallel operator“
 - ◆ FSM test inputs state-dependent value to SUT
 - ◆ FSM test accepts SUT output and transits into next state with new input or into fail state

FSM test case



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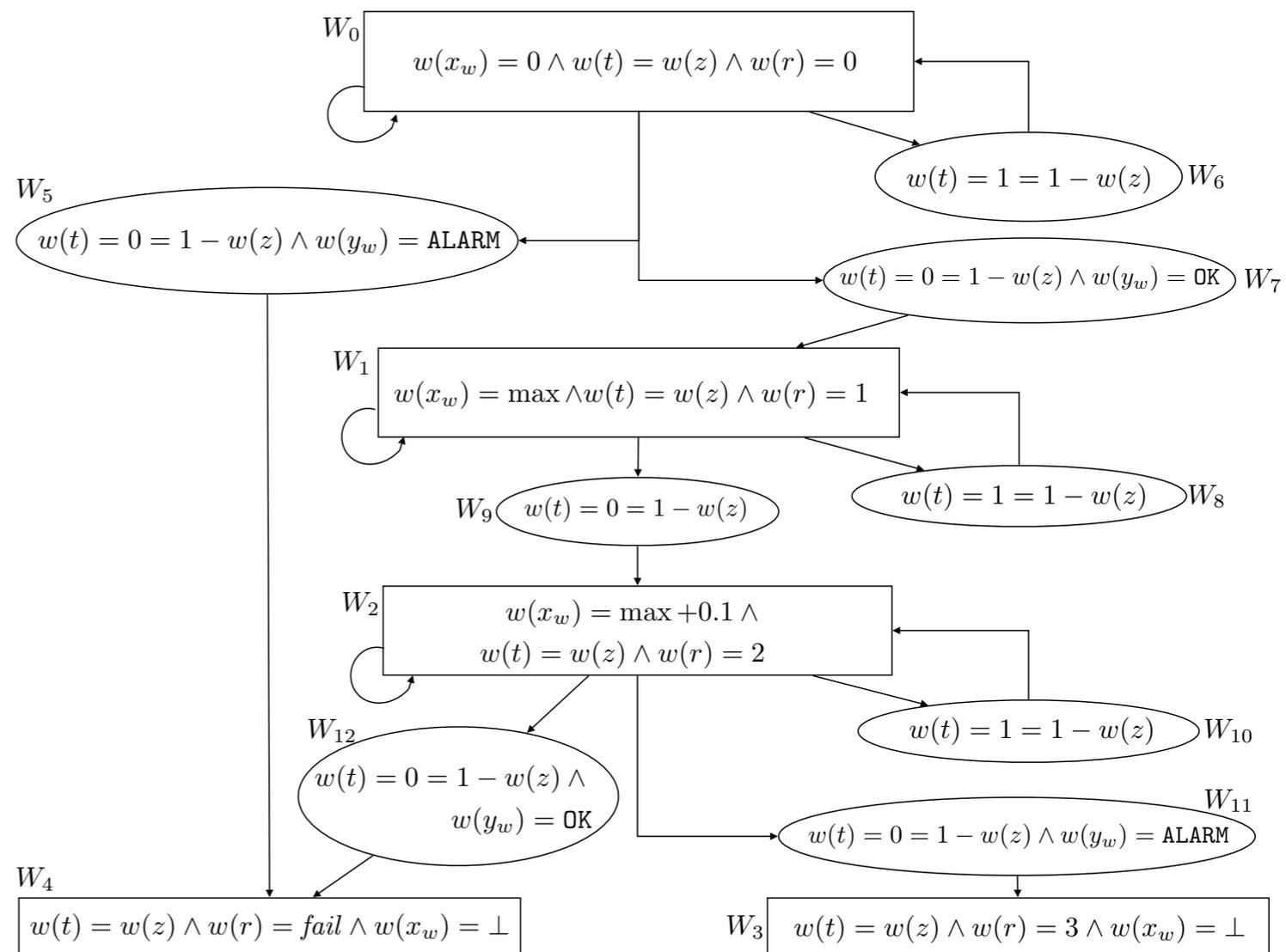
- **Step 4. Creation of the test case map**
 - ◆ Kripke structure test cases interact (this is one option) synchronously with the SUT
 - ◆ In contrast to FSM test cases, inputs to the SUT are strictly separated from monitoring of outputs



TTT-application

- **Step 4. Creation of the test case map**

- Consequently, one FSM test step leads to a more complex Kripke test step involving several transitions



TTT-application

- **Step 5. Proof of the satisfaction condition**
 - ◆ The proof is independent on the selection of representatives from each equivalence class, whenever this class occurs as an input in an FSM test case
 - ◆ Consequently, the test strategy for Kripke structures can be combined with random selection of input data from each class

Theory translation – model-theoretic underpinning

- **Alternative A. Theory of Institutions**

Test case map above
corresponds to **sentence
translation map** in theory
of institutions –
Need **Grothendieck
Institutions**



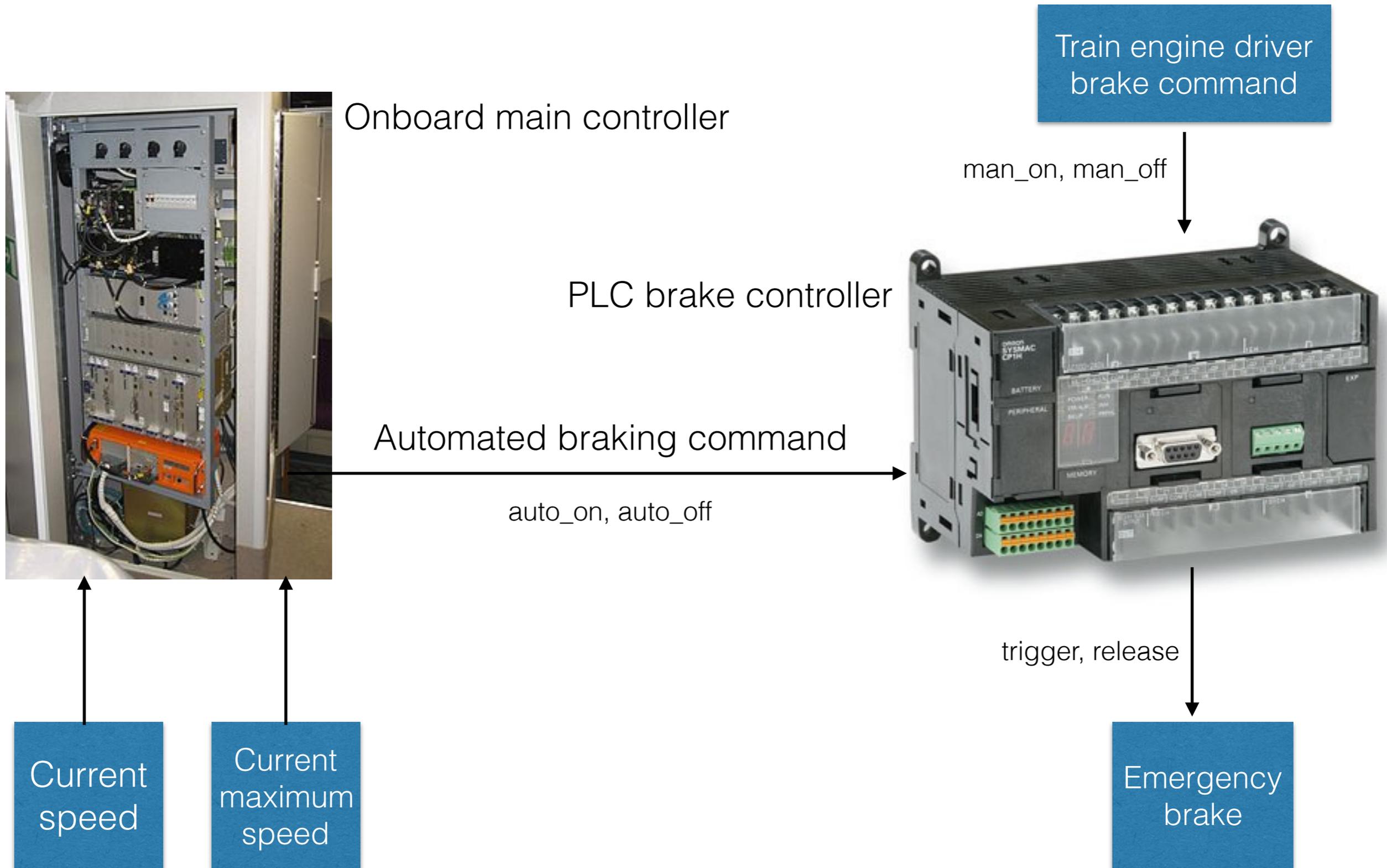
Razvan Diaconescu:
Institution-independent Model-Theory. Birkhäuser Verlag,
Basel, Boston, Berlin, 2008

Joseph A. Goguen, Rod M. Burstall:
**Institutions: Abstract Model Theory for Specification and
Programming.** J. ACM 39(1): 95-146 (1992)

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Multiple formalisms in CPS modelling – Example 2. Verification of emergent properties

Recall – train onboard speed control



Verification of emergent properties

- **Application scenario**

- ◆ Onboard controller has been verified and tested using SysML models with Kripke semantics

- ◆ PLC has been verified and tested using FSM models

- **Verification objective.** System satisfies emergent property

EP. *„As long as the speed is above emergency threshold, the emergency brakes stay active and cannot be manually released“*

- ◆ **Technical side condition.** EP shall be specified in CSP trace logic

Verification of emergent properties

- **Problems to be solved**
 - EP can only be specified by referring to properties of both the onboard main controller and the brake controller
 - Properties related to brake controller are specified by FSM I/O sequences **x/y** – e.g. via **intersection with testing automaton**
 - Properties related to Onboard speed controller are specified by, e.g. **LTL formulas with shared I/O variables** as free symbols
 - CSP trace logic formulas are specified over **traces of events and refusal sets**

Verification of emergent properties

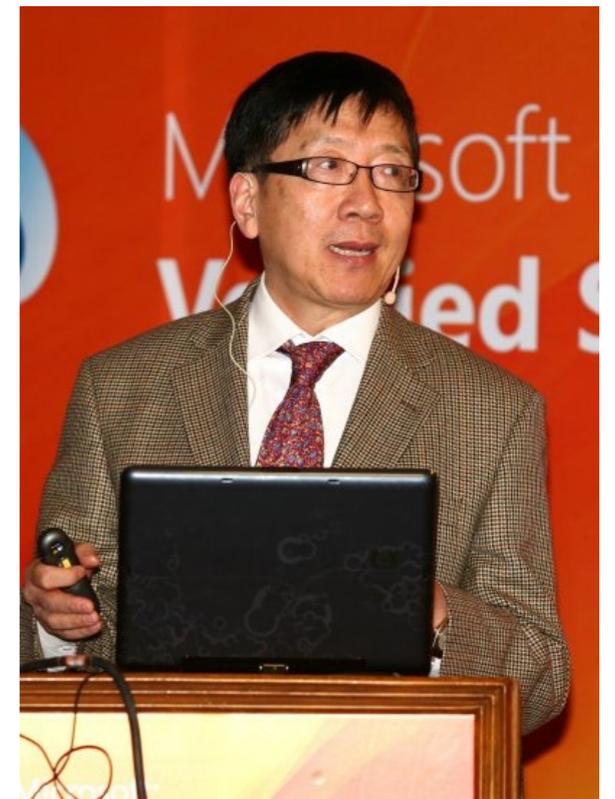
- **Observations**
 - FSM I/O-events x/y can be mapped to CSP channel events $x.y$
 - FSM parallel composition by intersection is similar to synchronous channel communication of CSP processes
 - CSP failures models can be represented by normalised transition graphs



A.W. Roscoe:
Model-Checking CSP. In **A Classical Mind: Essays in Honour of C.A.R. Hoare.**
Prentice Hall International (UK), 1994

Alternative approach

- **Alternative B. Approach based on Unifying Theories of Programming UTP**
 - „Programs are predicates“ – no distinction between models and sentences
 - Theories are made up from alphabets, signatures, and healthiness conditions
 - Conformance is expressed by implication $[P \Rightarrow Q]$ („P refines Q“)
 - Model, sentence, and theory translation is enabled by the existence of Galois connections



Jifeng He, C. A. R. Hoare:
Unifying theories of programming.
ReMiCS 1998: 97-99

Verification of emergent properties

- **Procedure**

- Create UTP theories for
 - ◆ Sub-class of Kripke structures (sequential nondeterministic programs) with LTL safety formulas for property specifications,
 - ◆ FSMs with property specification by testing automata
 - ◆ CSP failures model with failures (= trace/refusal) specifications
 $P \text{ **sat** } S(tr,ref)$
 - ◆ CSP transition graphs with CSP-like specifications
 $G \text{ **sat** } S(tr,ref)$

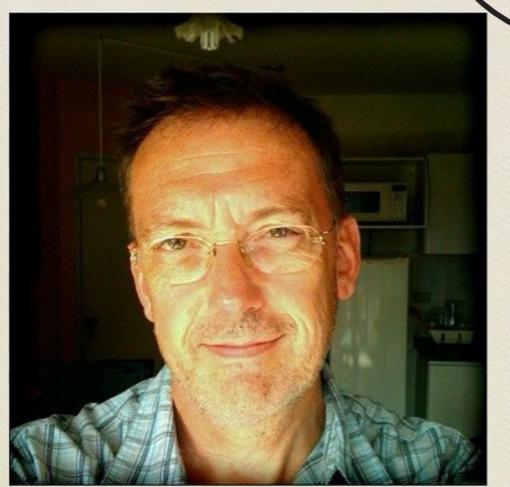
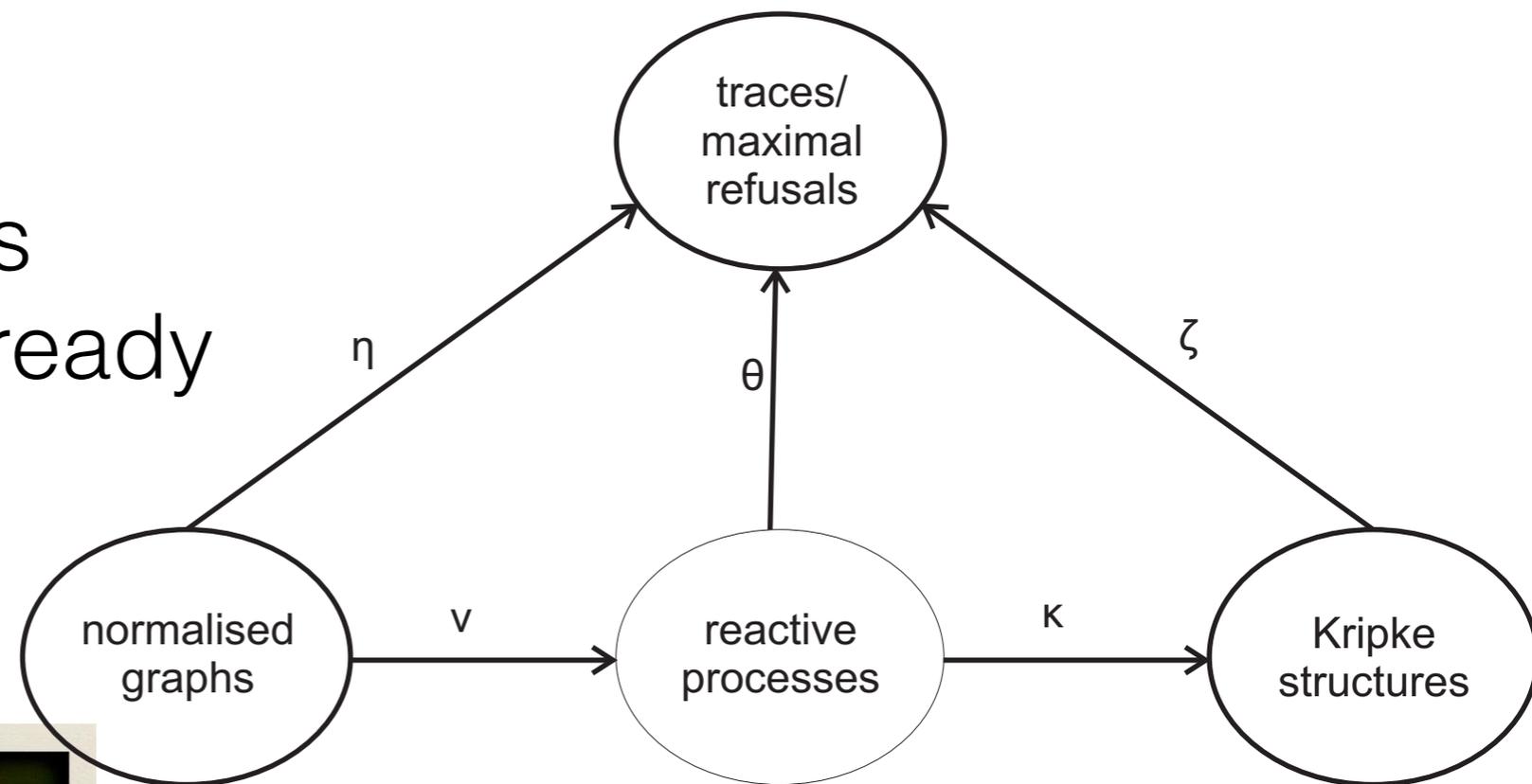
Verification of emergent properties

- **Procedure**
 - Create Galois connections
 - ◆ CSP failures models \Leftrightarrow CSP transition graphs
 - ◆ Sequential nondeterministic programs \Leftrightarrow CSP transition graphs
 - ◆ FSMs \Leftrightarrow CSP transition graphs
 - This allows us to
 - ◆ lift the local properties of FSM and Kripke structure to local CSP assertions
 - ◆ deduce the required satisfaction relation on CSP level by means of compositional reasoning

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Application example

- Some of these Galois connections have already been established



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Conclusions

- We have identified characteristics of CPS challenging the existing semantic approaches to concurrent systems
- Potential solutions to the problems of
 - ◆ theory translation
 - ◆ verification of emergent properties in presence of multiple formalismshave been proposed

Future work

- Evolution of asserted behaviour
 - ◆ Inspiration from AI. **Belief systems** and belief revision – CPS components should act optimally in relation to the current status of belief – belief revision should only be necessary within specified boundaries
- Semantic navigation
 - ◆ A network of semantics offering different degrees of abstraction
 - ◆ Network nodes are connected by **theory translation mappings** – Galois Connections?
- Dynamic re-configuration
 - ◆ Simpler methods are available for **bounded-length model investigation**, as used in bounded model checking and model-based testing

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