



Reliable Event Detection Using Time-Synchronized IoT Platforms

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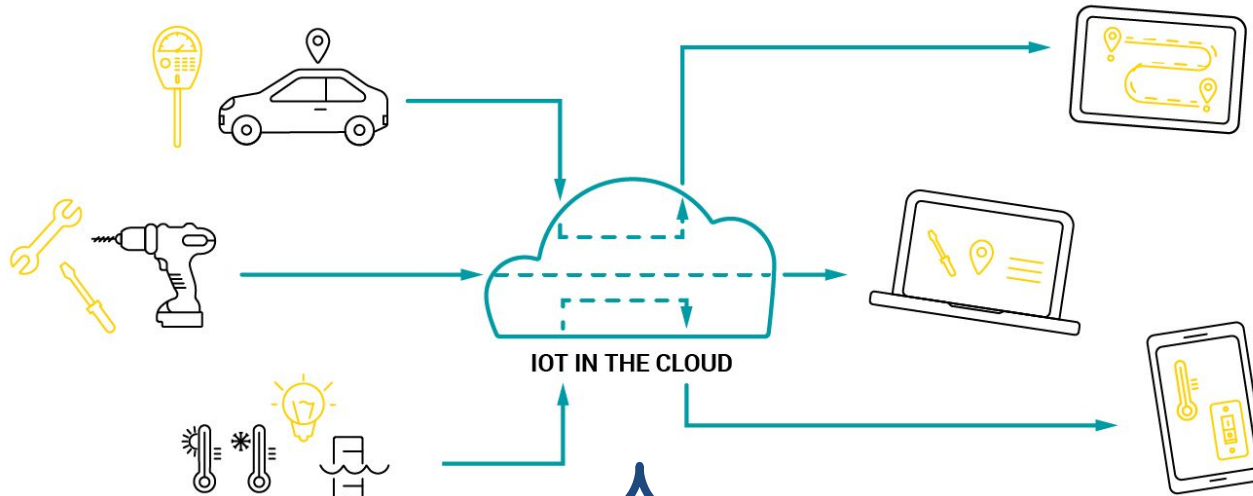
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Introduction



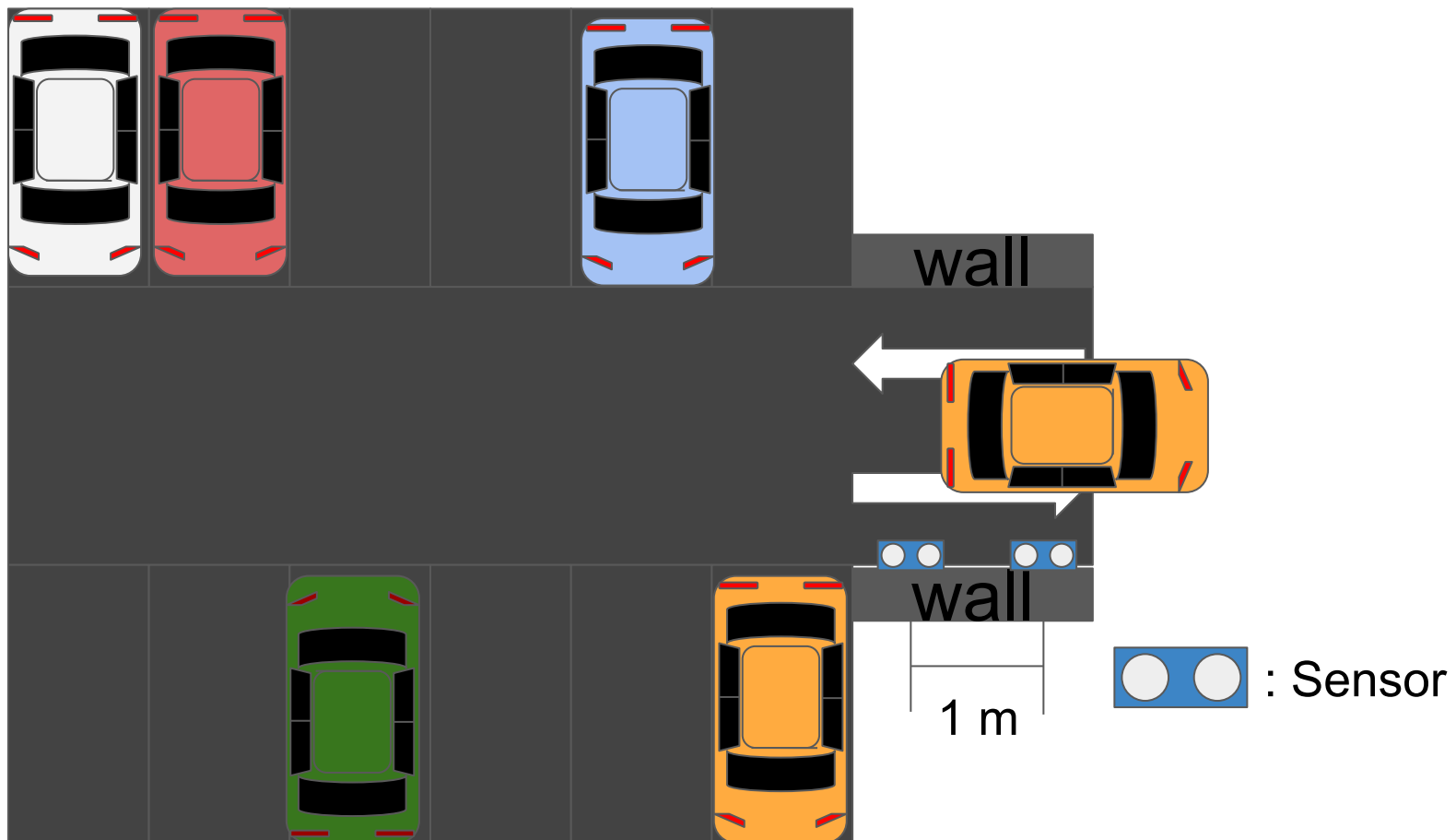
 **MQTT** **CoAP** **http://**

Order of events?

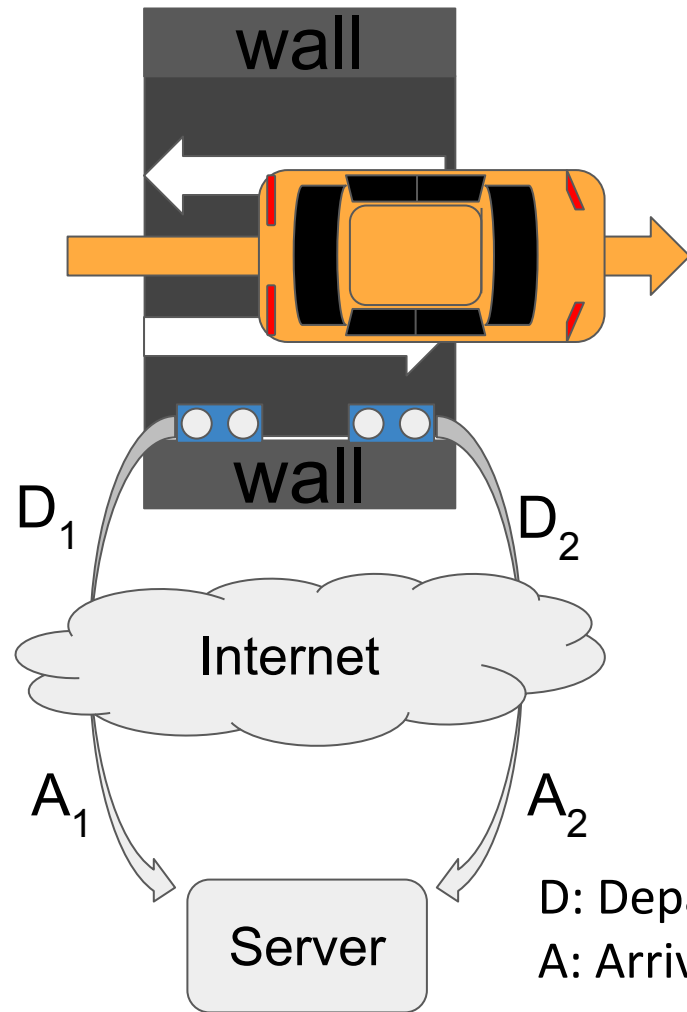
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Motivation - Practical Example

- The Parking Garage Occupancy Monitoring



Motivation - Naive Approach



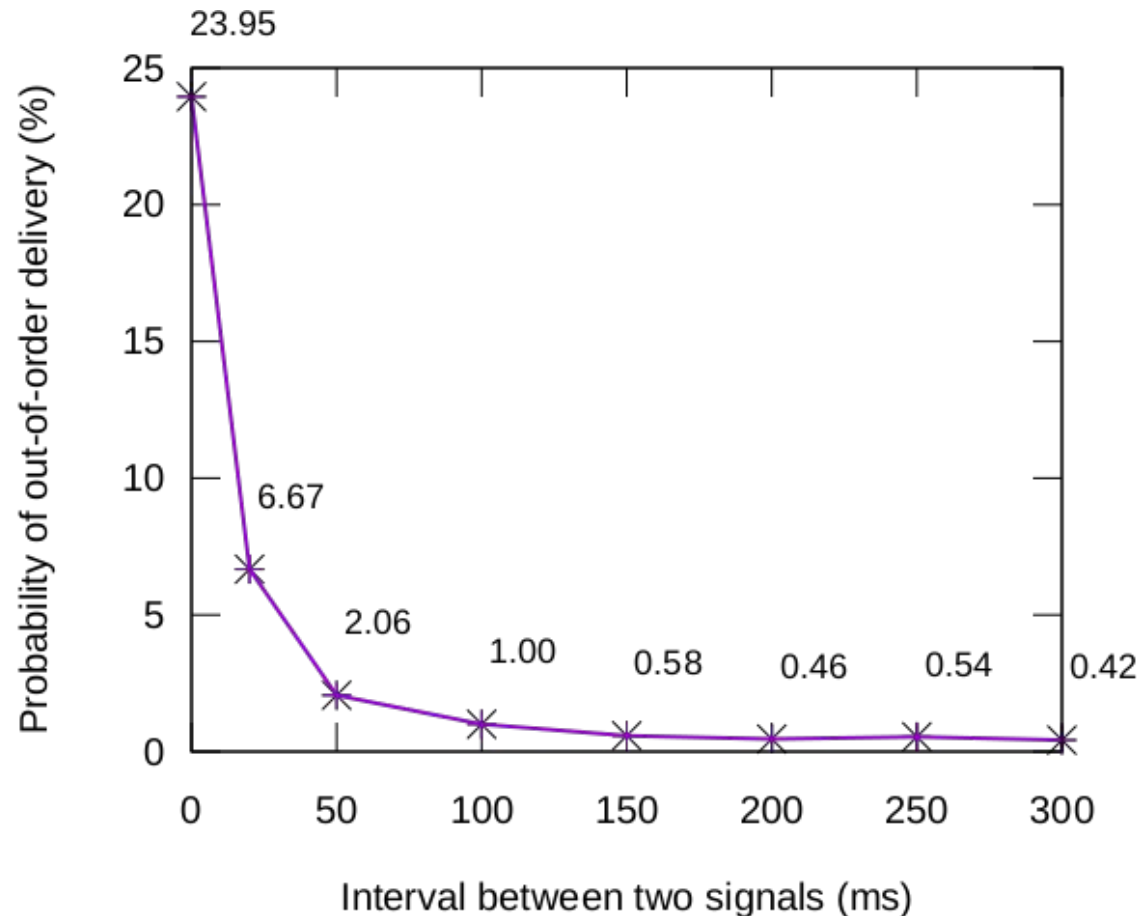
D: Departure Time of a signal
A: Arrival Time of a signal

- Using Internet to report the event
- It is all about the **order!!**
- Will this work with AWS?

Motivation - AWS DynamoDB

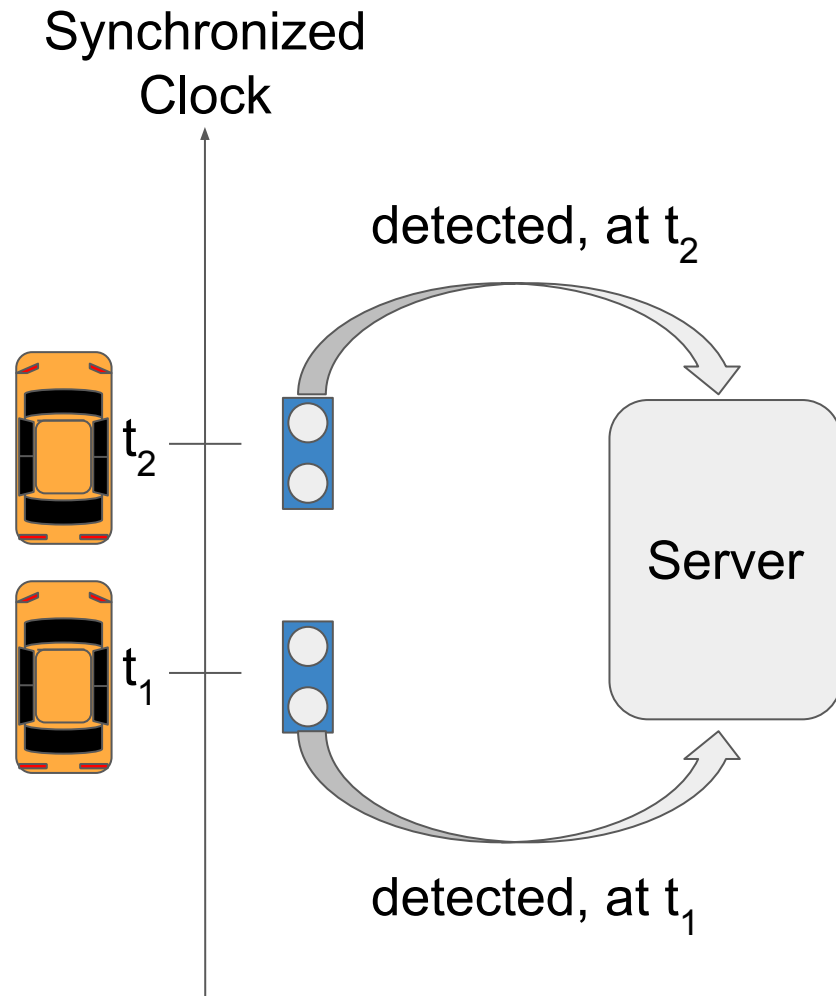
- The implementation with AWS (SToA) is not enough!

- Using Raspberry pi 4 board to send signals
- Endpoint is AWS DynamoDB



Key Ideas of Our Solution

- Clock synchronization
- Tag-based ordering



Background

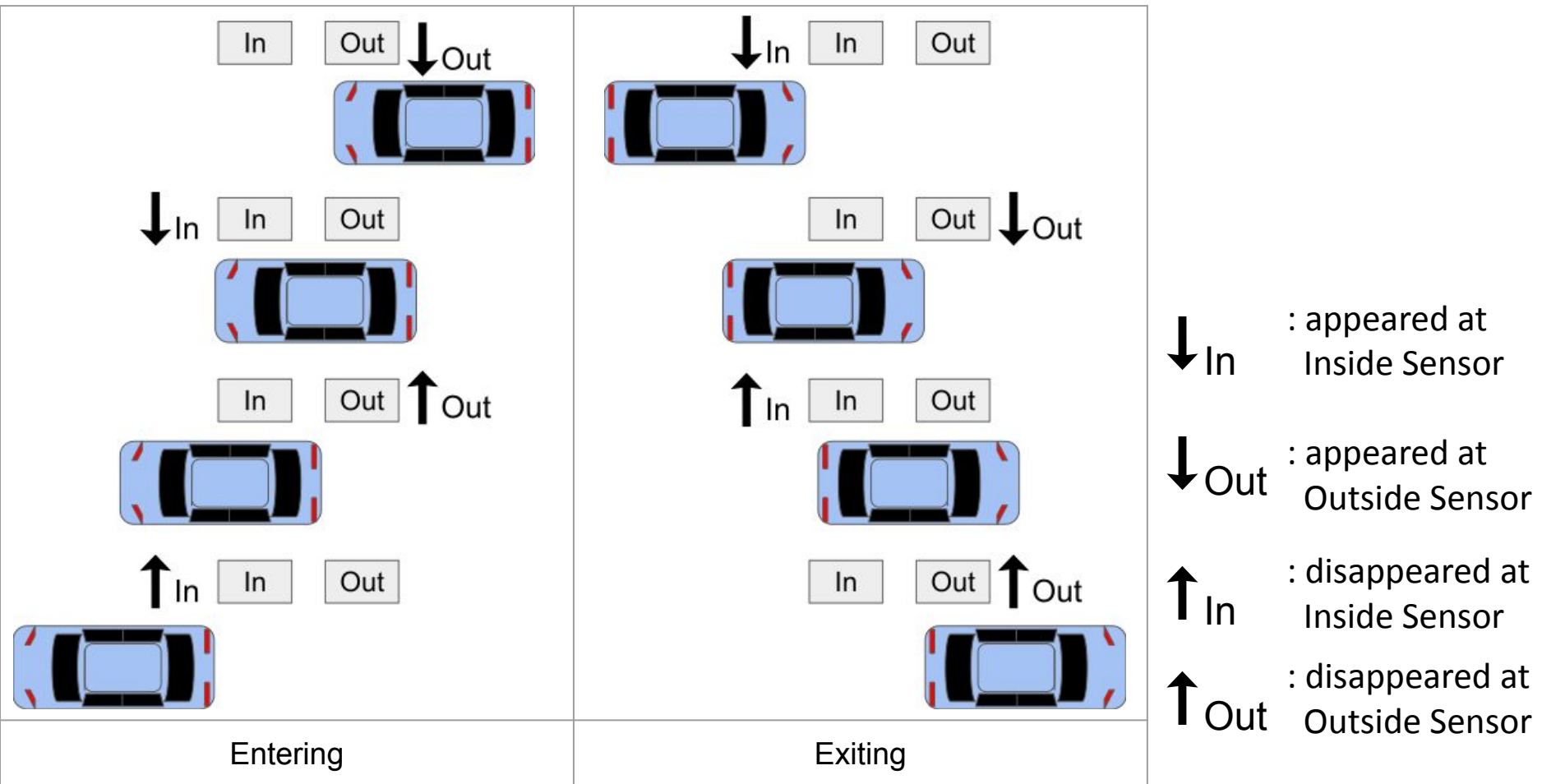
- Reactor Model
 - Ordering events using a logical timeline and a synchronized clock
 - Can be easily applied to the distributed environment
- Lingua Franca
 - A coordination language for reactor programs
 - Supporting C, C++, Python, Rust, and TypeScript

Background (cont'd)

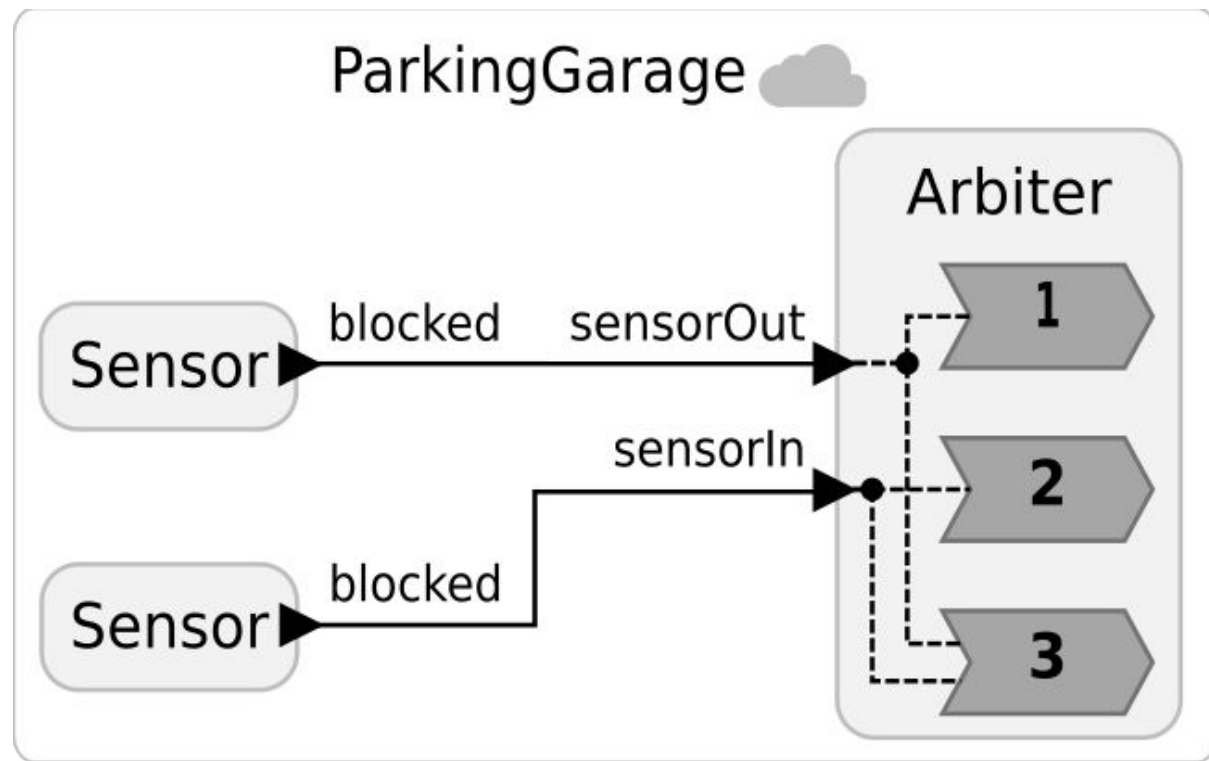
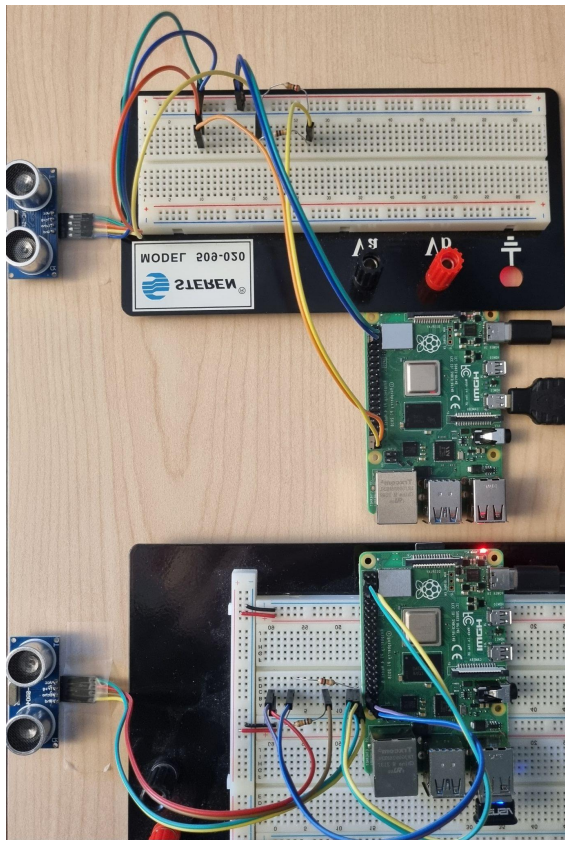
- Federated (distributed) execution
 - Lingua Franca supports federation of multiple reactor programs
 - Clocks are synchronized using the Runtime InfraStructure (RTI)
 - TypeScript target of LF only provides the centralized coordination

Implementation of Our Solution using sensors

- How to specify entering or exiting

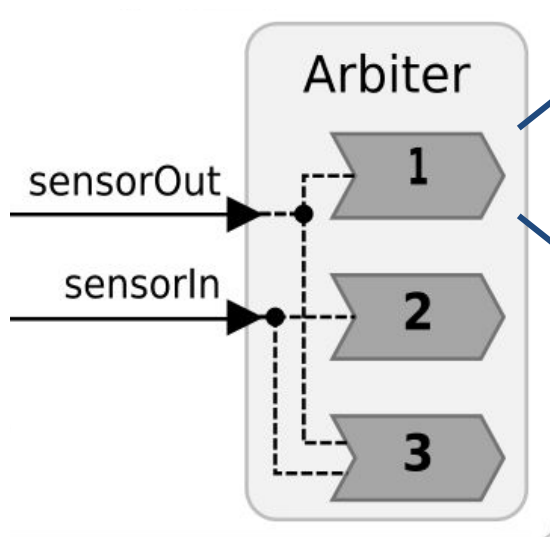


Lingua Franca Implementation of Our Solution



Lingua Franca Implementation of Our Solution (cont'd)

- Arbitration Logic



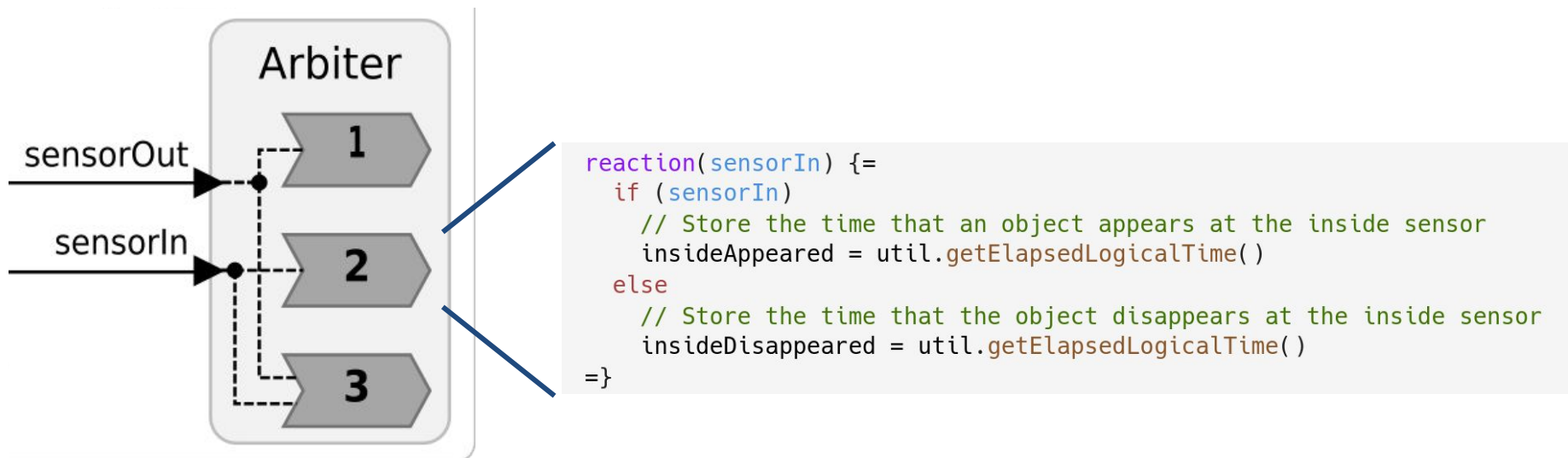
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reaction(sensorOut) {=
  if (sensorOut)
    // Store the time that an object appears at the outside sensor
    outsideAppeared = util.getElapsedLogicalTime()
  else
    // Store the time that the object disappears at the outside sensor
    outsideDisappeared = util.getElapsedLogicalTime()
  =}

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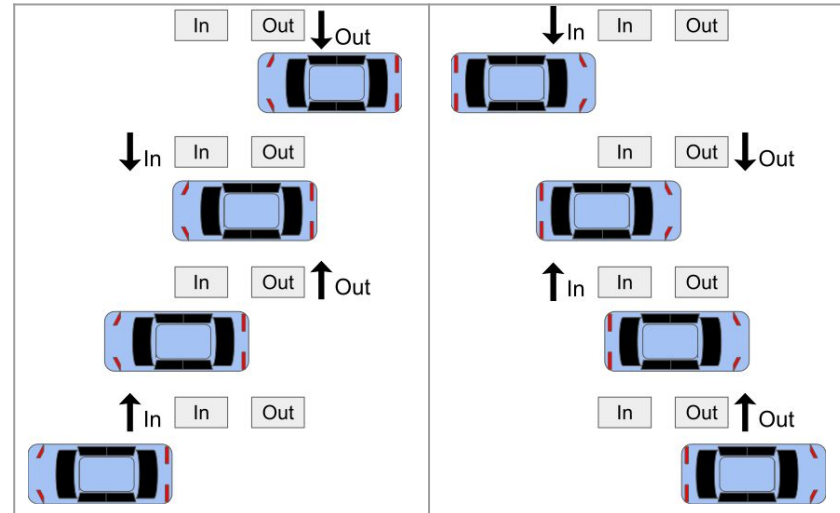
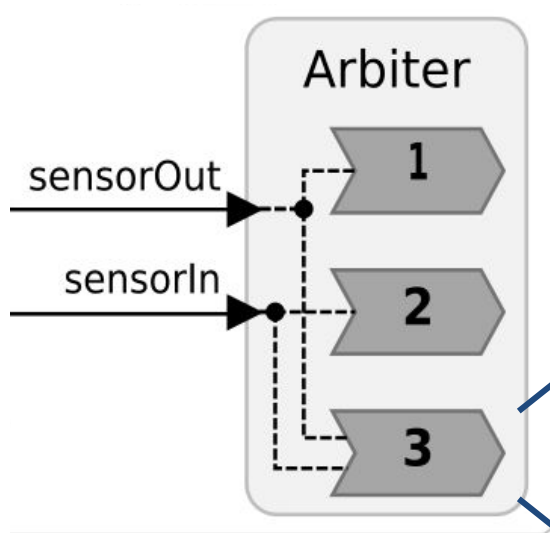
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- Arbitration Logic



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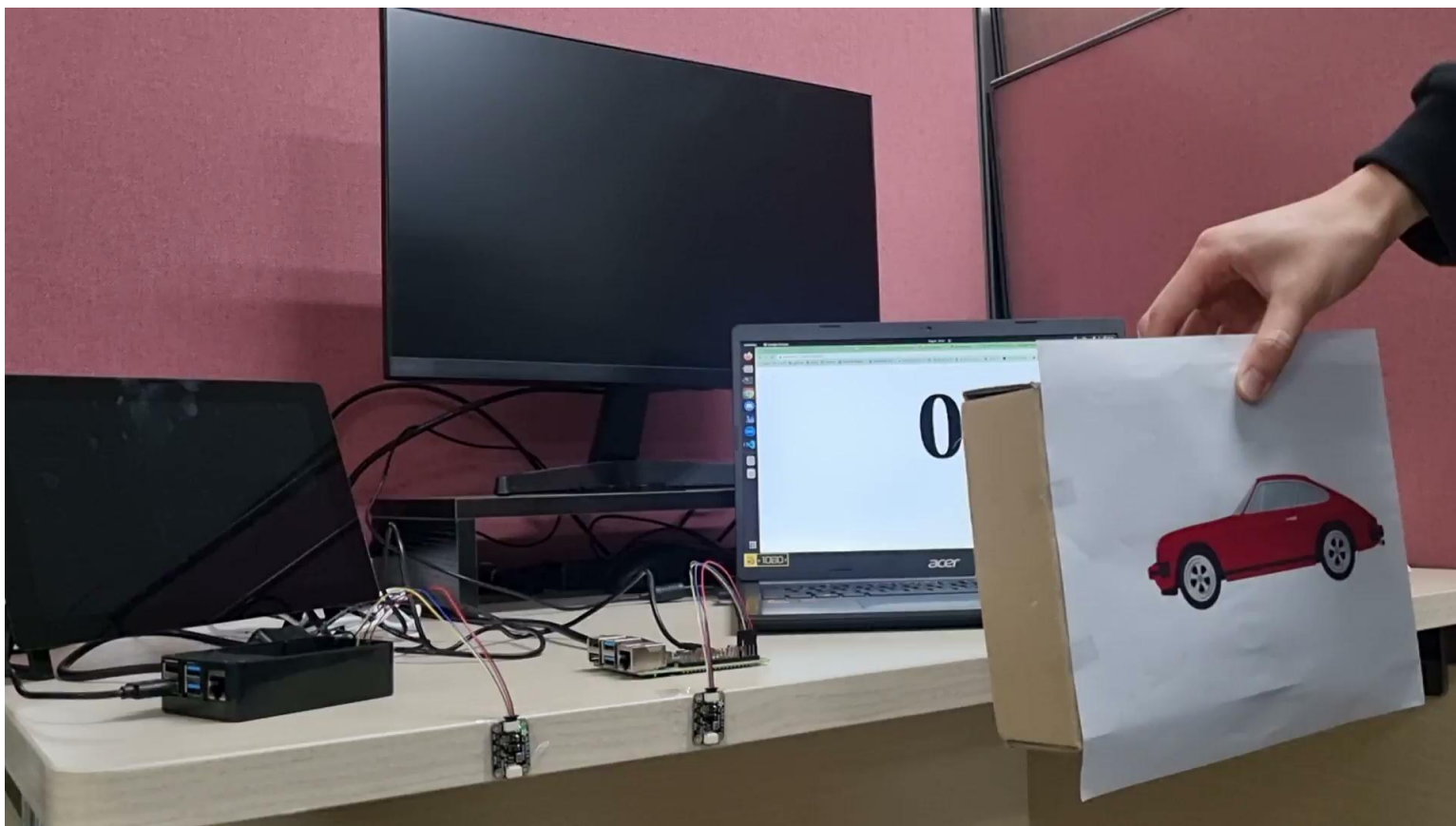
reaction(sensorOut, sensorIn) {=
  if (outsideAppeared.isEarlierThan(insideAppeared)
    && insideAppeared.isEarlierThan(outsideDisappeared)
    && outsideDisappeared.isEarlierThan(insideDisappeared))
    // The car is entering
  else if (insideAppeared.isEarlierThan(outsideAppeared)
    && outsideAppeared.isEarlierThan(insideDisappeared)
    && insideDisappeared.isEarlierThan(outsideDisappeared))
    // The car is exiting
=}
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Experiments - with Synthesized Sensor Events

- Generating sensor events using LF timers
 - **No misclassification detected** in Arbiter
 - With LF, physical events are converted into the tagged events
 - (Recap) the duration of events: 90 ms
- > **No out-of-order classification will happen!!**

Demo of Real Implementation

- Using Time of Flight Sensors

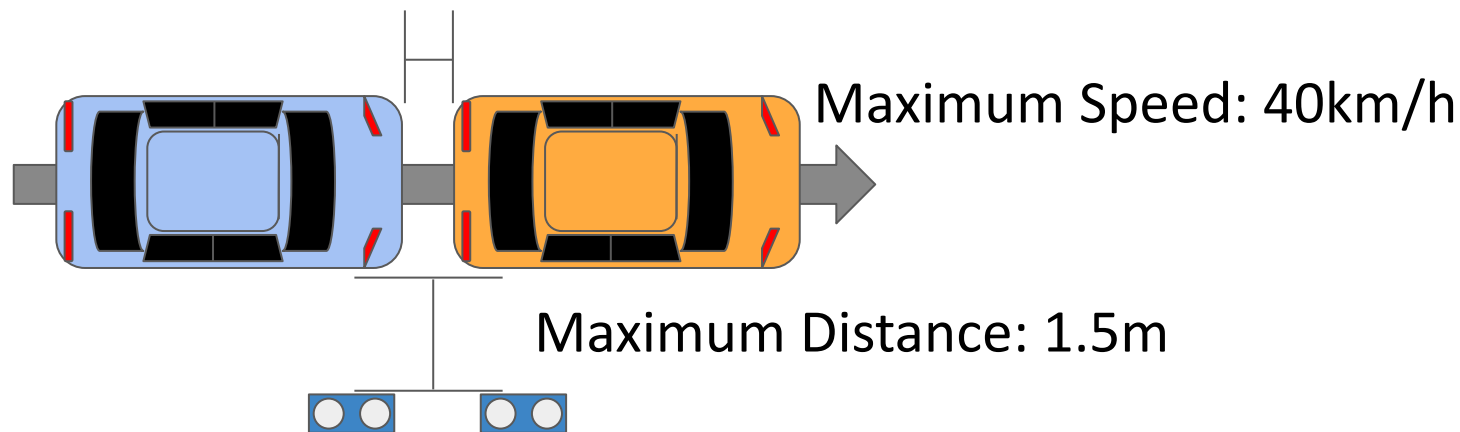


Different Sensor Options

- Light Sensor
 - Cannot check reflected wave manually
 - Physical actions are required
- Ultrasonic Sensor
 - Need to check reflected sound wave (340 m/s)
 - Timers are required

Assumptions & Requirements

Minimum Separation: 0.3m

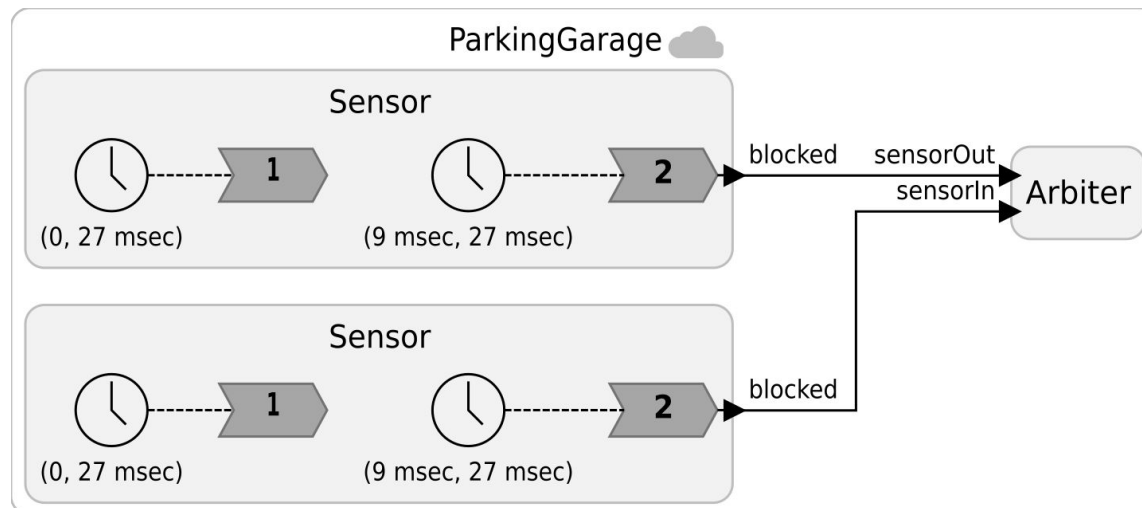


=> Maximum sensing period : 27 ms

=> Time for Ultrasonic to return : 9 ms

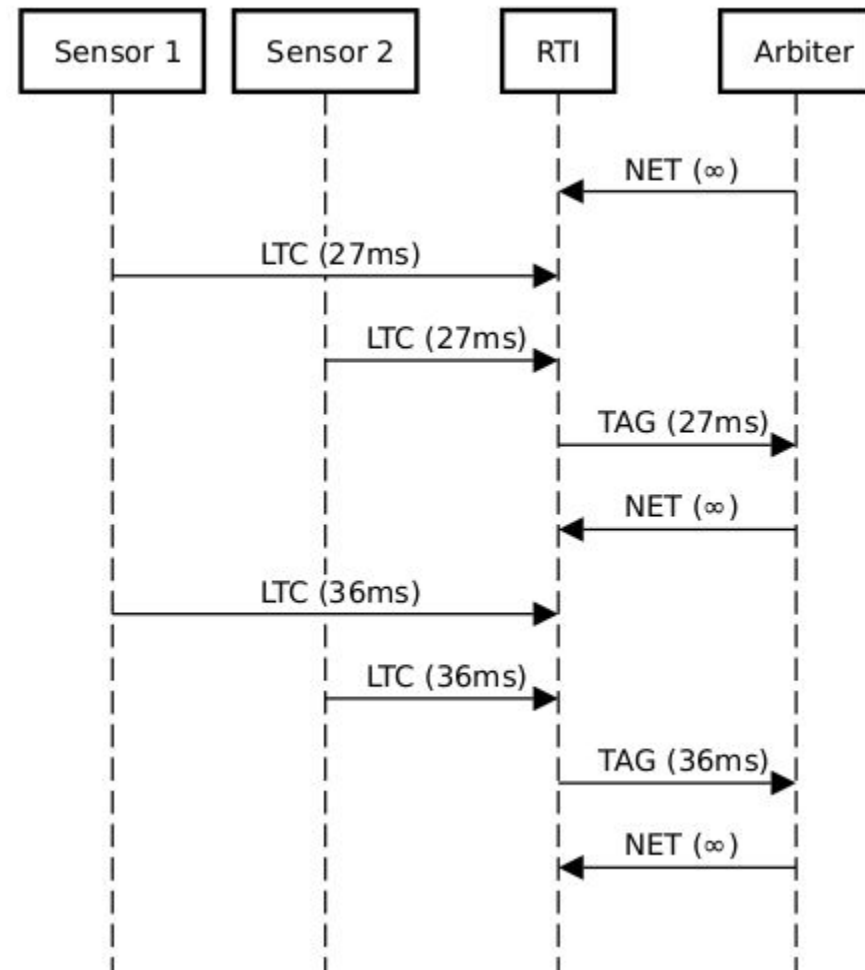
Alternative Implementation

- Polling an Ultrasonic Sensor with Two Timers
 - Emit an ultrasonic wave every 27 ms
 - After 9 ms, check whether the signal is reflected or not



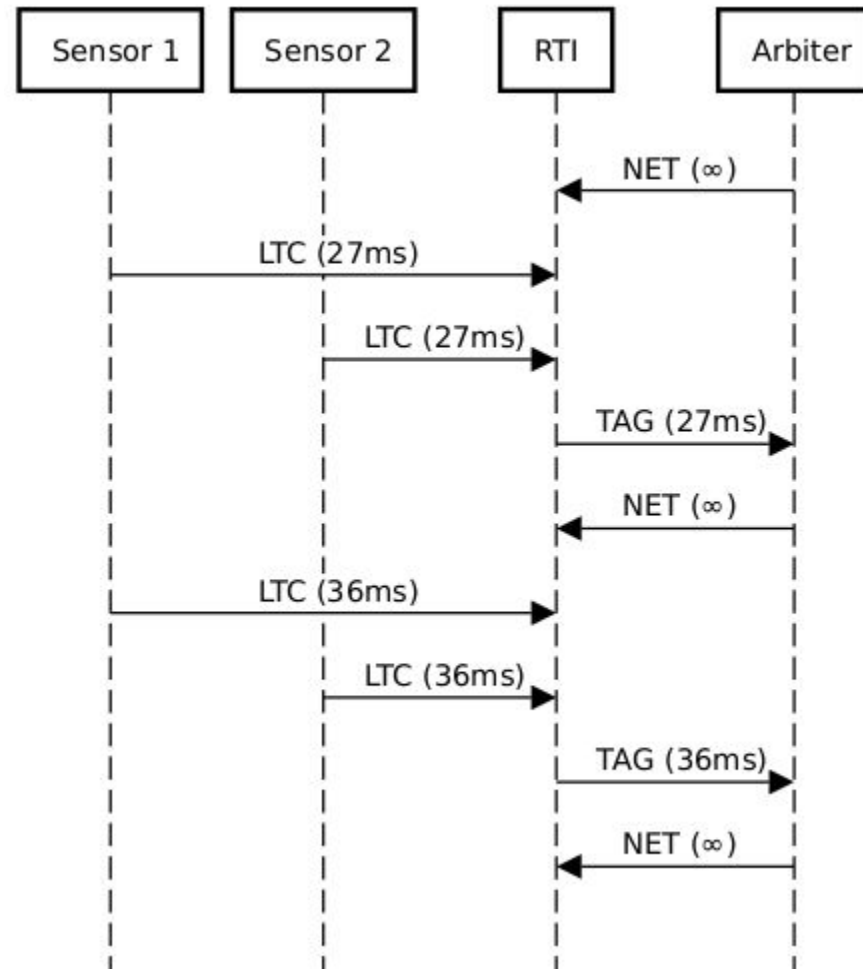
Message Exchange

- Time Advance Grant (TAG)
- Logical Tag Complete (LTC)
- Next Event Tag (NET)



Discovered Issue

- 74 messages are sent every 1 sec
- Actual events occurring very sparsely
- Sensors cannot handle all events



Discovered Issue (cont'd)

- LF Typescript only supports centralized coordination
 - Numerous redundant messages are exchanged
 - Those messages cause an network overhead
- > How can deal with these?

Future Work

- Optimizing the message-exchanging protocol in centralized coordination
 - A new message type, Next Downstream Event Tag (NDET) is proposed
- Implementing the decentralized coordination to the TypeScript runtime

Summary

- Processing fine-grained events in order is problematic
- LF perfectly handles the order of fine-grained events
- Future works - to reduce overhead at the current implementation



Thank You!

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