

Making Sense of Streaming Data

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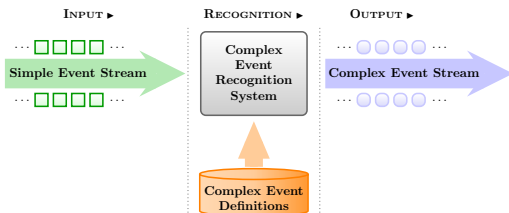
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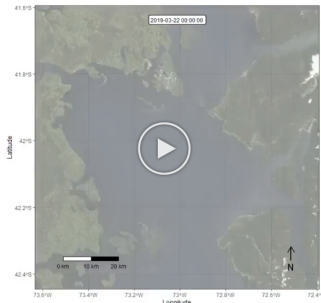
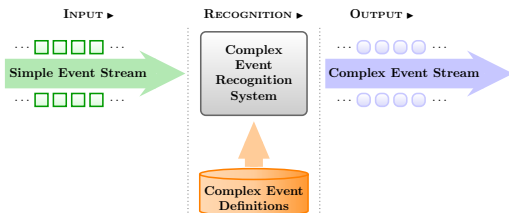
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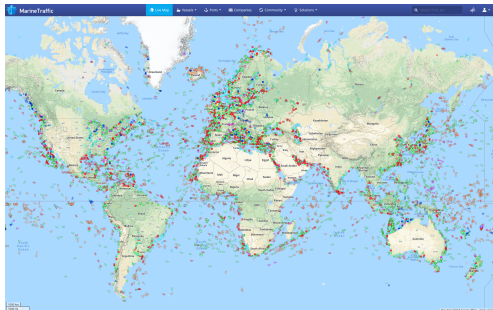


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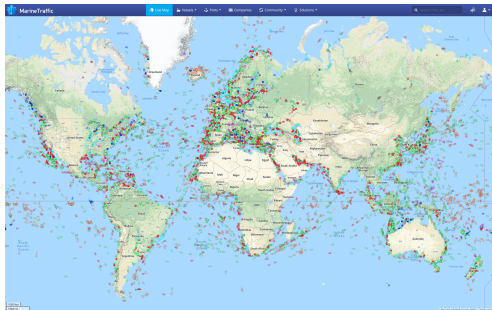
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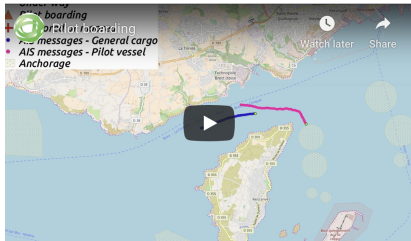
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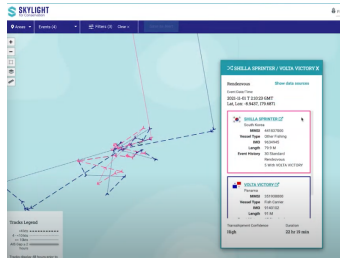
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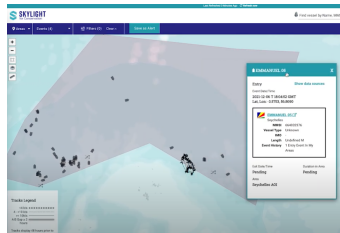
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Many Other Applications

- ▶ Cardiac arrhythmia recognition.
- ▶ Financial fraud detection.
- ▶ Human activity recognition.
- ▶ Intrusion detection in computer networks.
- ▶ Traffic congestion recognition and forecasting in smart cities.

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- ▶ *Windowing*: Evaluate the conditions of an event pattern within a specified time window.

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- ▶ The **single selection** strategy produces either $(\alpha, 1), (\beta, 3)$ or $(\alpha, 2), (\beta, 3)$.
- ▶ The single selection strategy represents a family of strategies, depending on the matches actually chosen among all possible ones.

Instantaneous vs Interval-based Reasoning^{*,†}

Consider:

- ▶ the pattern $\beta; (\alpha; \gamma)$
- ▶ and the stream $(\alpha, 1), (\beta, 2), (\gamma, 3)$.

Does the stream match the pattern?

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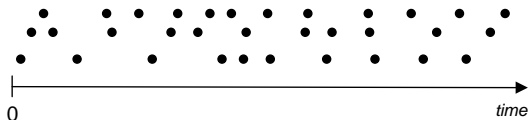
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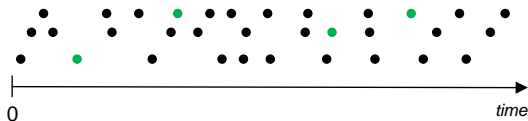
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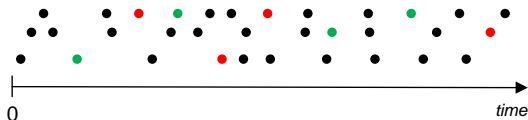
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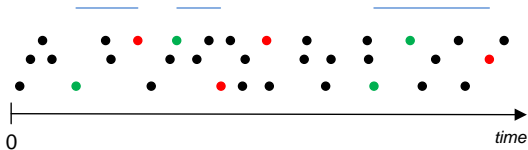
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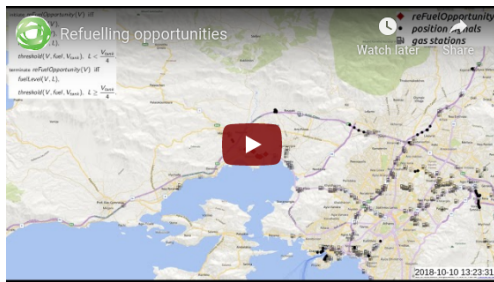
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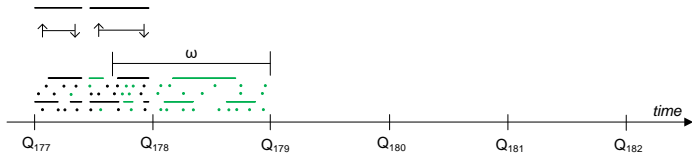
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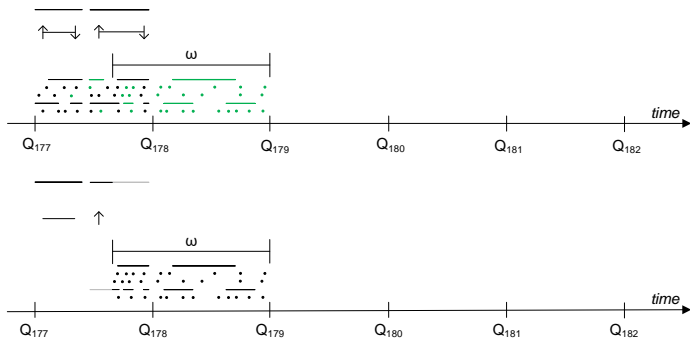
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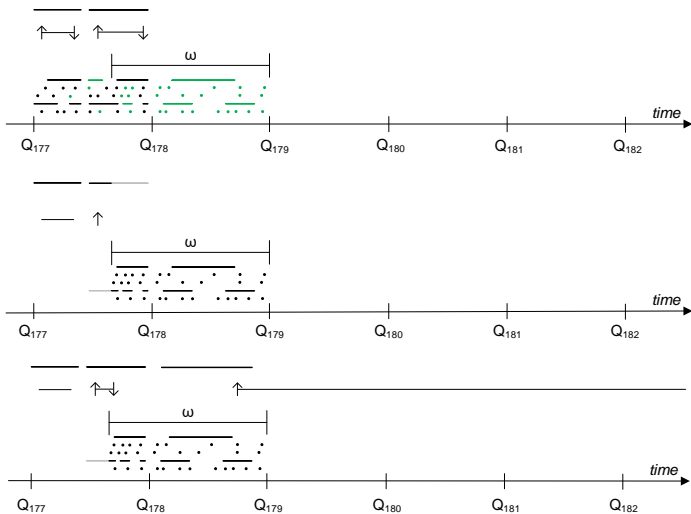
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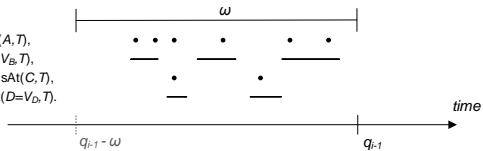
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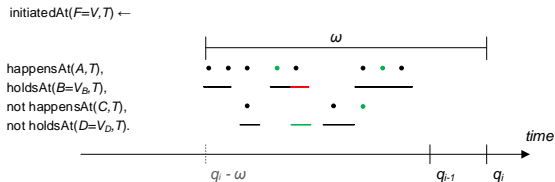
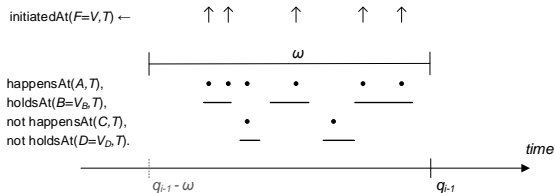
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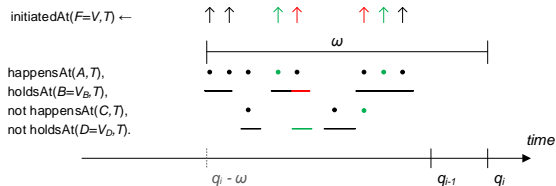
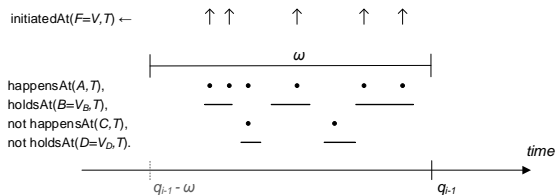
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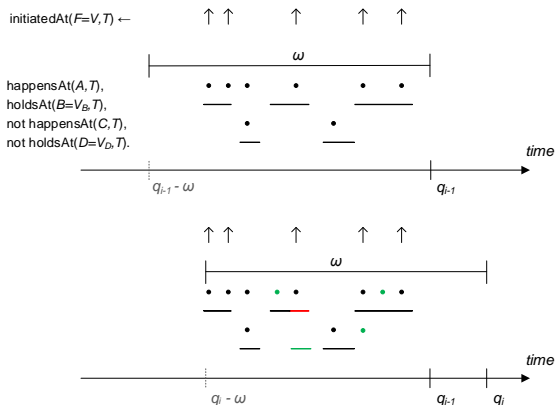
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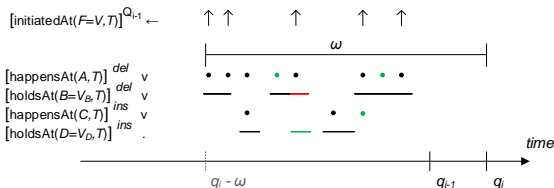
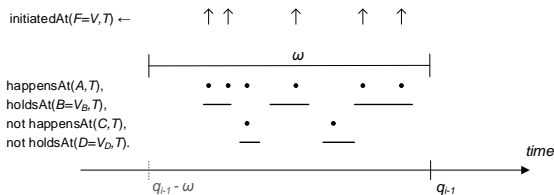


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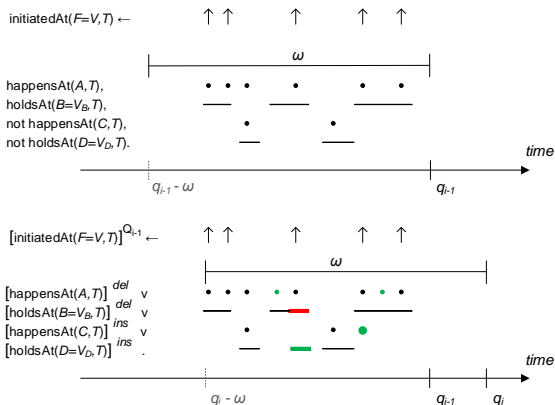
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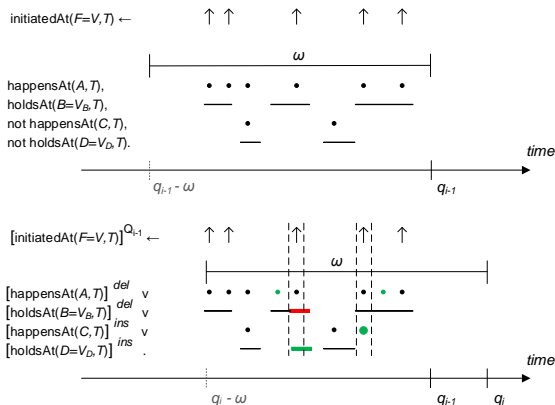
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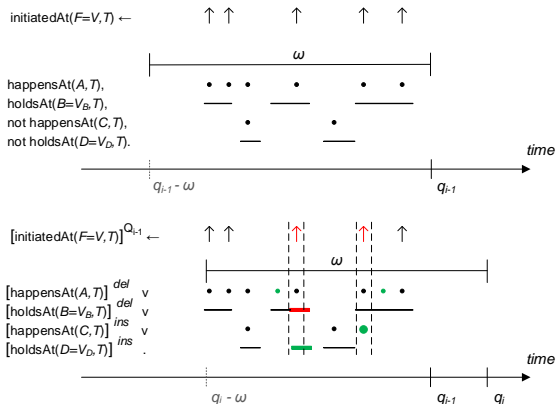
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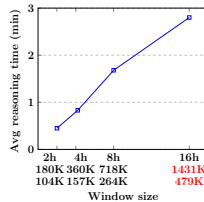
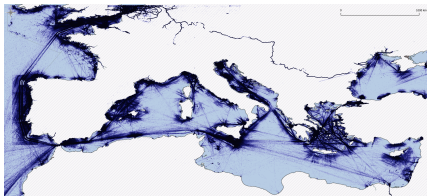
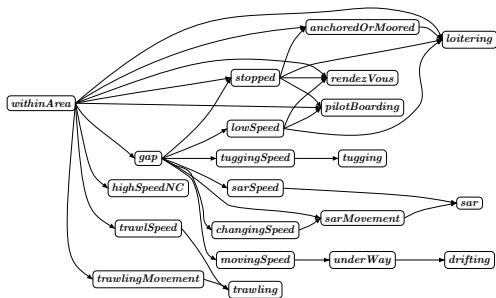
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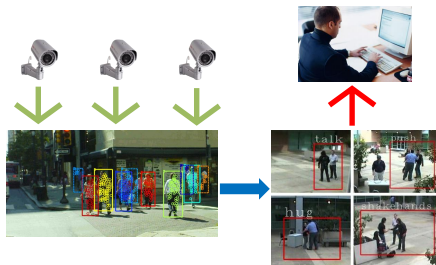
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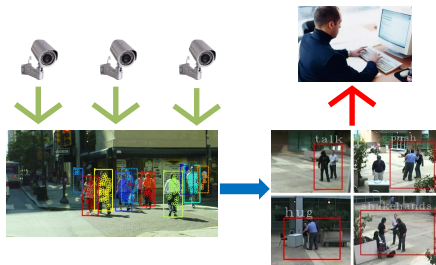
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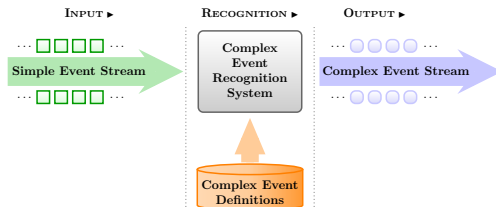


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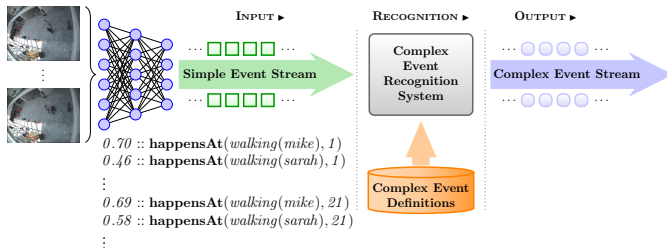


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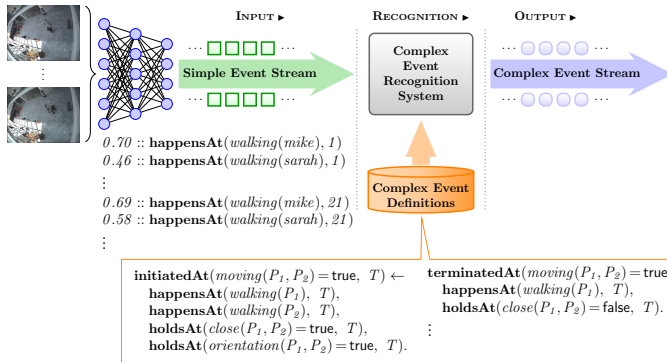
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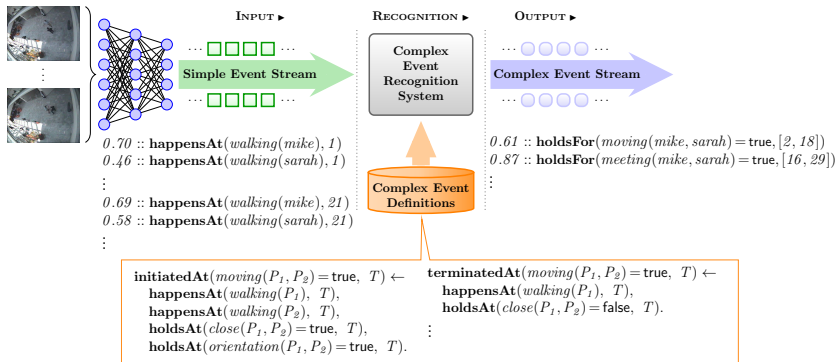
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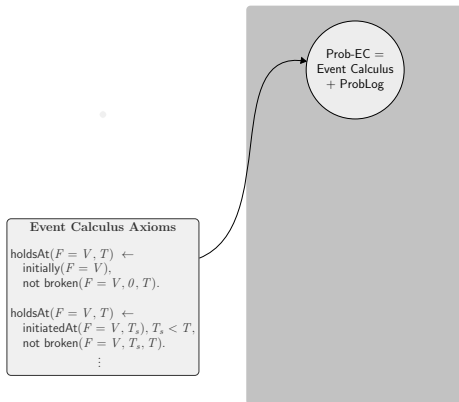


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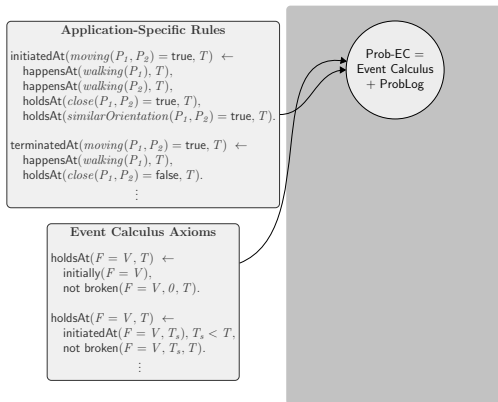


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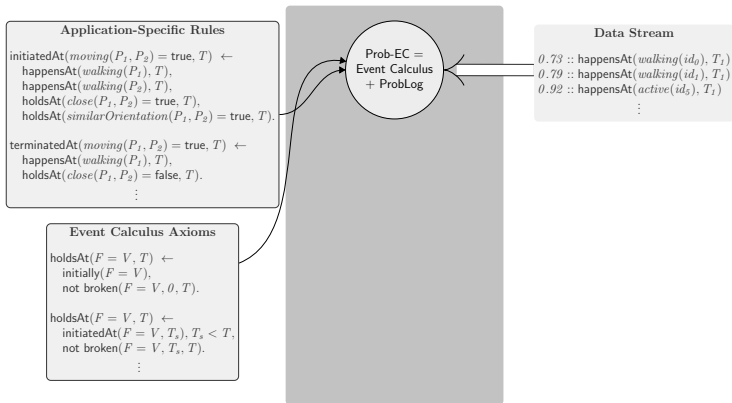
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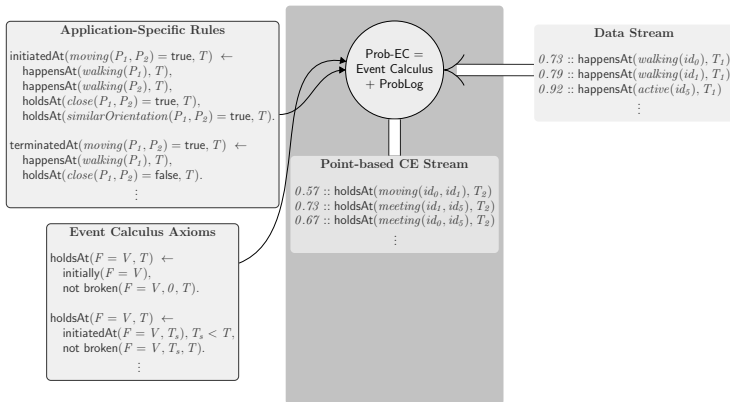
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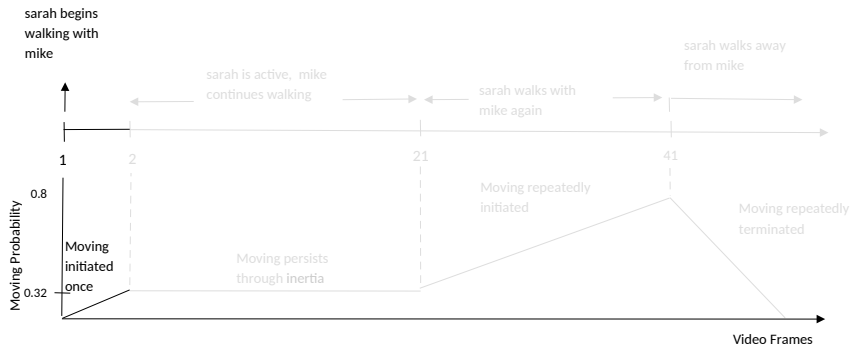
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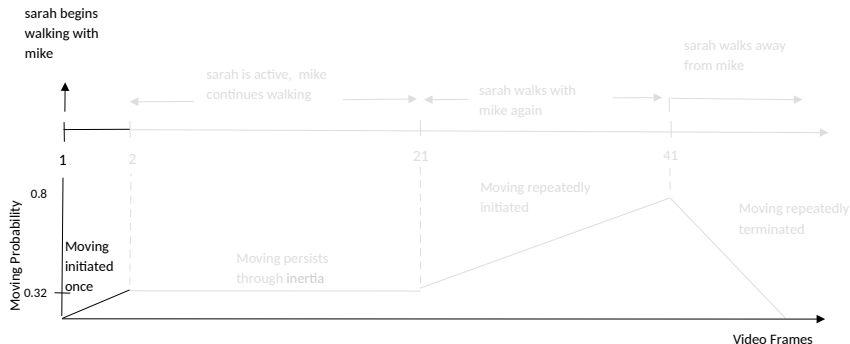
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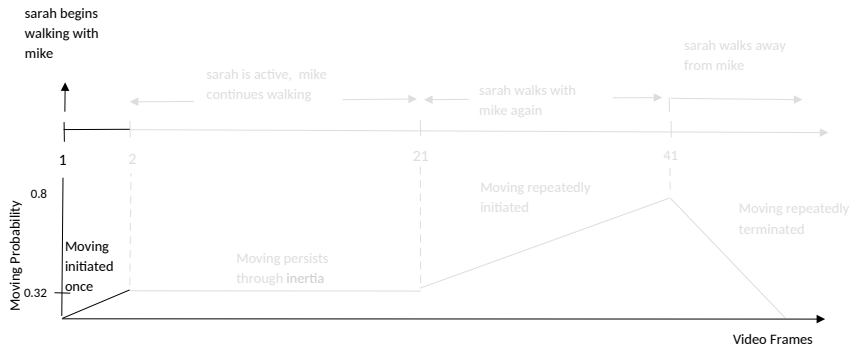


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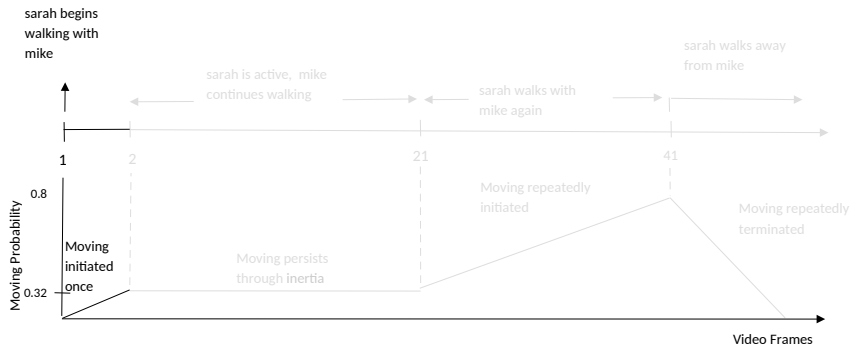
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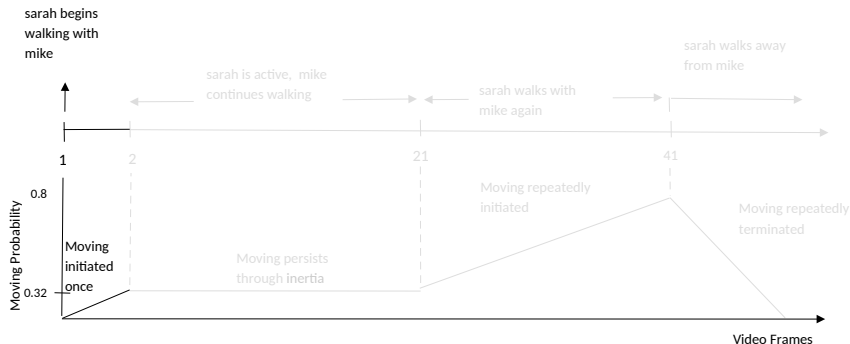


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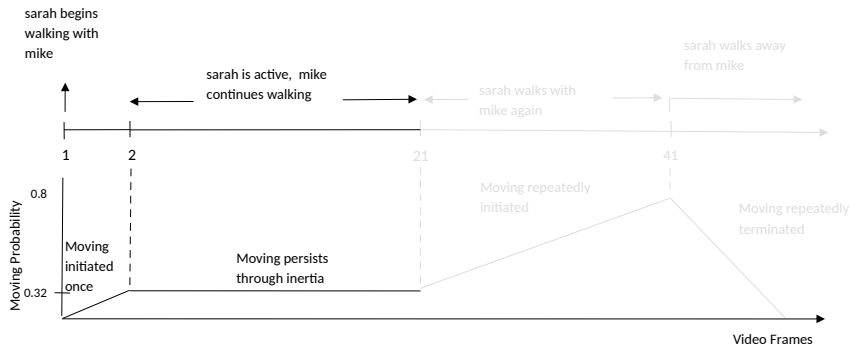
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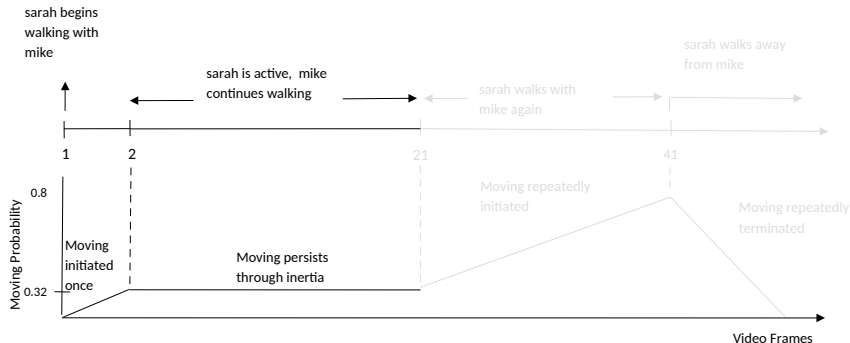
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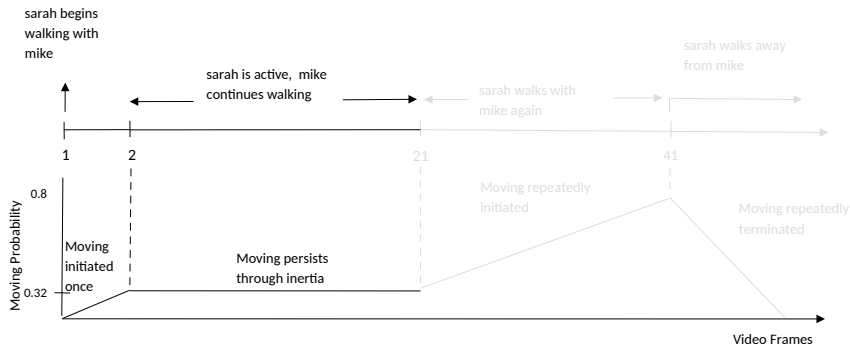


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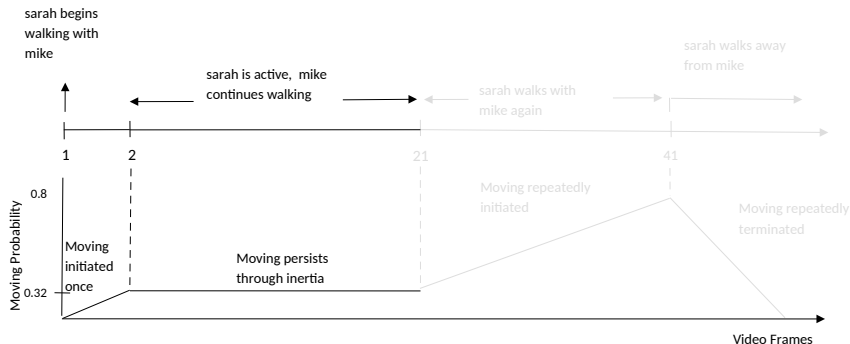
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 $P(\text{happensAt}(\text{walking}(\text{sarah}), 21)) \times$
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Instantaneous Recognition



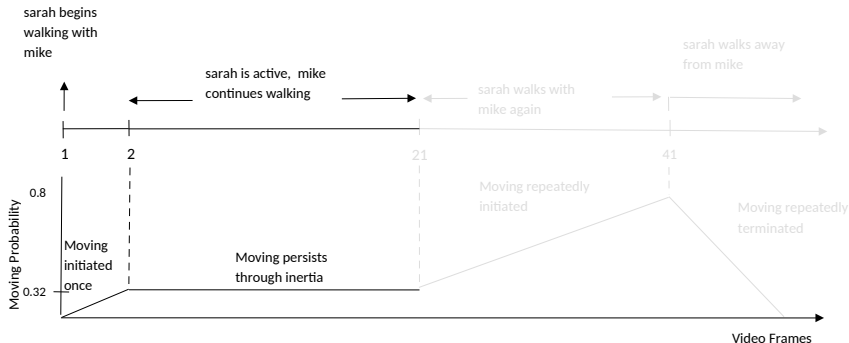
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 $0.28 :: \text{happensAt}(\text{walking}(\text{sarah}), 21). \dots$

$P(\text{holdsAt}(\text{moving}(\text{mike}, \text{sarah}) = \text{true}, 22)) =$
 $P(\text{initiatedAt}(\text{moving}(\text{mike}, \text{sarah}) = \text{true}, 21) \vee$
 $(\text{holdsAt}(\text{moving}(\text{mike}, \text{sarah}) = \text{true}, 21) \wedge$
 $\neg \text{terminatedAt}(\text{moving}(\text{mike}, \text{sarah}) = \text{true}, 21))$
 $= 0.11 + 0.322 \times 1 - 0.11 \times 0.322 \times 1 = 0.39$

Instantaneous Recognition

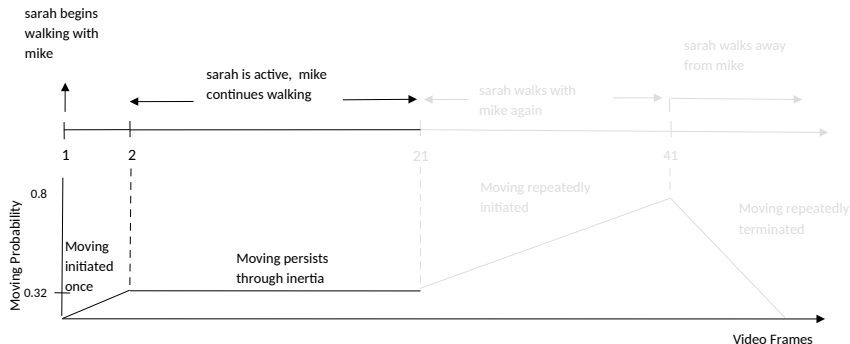


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 $0.18 :: \text{happensAt}(walking(sarah), 40).$

Instantaneous Recognition



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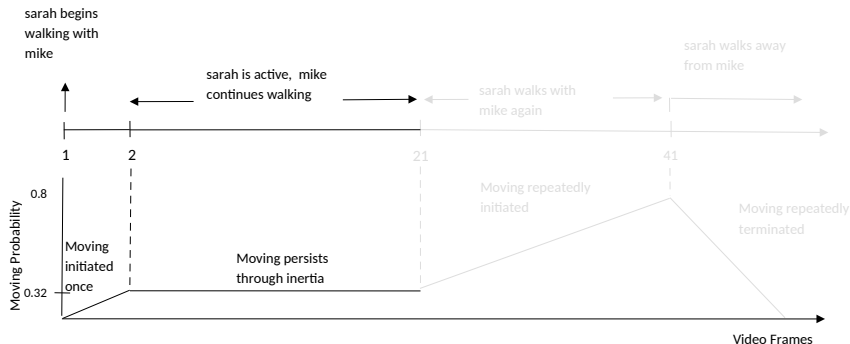
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Instantaneous Recognition



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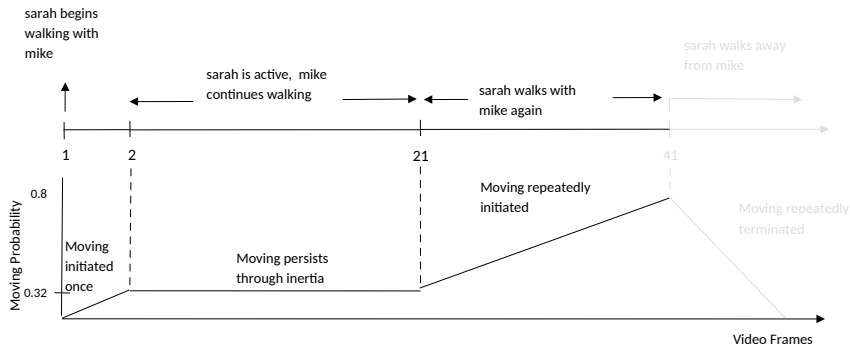
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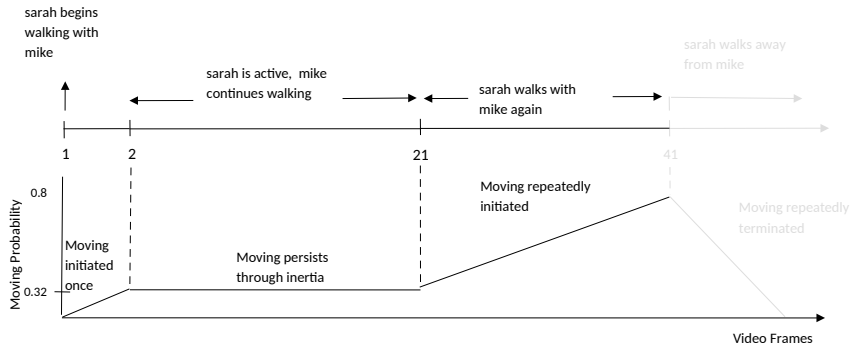
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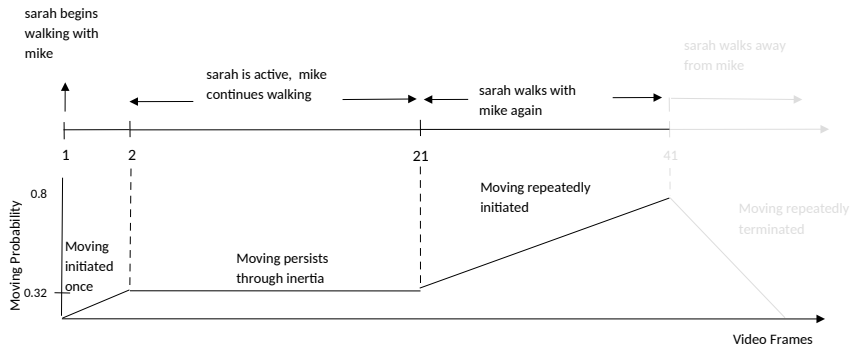


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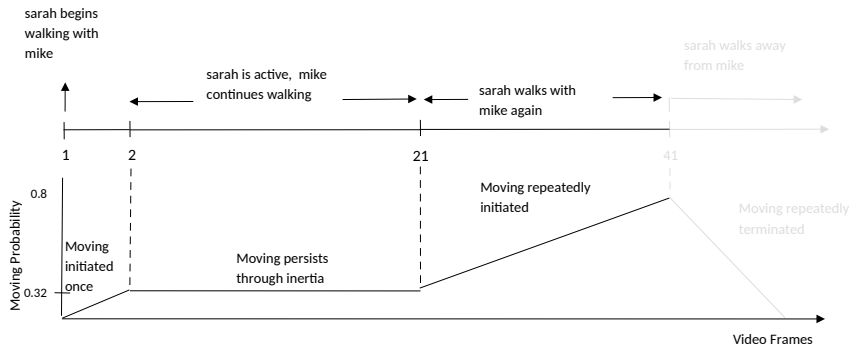
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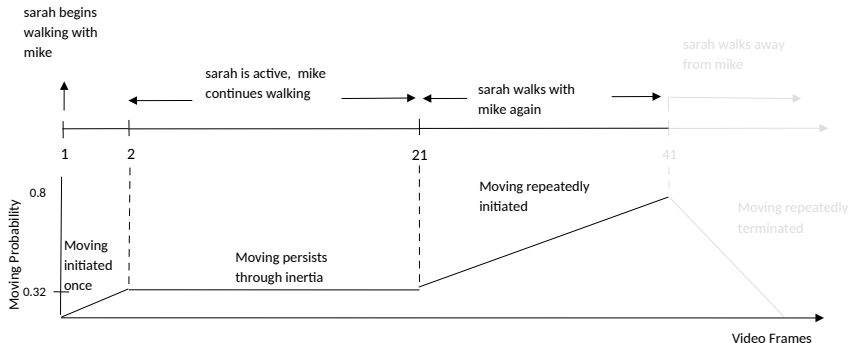
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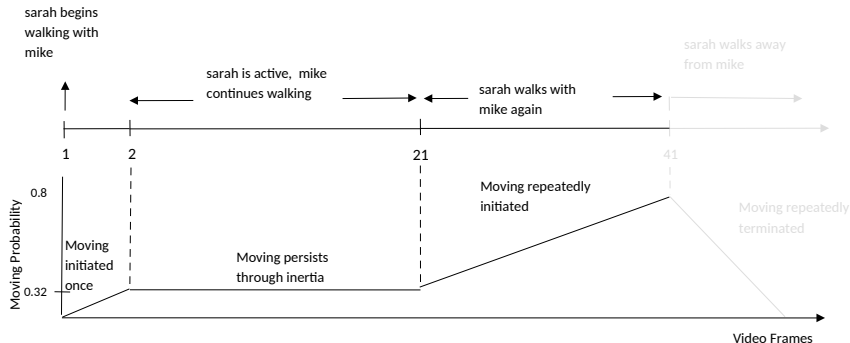


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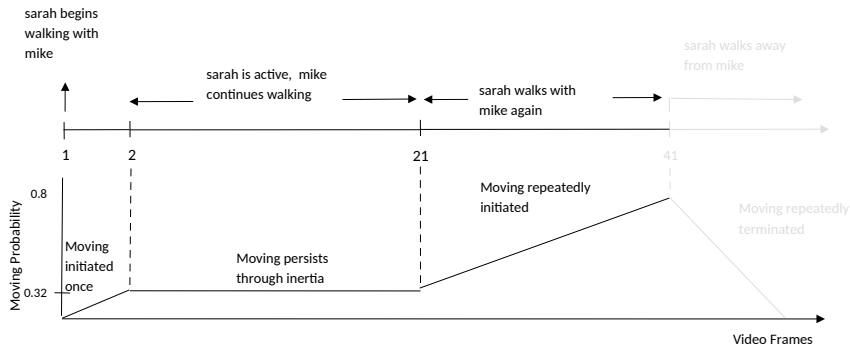
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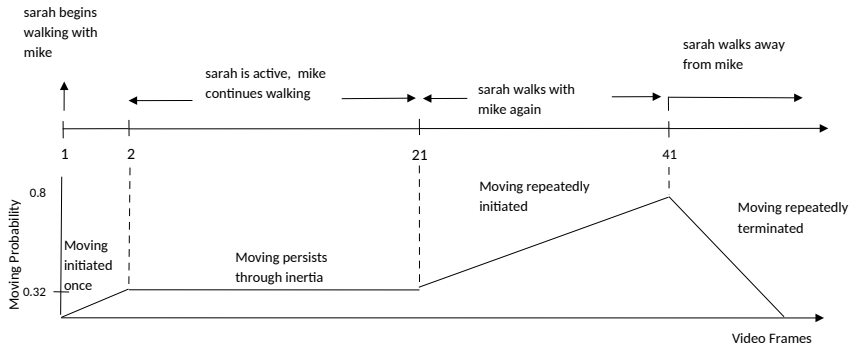
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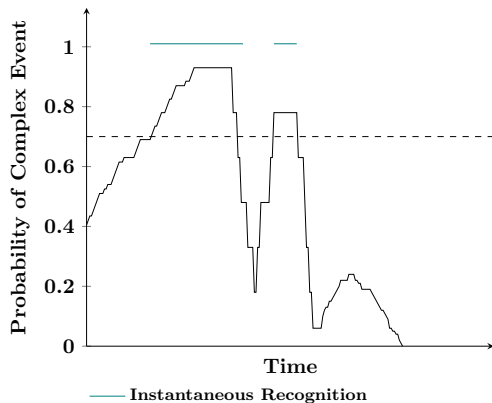
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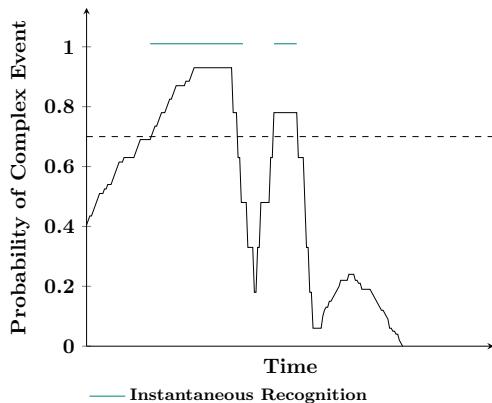
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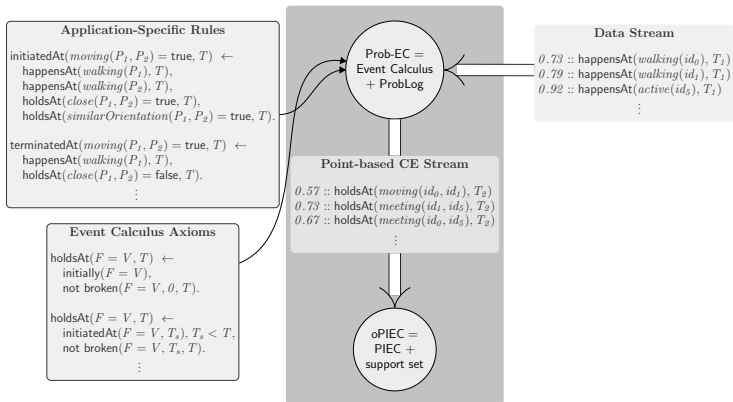


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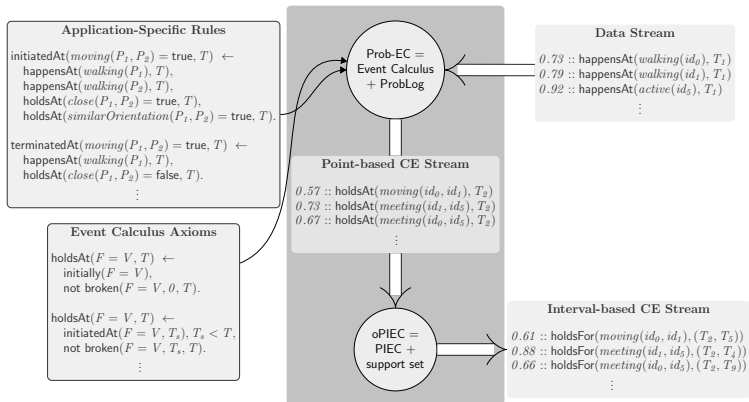
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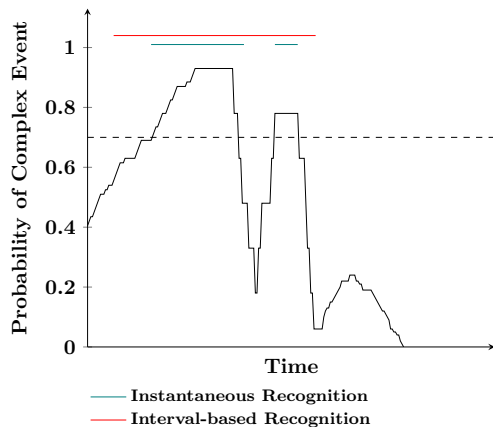
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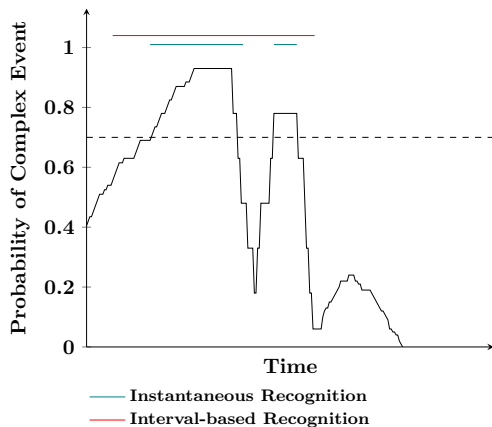
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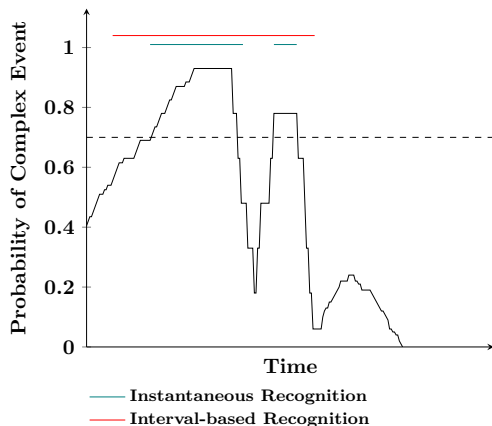


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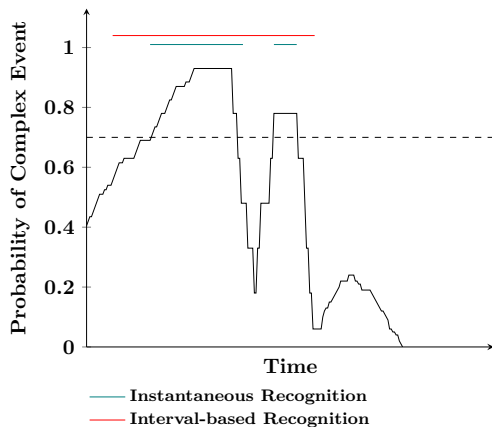
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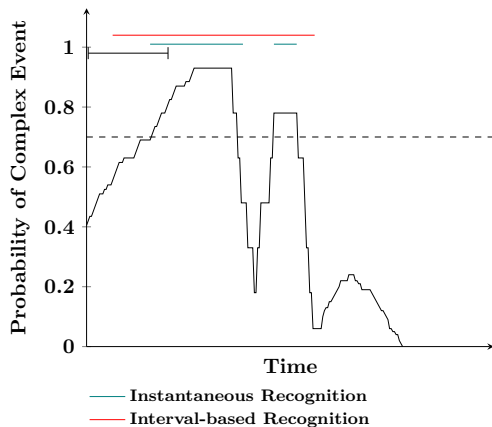
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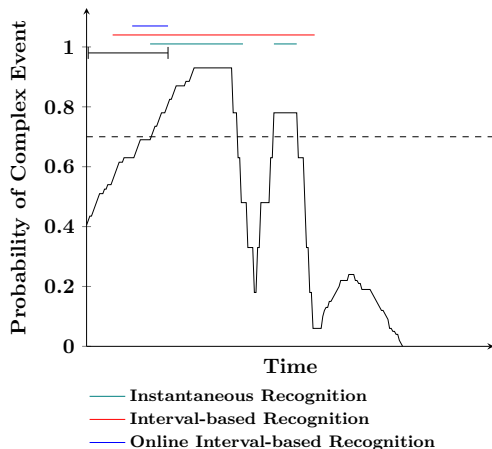
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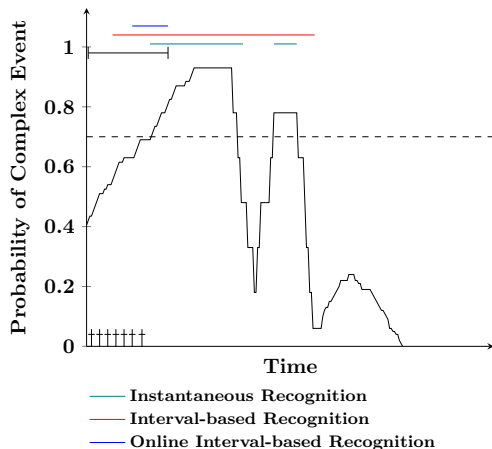
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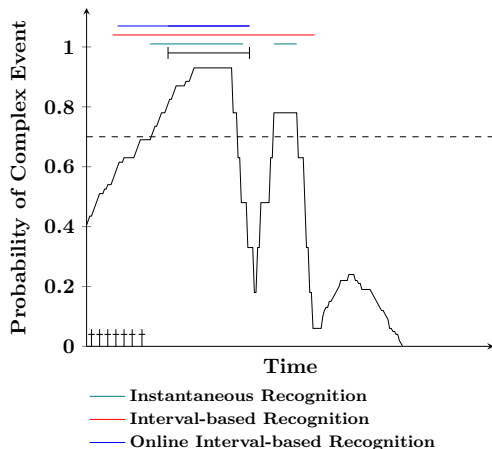
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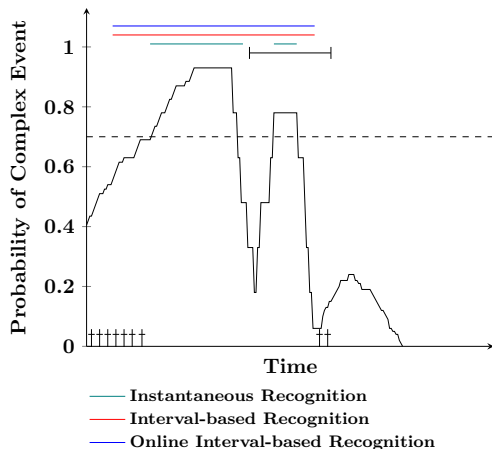
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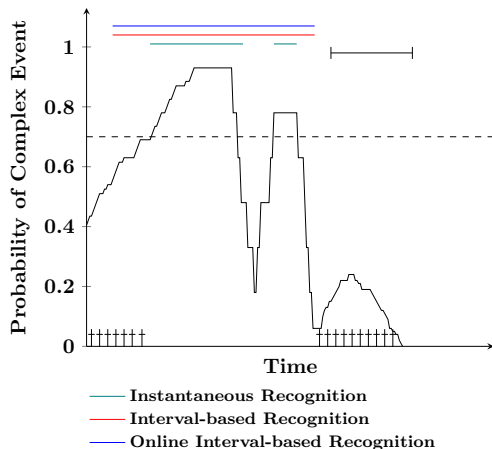
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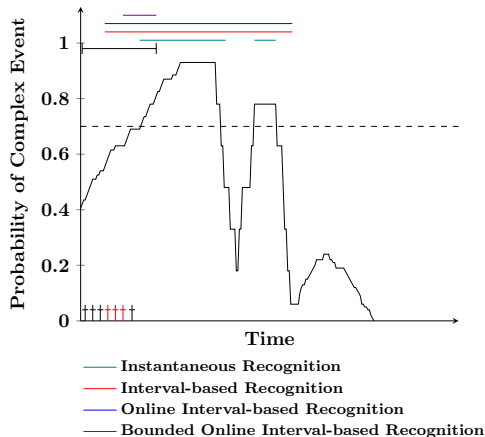
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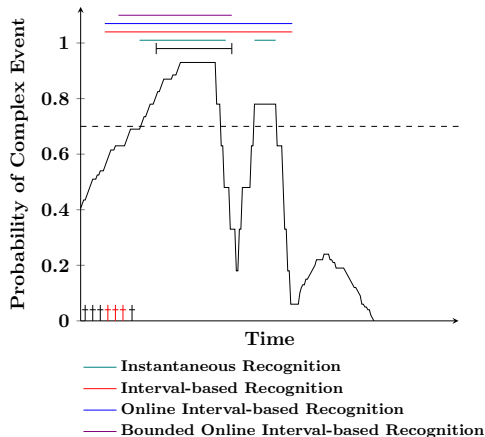
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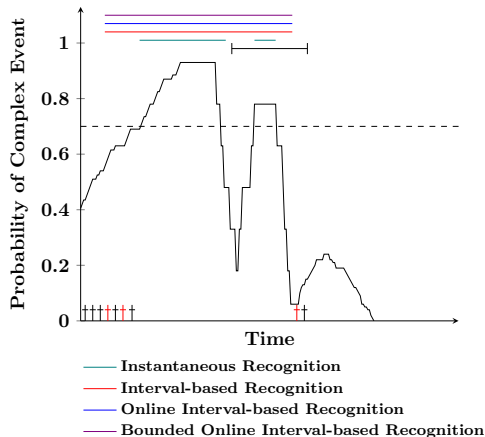
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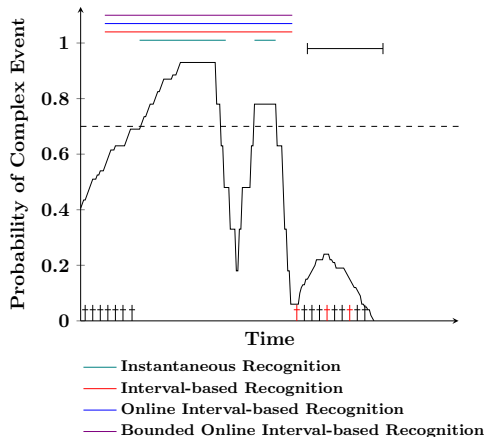
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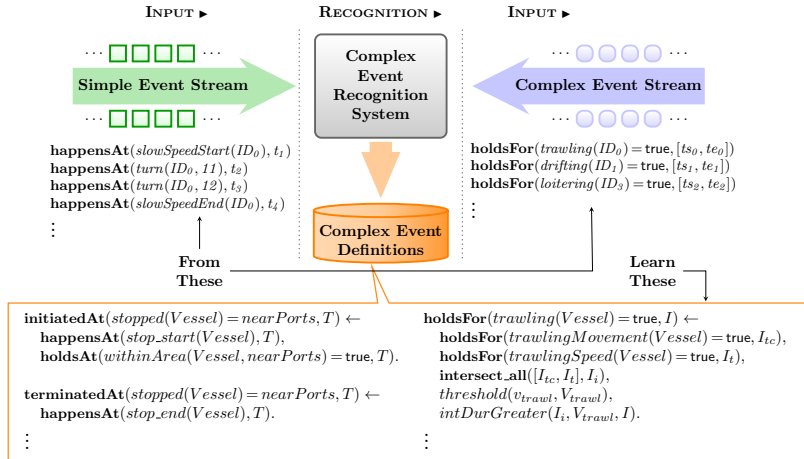
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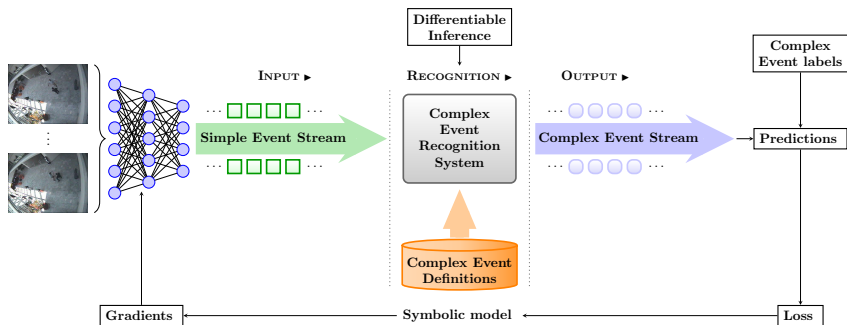
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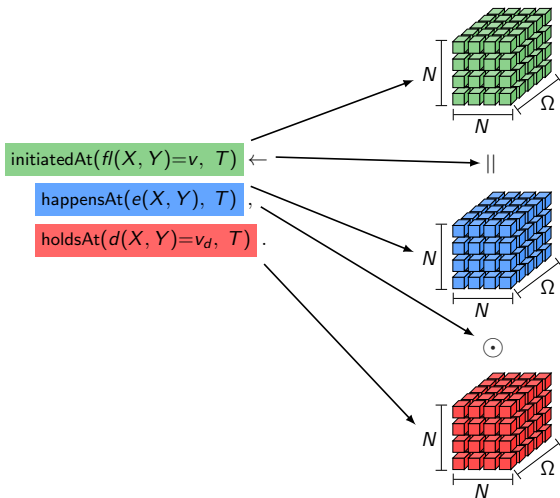
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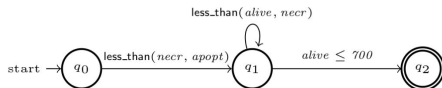
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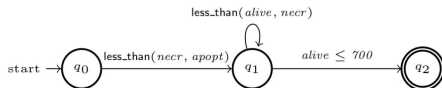
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Tutorial Resources

Resources: <http://cer.iit.demokritos.gr>

- ▶ Slides: <http://cer.iit.demokritos.gr/talks>
- ▶ Code: <http://cer.iit.demokritos.gr/software>
- ▶ Data: <http://cer.iit.demokritos.gr/datasets>
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