Temporal Planning in Space

based on:

“Application of Mapgen to MER,”
by Kanna Rajan

“Handling Time:
Constraint-based Interval Planning,”
by David E. Smith

Brian C. Williams and
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Outline

- Operational Planning for the Mars Exploration Rovers
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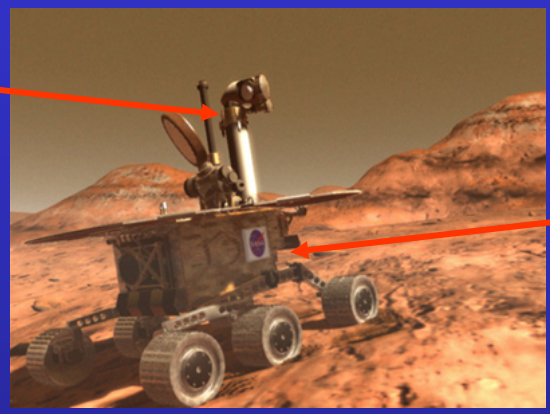
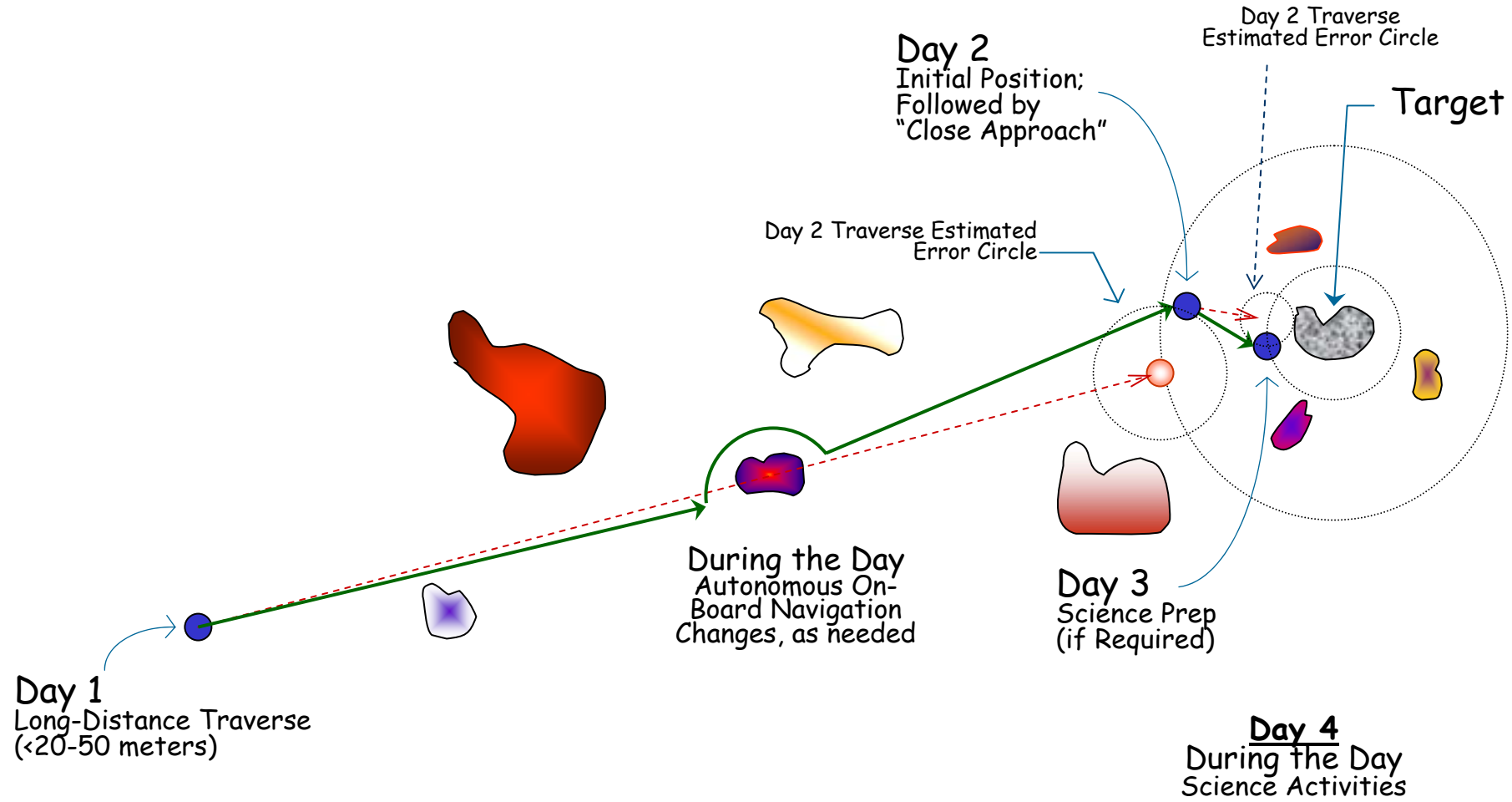
Mars Exploration Rovers – Jan. 2004 - ?



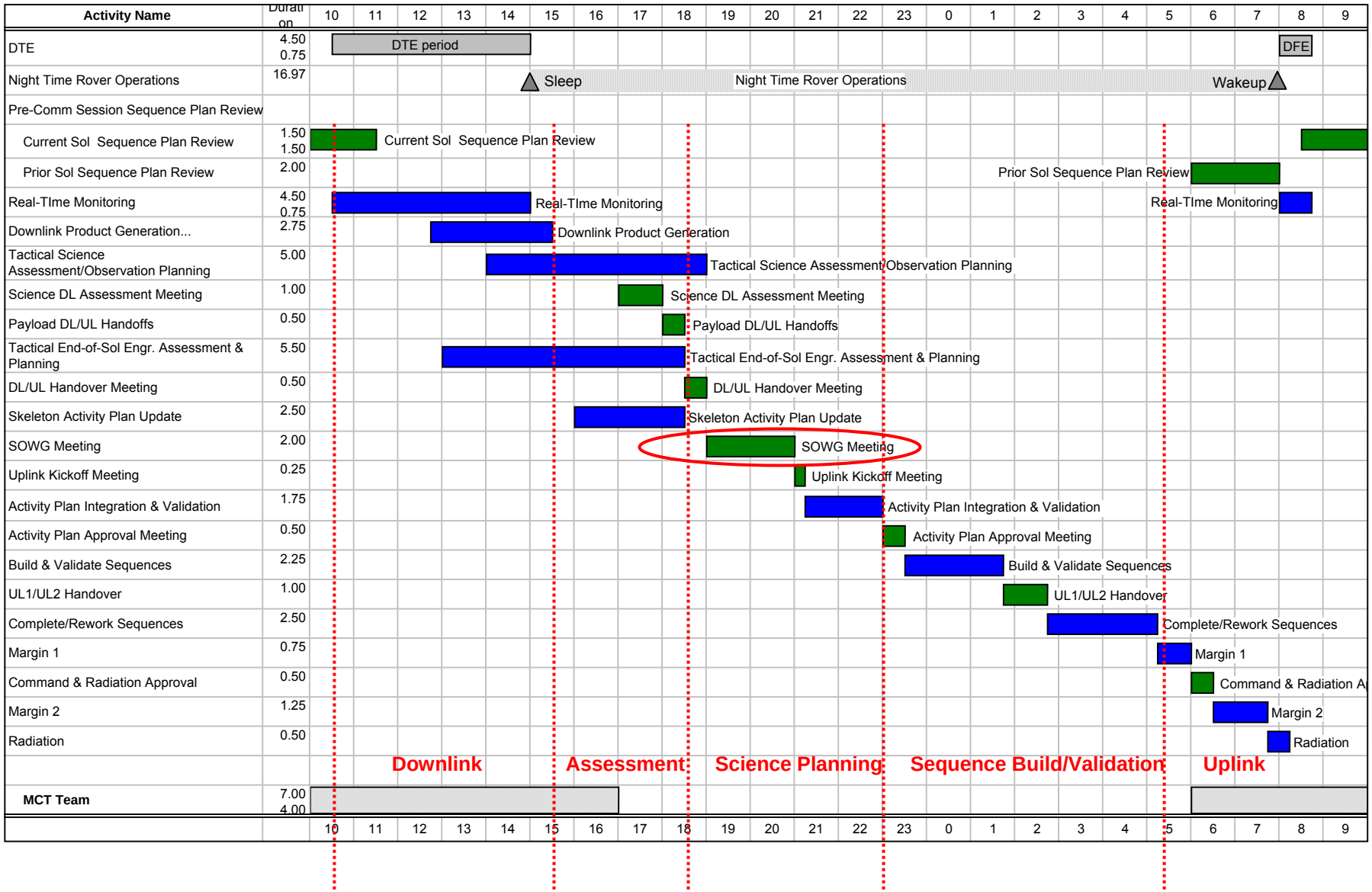
Mission Objectives:

- Learn about ancient water and climate on Mars.
- For each rover, analyze a total of 6-12 targets
  - Targets = natural rocks, abraded rocks, and soil
- Drive 200-1000 meters per rover

Mars Exploration Rover Surface Operations Scenario



One day in the life of a Mars rover



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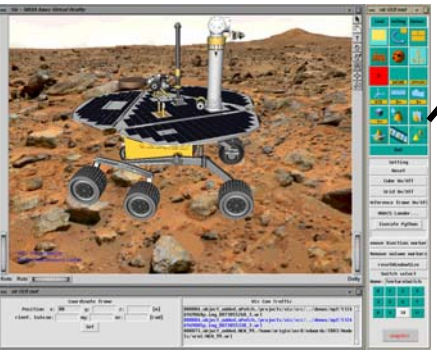
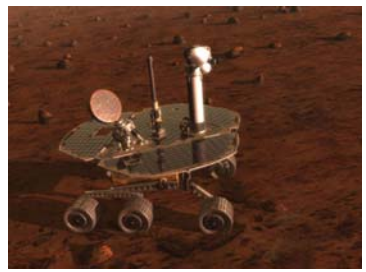
MAPGEN: Automated Science Planning for MER

Planning Lead: Kanna Rajan (ARC)



EUROPA Automated Planning System



Flight Rules

Engineering

Resource Constraints

Science

Navigation

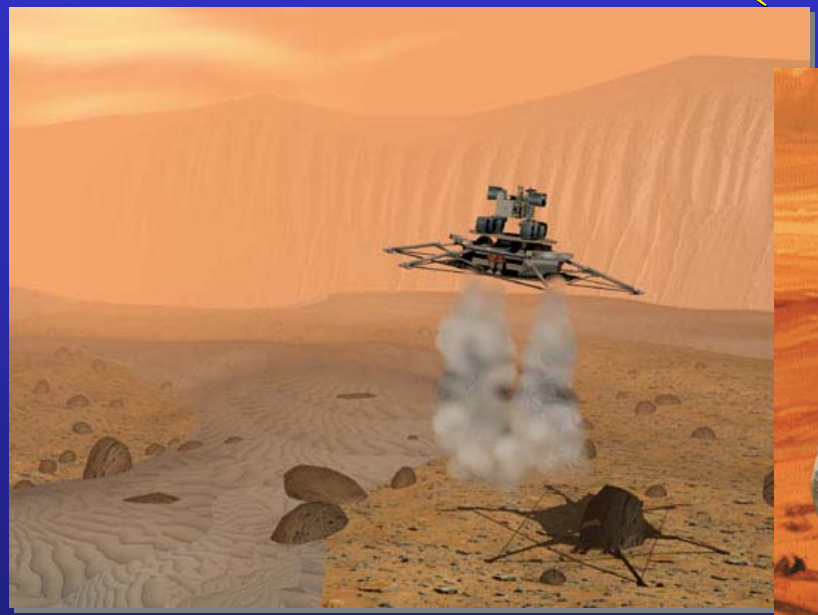
DSN/Telcom

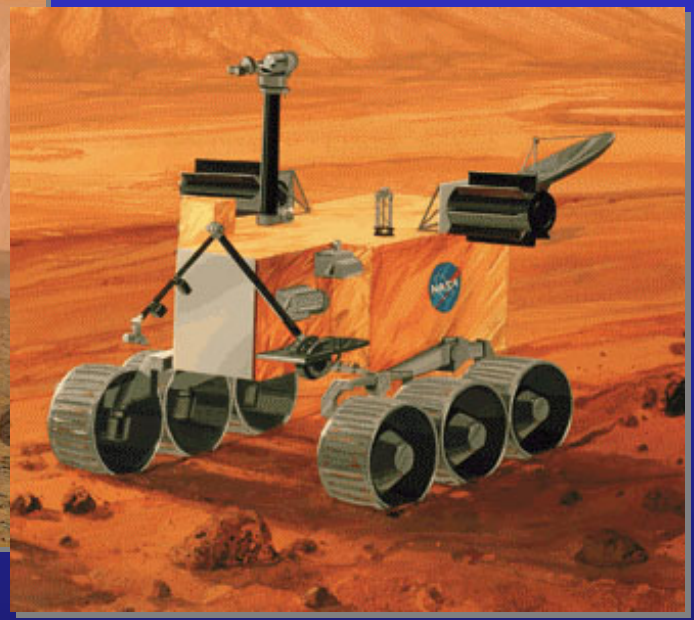
Sequence Build

Science Team

Satellite Dish

Next Challenge: Mars Smart Lander (2009)





Mission Duration: 1000 days
Total Traverse: 3000-69000 meters
Meters/Day: 230-450
Science Mission: 7 instruments, sub-surface science package (drill, radar), in-situ sample "lab"

Technology Demonstration: (2005).

Course Challenge: 16.413 Fall 03

- What would it be like to operate MER if it was fully autonomous?

Potential inspiration for course projects:

- Demonstrate an autonomous MER mission in simulation, and in the MIT rover testbed.

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Planning

Find:

program of actions that achieves the objective

Planning

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program of actions that achieves the objective

partially-ordered set

typically unconditional

goals

Paradigms

Classical planning

(STRIPS, operator-based, first-principles)

"generative"

Hierarchical Task Network planning

"practical" planning

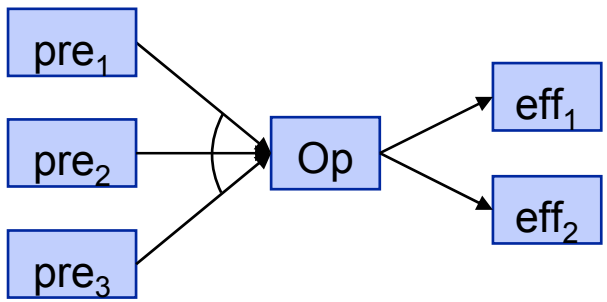
MDP & POMDP planning

planning under uncertainty

The Classical Representation

Initial Conditions: P_1 P_2 P_3 P_4

Operators:



Goals: $Goal_1$ $Goal_2$ $Goal_3$

Simple Spacecraft Problem

Observation-1
- **target**
- **instruments**

Observation-2

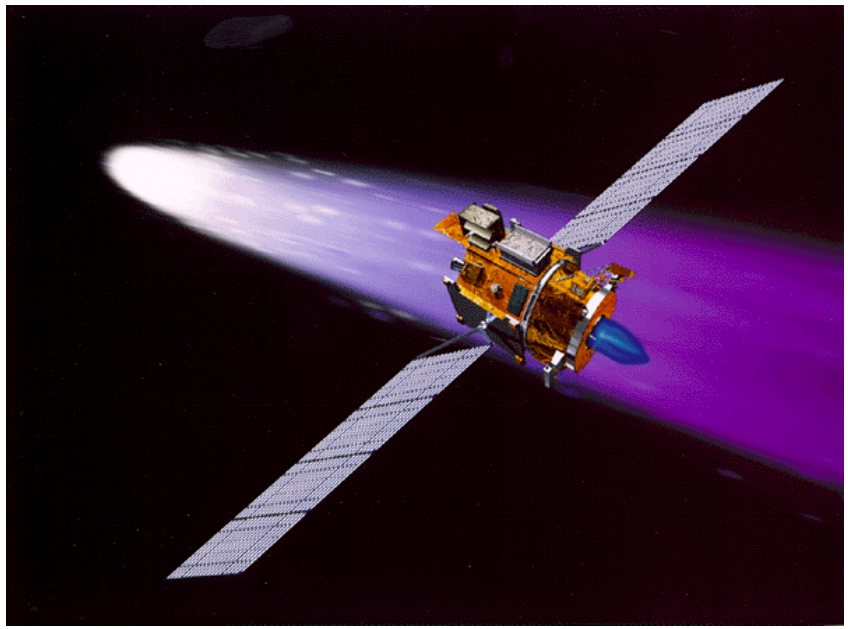
Observation-3

Observation-4

…

pointing

calibrated

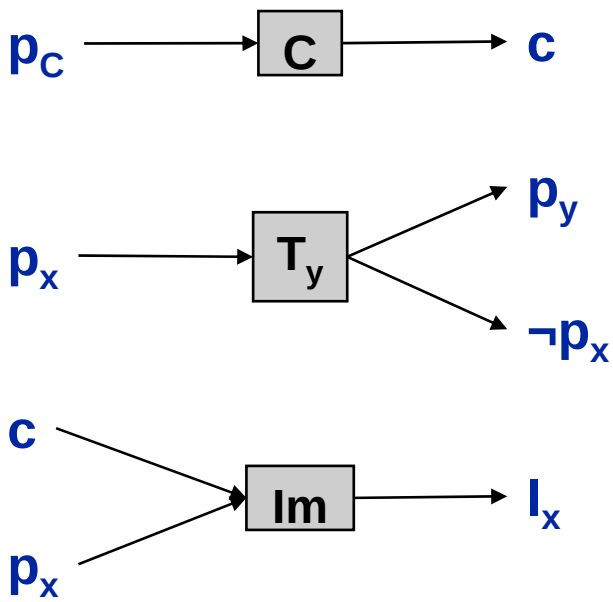


Example

Init

p_C

Actions



Goal

l_A

16.410/13: Solved using Graph-based Planners (Blum & Furst)

Some STRIPS Operators

TakeImage (?target, ?instr):
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    Eff: Image(?target)

Calibrate (?instrument):
    Pre: Status(?instr, On), Calibration-Target(?target), Pointing(?target)
    Eff: ¬Status(?inst, On), Status(?instr, Calibrated)

Turn (?target):
    Pre: Pointing(?direction), ?direction ≠ ?target
    Eff: ¬Pointing(?direction), Pointing(?target)

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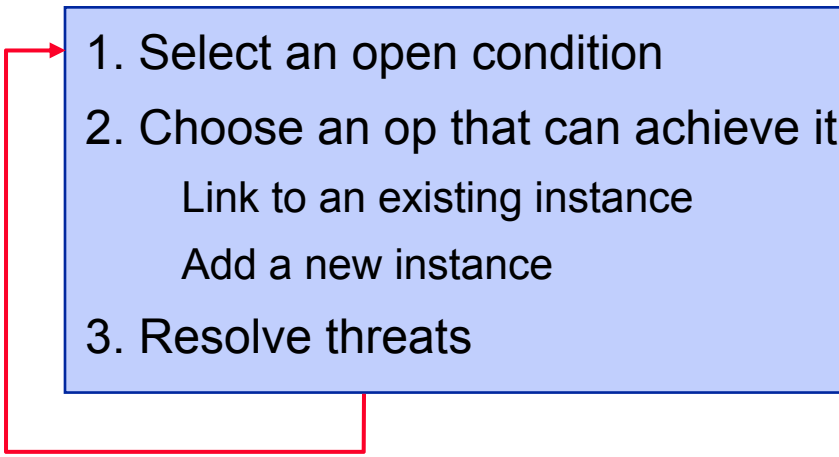
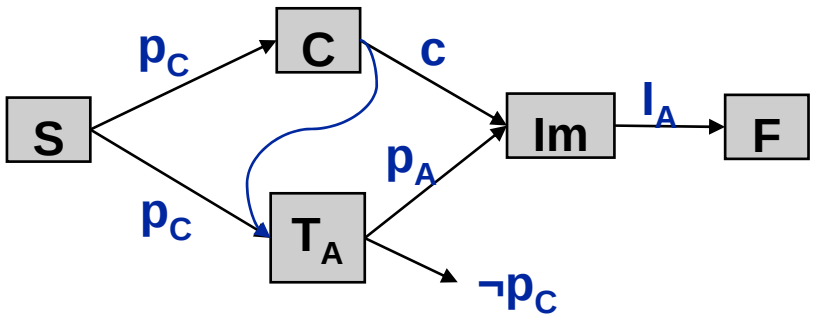
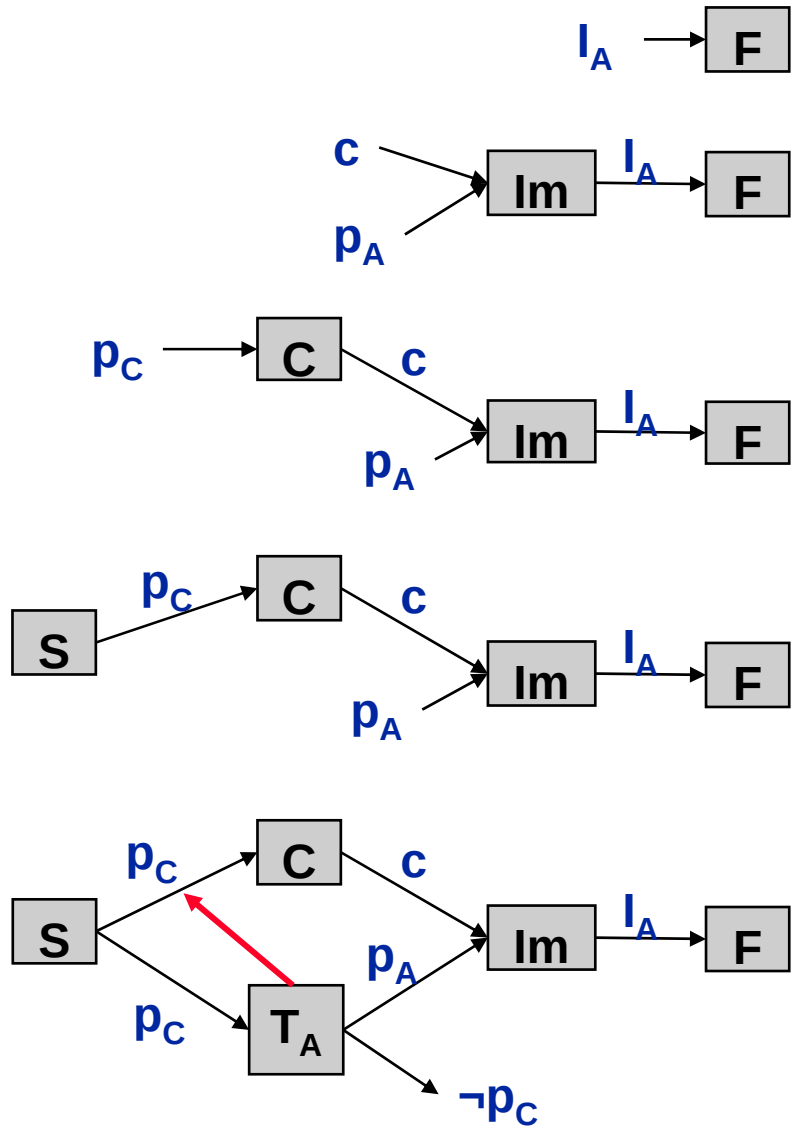
Partial Order Causal Link Planning

(SNLP, UCPOP)

1. Select an open condition
2. Choose an op that can achieve it
   - Link to an existing instance
   - Add a new instance
3. Resolve threats







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An Autonomous Science Explorer

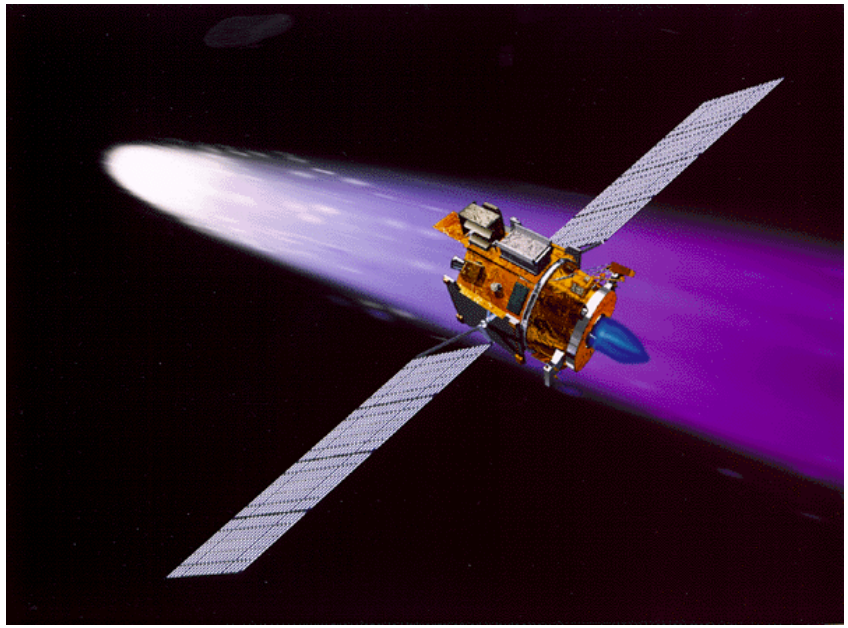
Observation-1
- **priority**
- **time window**
- **target**
- **instruments**
- **duration**

Observation-2

Observation-3

Observation-4

…



Objective:

maximize science return

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Complications

linked

Observation-1
- priority
- time window
- target
- instruments
- duration

Observation-2

Observation-3

Observation-4

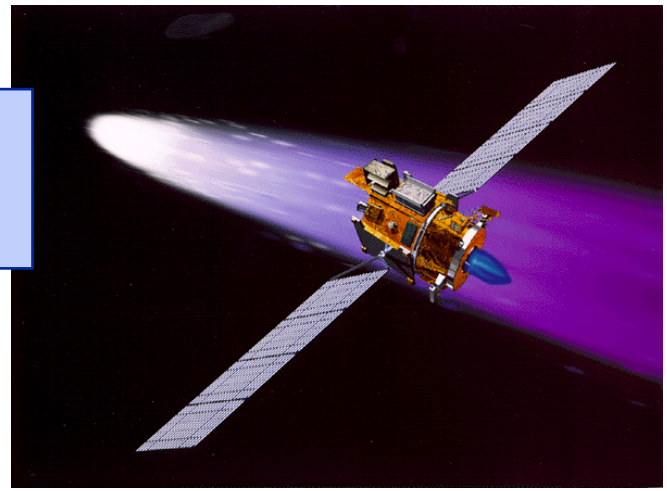
…

angle between targets

$\Rightarrow$ **turn duration**

calibration
- target1
- target2
- …

consumables:
- fuel
- power
- data storage
- cryogen



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Limitations of Classical Planning with Atomic Actions (aka STRIPS)

Instantaneous actions

No temporal constraints

No concurrent actions

No continuous quantities

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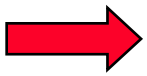
Needed Extensions



Time

Resources

Utility

Uncertainty

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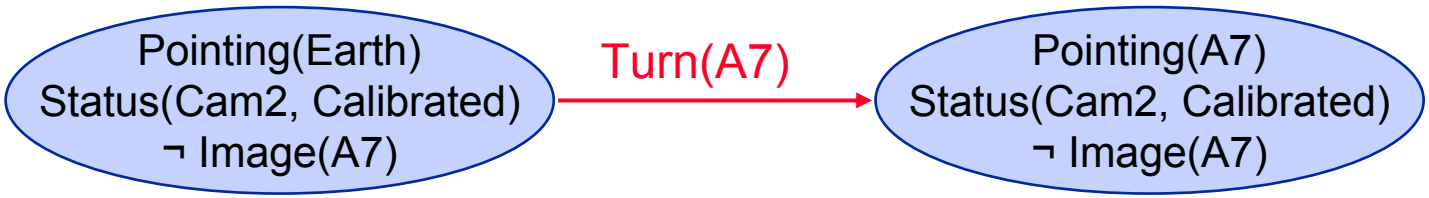
World Description

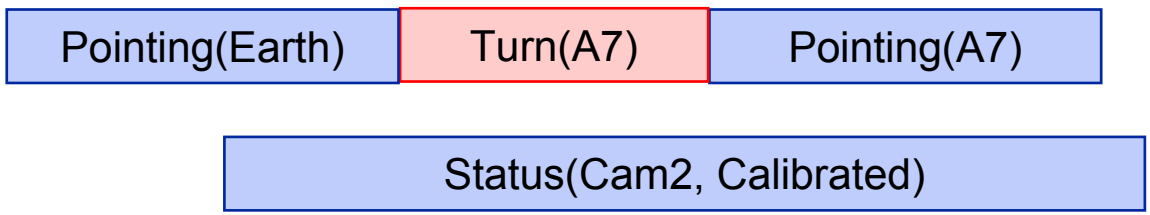
State-centric (Mc Carthy):

for each time describe propositions that are true



History-based (Hayes):

for each proposition describe times it is true



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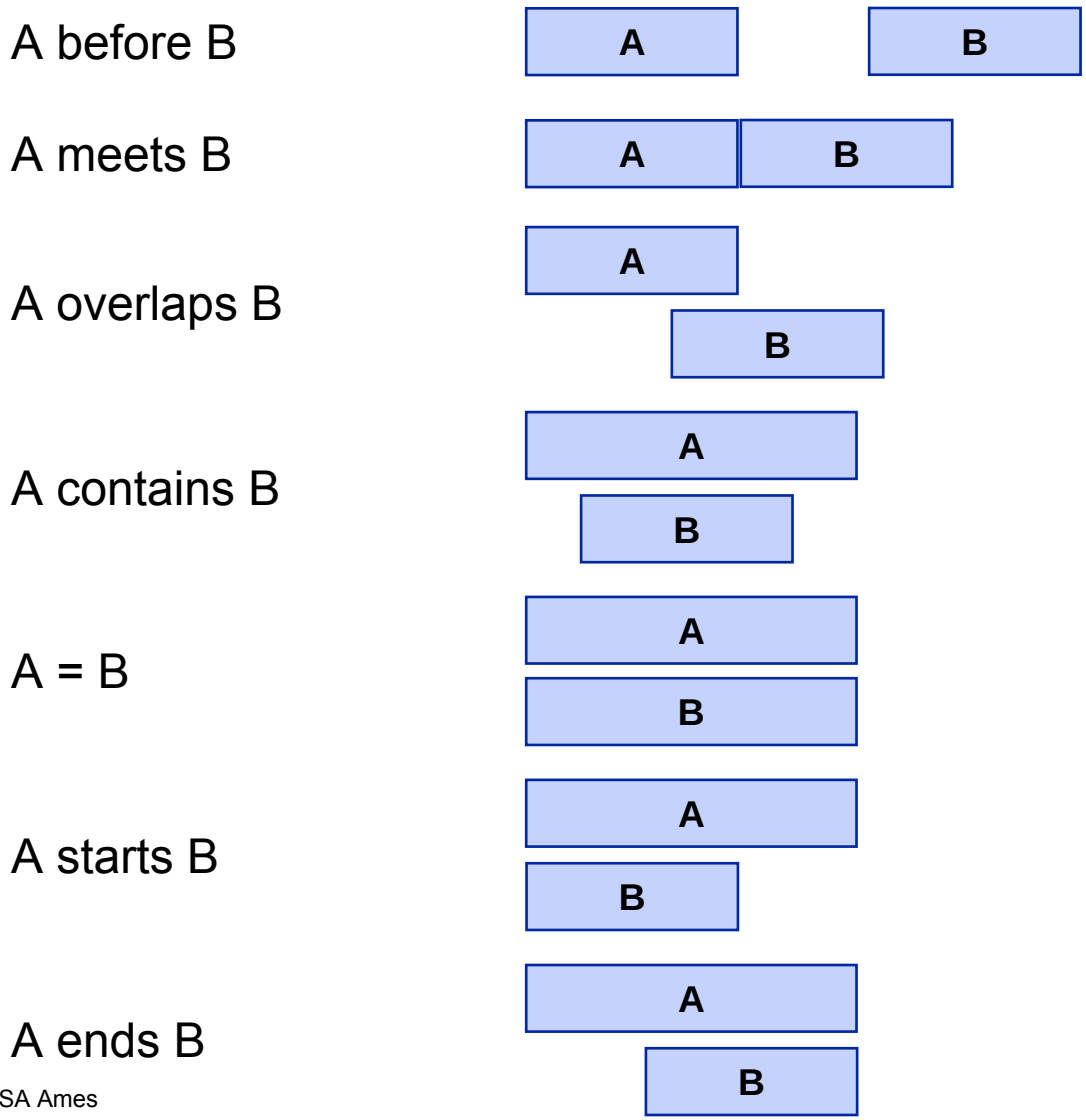
Representing Timing: Qualitative Temporal Relations [Allen AAAI83]



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Representing Temporal Operators: TakeImage Schema

TakeImage (?target, ?instr):
Pre: Status(?instr, Calibrated), Pointing(?target)
Eff: Image(?target)

TakeImage (?target, ?instr)

contained-by	Status(?instr, Calibrated)
contained-by	Pointing(?target)
meets	Image(?target)

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Pictorially

TakeImage (?target, ?instr)

contained-by	Status(?instr, Calibrated)
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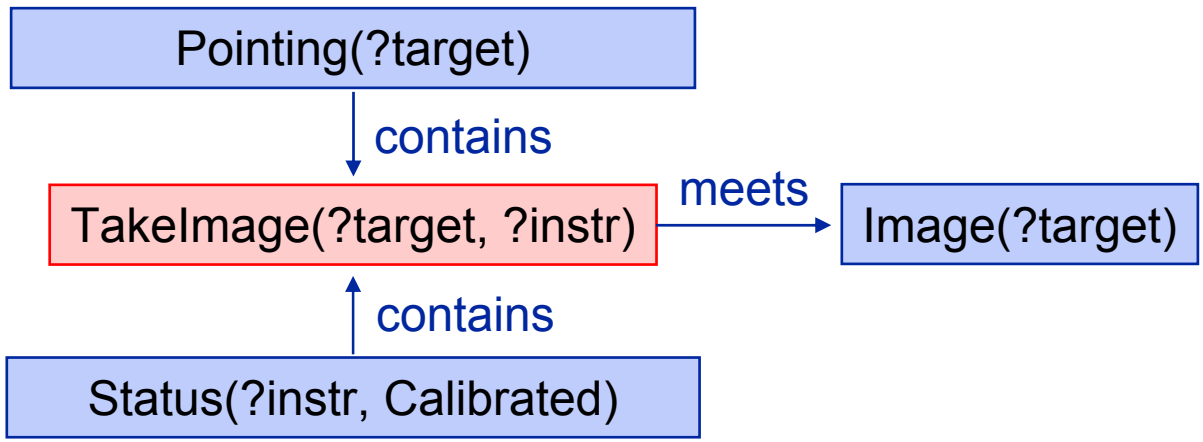

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TakeImage Schema Semantics

TakeImage (?target, ?instr)

contained-by	Status(?instr, Calibrated)
contained-by	Pointing(?target)
meets	Image(?target)

$$\text{TakeImage}(?target, ?instr)_A$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists P \{\text{Status}(?instr, \text{Calibrated})_P \wedge \text{Contains}(P, A)\}$$

$$\wedge \exists Q \{\text{Pointing}(?target)_Q \wedge \text{Contains}(Q, A)\}$$

$$\wedge \exists R \{\text{Image}(?target)_R \wedge \text{Meets}(A, R)\}$$

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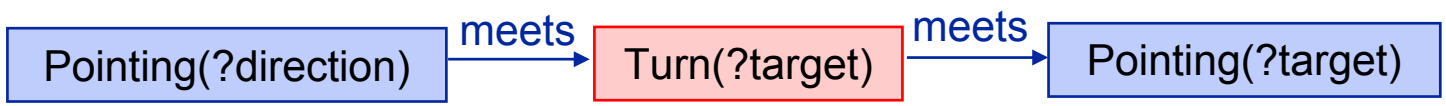
Turn

Turn (?target)	
met-by	Pointing(?direction)
meets	Pointing(?target)



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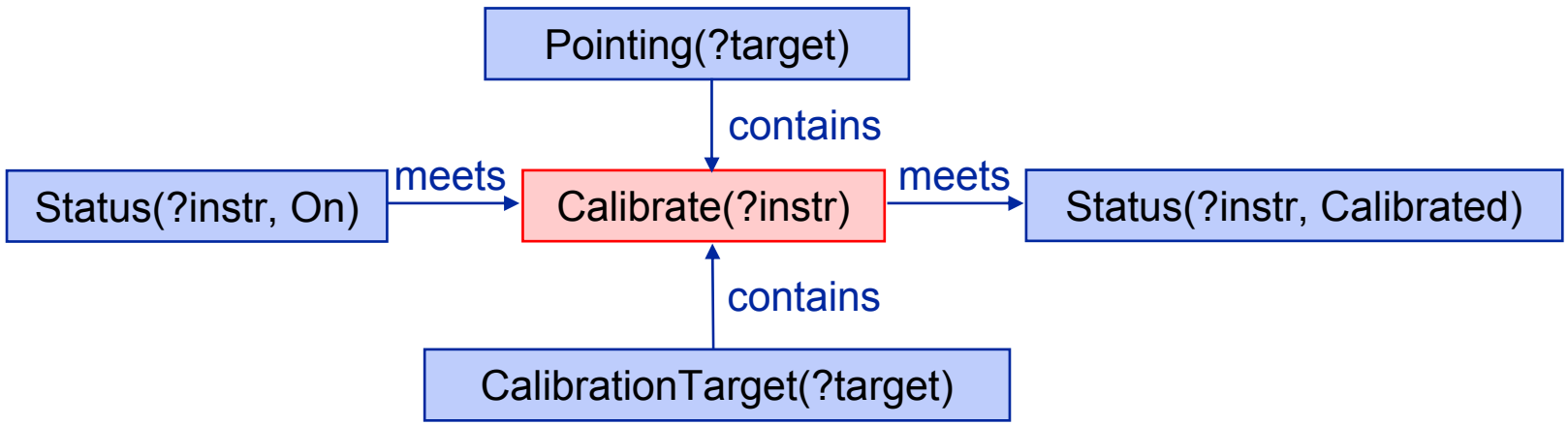
Calibrate

Calibrate (?instr)	
met-by	Status(?instr, On)
contained-by	CalibrationTarget(?target)
contained-by	Pointing(?target)
meets	Status(?instr, Calibrated)



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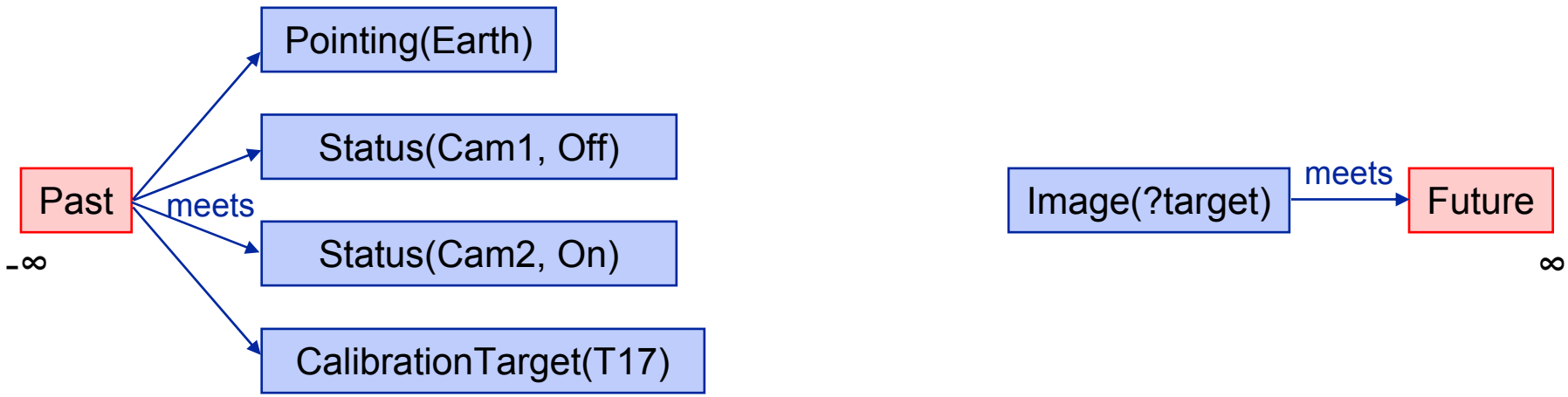
A Temporal Planning Problem



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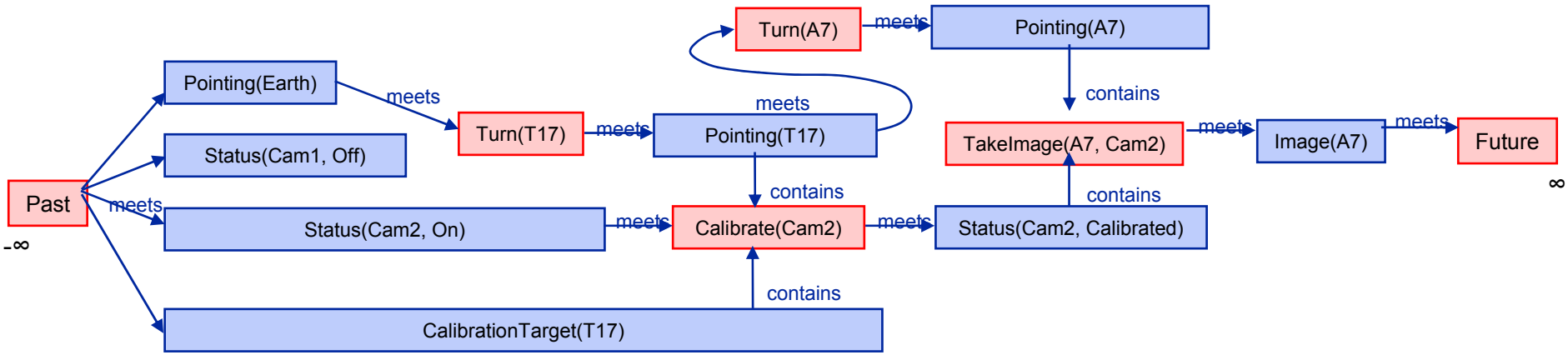
A Consistent Complete Temporal Plan



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CBI Planning Algorithm

Choose:

- introduce an action & instantiate constraints
- coalesce propositions

Propagate constraints

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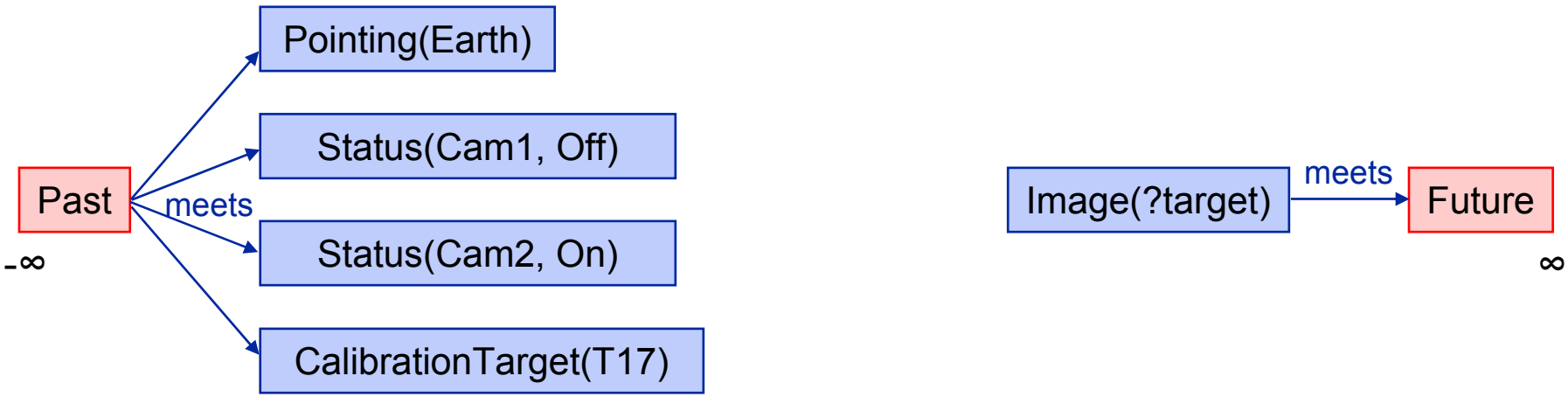
Initial Plan



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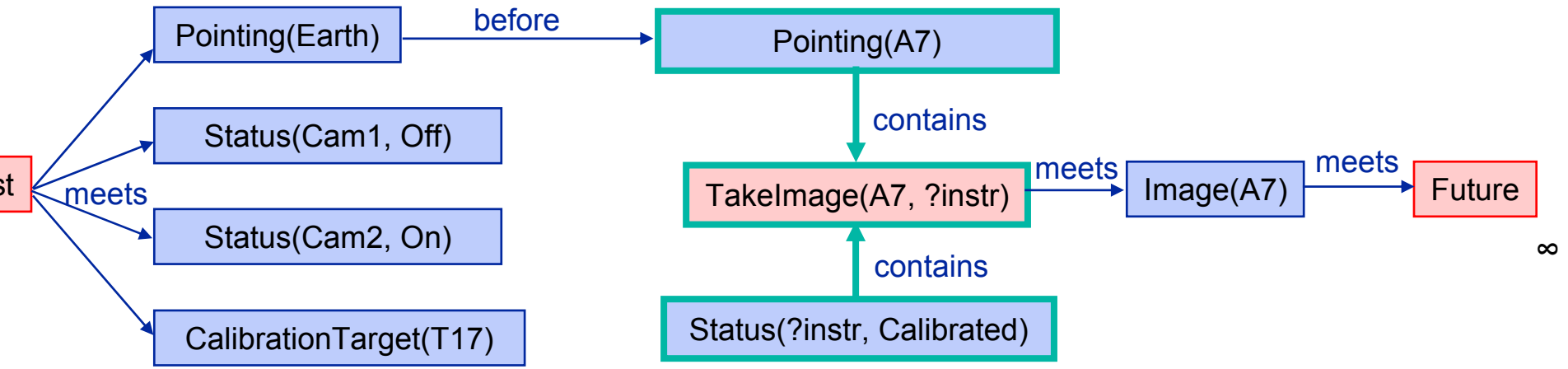

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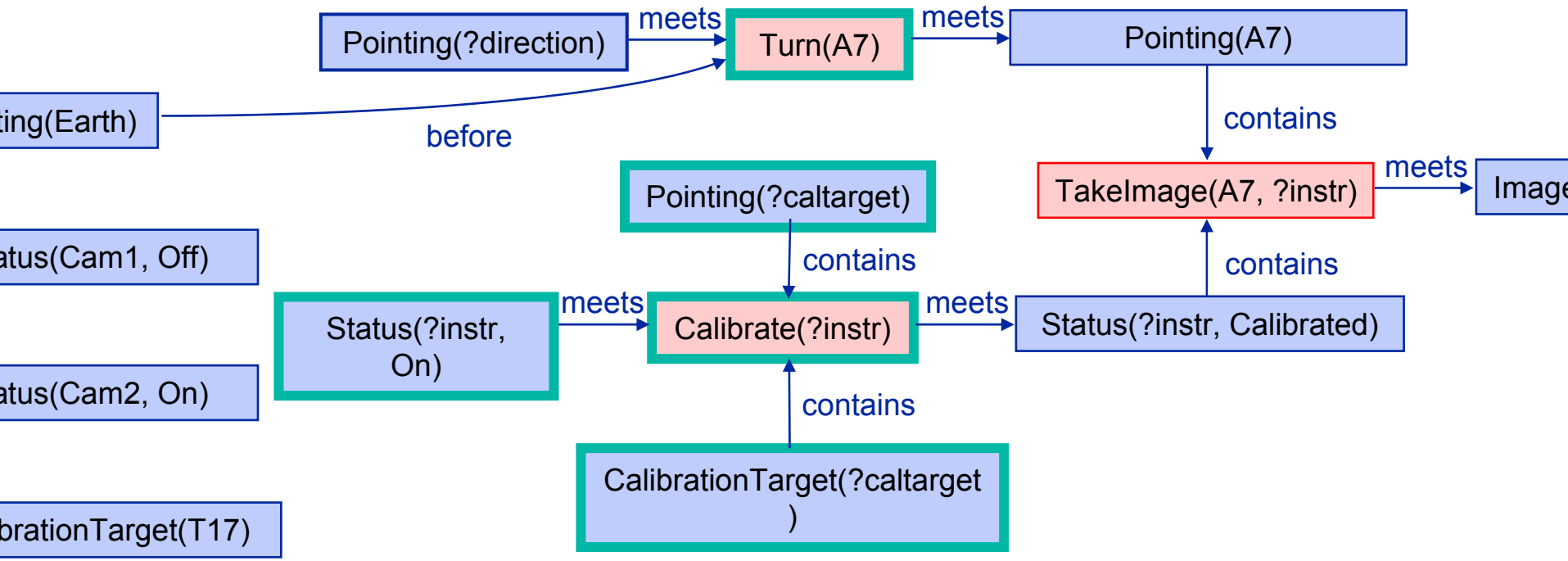

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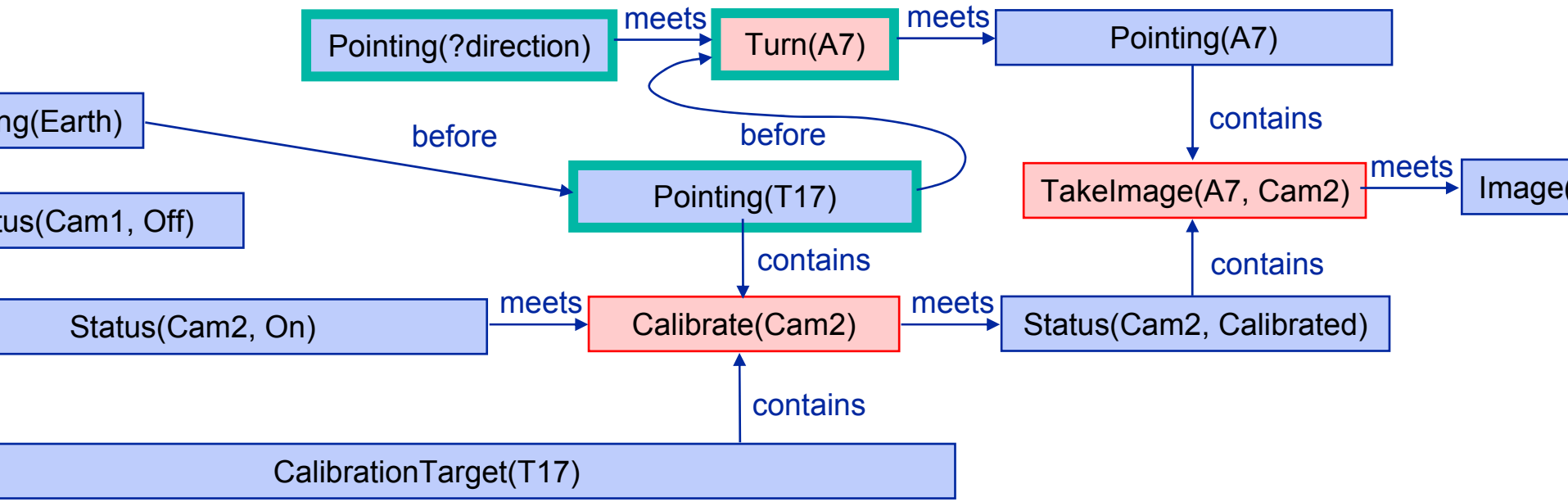

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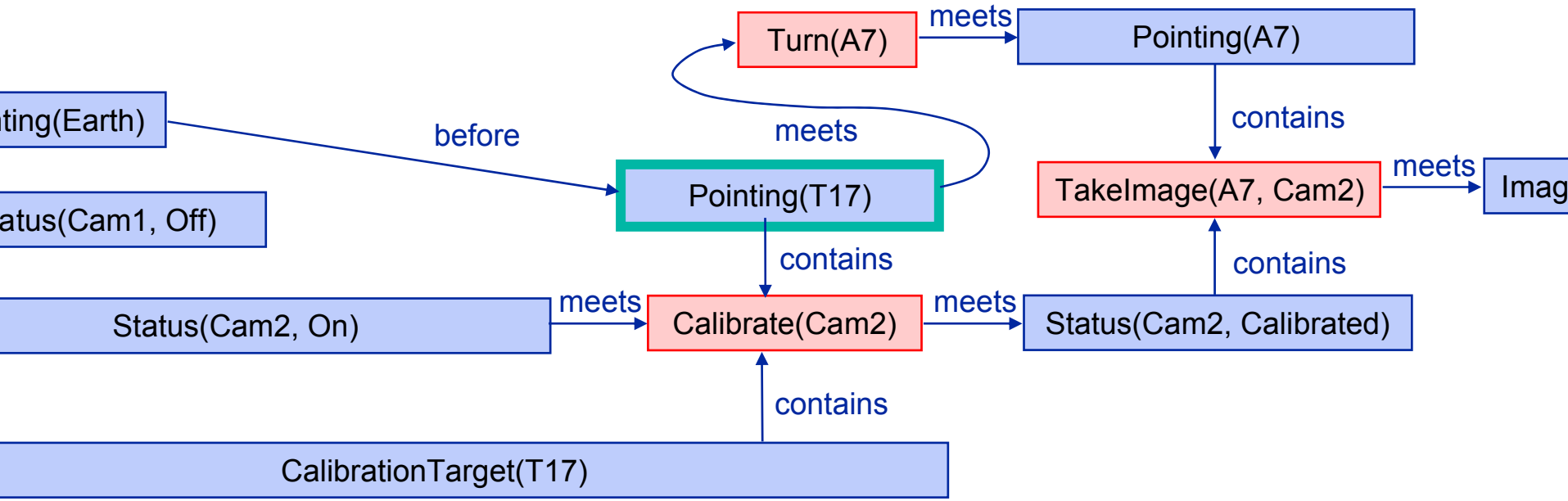

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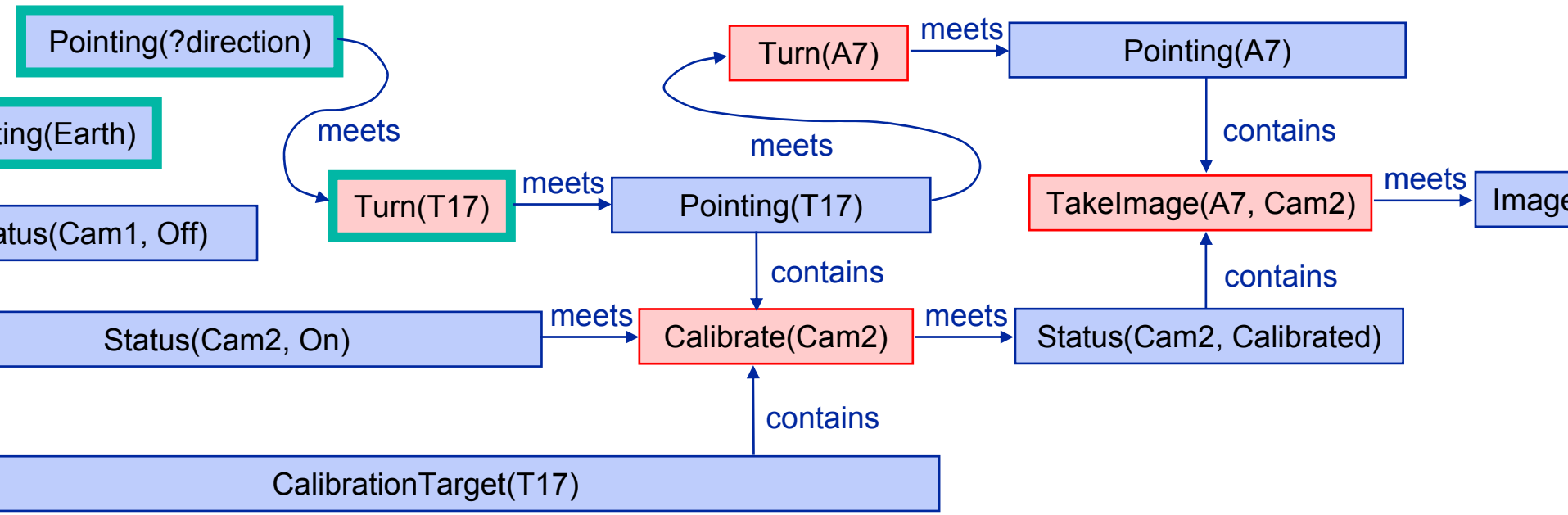

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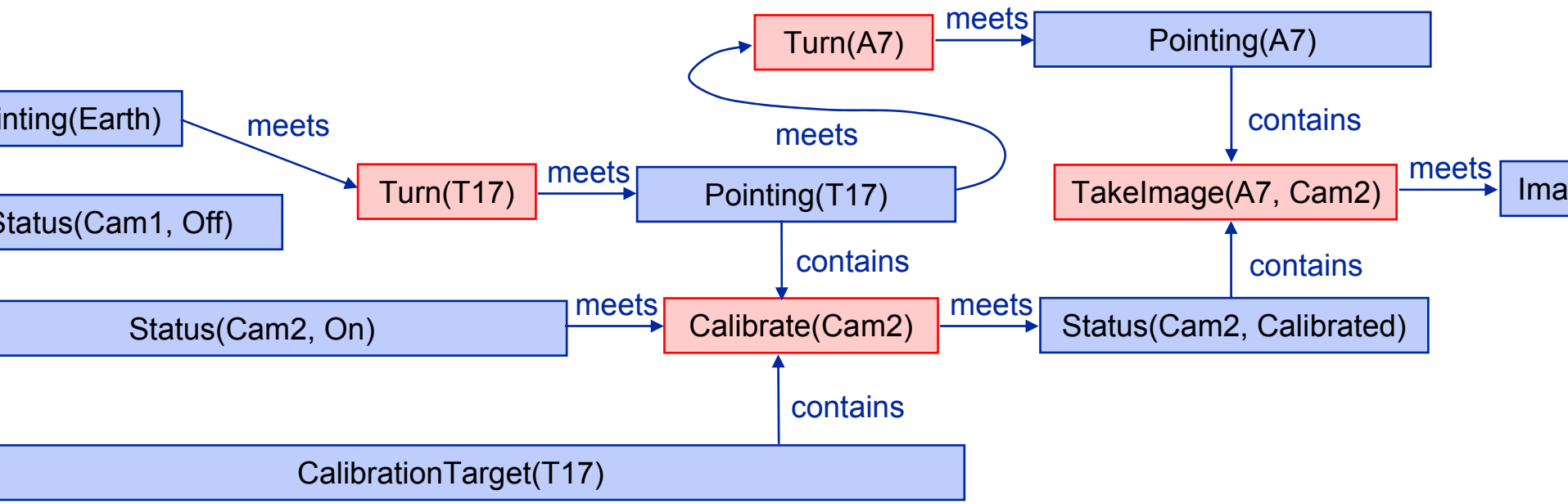

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Relation to Causal Links & Threats

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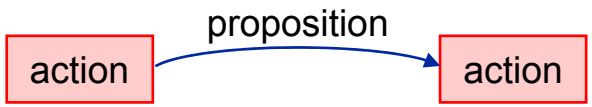
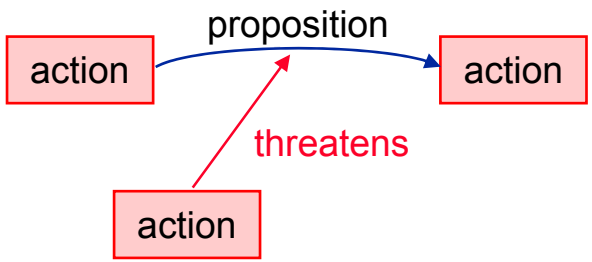
Causal links:



Threats:



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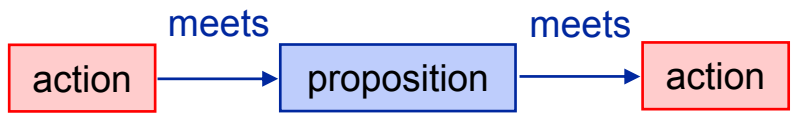

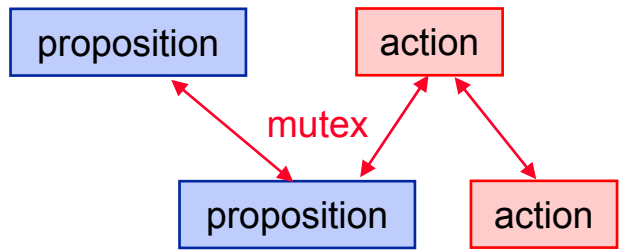

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Examples of CBI Planners

Zeno (Penberthy)	intervals, no CSP
Trains (Allen)	
Descartes (Joslin)	extreme least commitment
IxTeT (Ghallab)	functional rep.
HSTS (Muscettola)	functional rep., activities
EUROPA (Jonsson)	functional rep., activities

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  as Graph-based Temporal Planning

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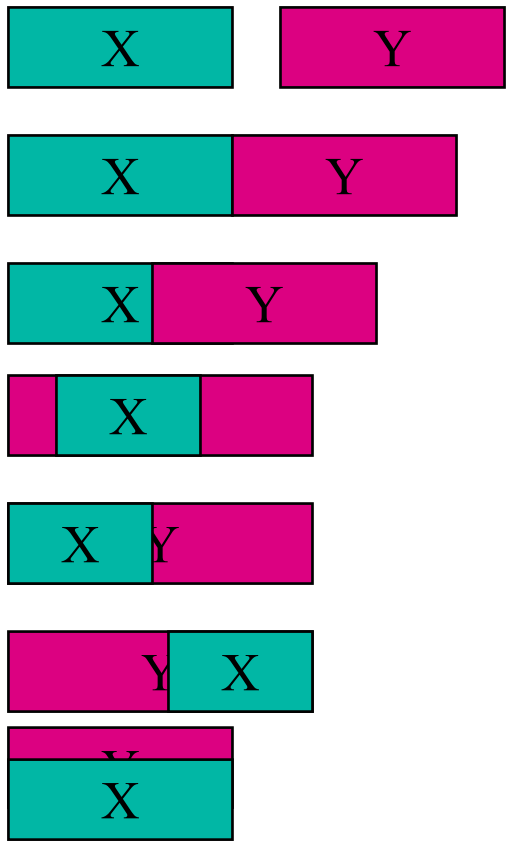
Qualitative Temporal Constraints
(Allen 83)

- x before y
- x meets y
- x overlaps y
- x during y
- x starts y
- x finishes y
- x equals y



- y after x
- y met-by x
- y overlapped-by x
- y contains x
- y started-by x
- y finished-by x
- y equals x

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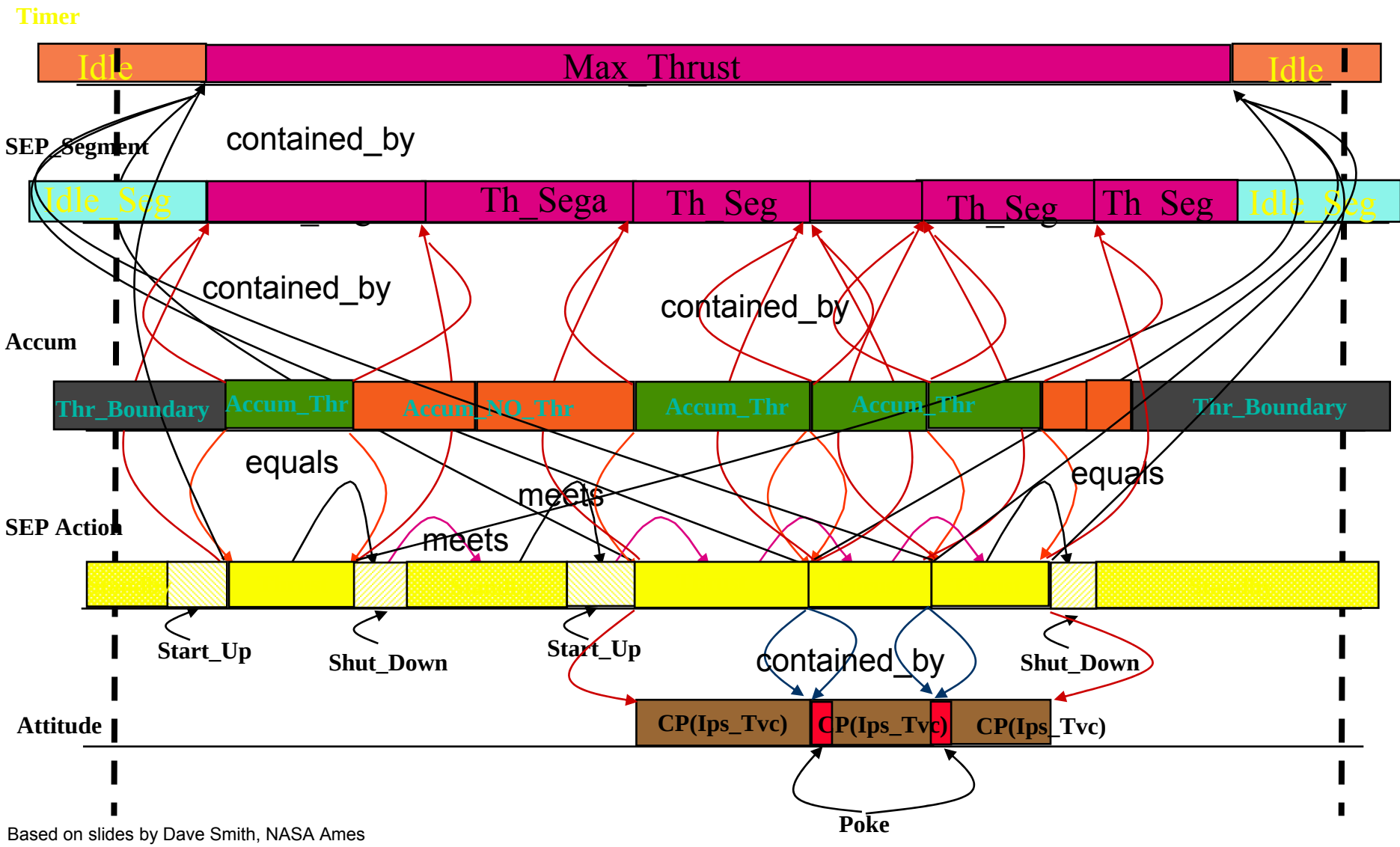
Example: Deep Space One Remote Agent Experiment



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Qualitative Temporal Constraints Maybe Expressed as Inequalities

(Vilain, Kautz 86)

- x before y $X^+ < Y^-$
- x meets y $X^+ = Y^-$
- x overlaps y $(Y^- < X^+) \;\&\; (X^- < Y^+)$
- x during y $(Y^- < X^-) \;\&\; (X^+ < Y^+)$
- x starts y $(X^- = Y^-) \;\&\; (X^+ < Y^+)$
- x finishes y $(X^- < Y^-) \;\&\; (X^+ = Y^+)$
- x equals y $(X^- = Y^-) \;\&\; (X^+ = Y^+)$

Inequalities may be expressed as binary interval relations:

$X^+ - Y^- < [-\text{inf}, 0]$

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Metric Constraints

- Going to the store takes at least 10 minutes and at most 30 minutes.
  → $10 \leq [T^{+}(\text{store}) - T^{-}(\text{store})] \leq 30$

- Bread should be eaten within a day of baking.
  → $0 \leq [T^{+}(\text{baking}) - T^{-}(\text{eating})] \leq 1 \text{ day}$

- Inequalities, $X^{+} < Y^{-}$, may be expressed as binary interval relations:
  → $-\inf < [X^{+} - Y^{-}] < 0$

Metric Time: Quantitative Temporal Constraint Networks

(Dechter, Meiri, Pearl 91)

- A set of time points X_i at which events occur.
- Unary constraints

$$(a_0 \leq X_i \leq b_0) \text{ or } (a_1 \leq X_i \leq b_1) \text{ or } \ldots$$

- Binary constraints

$$(a_0 \leq X_j - X_i \leq b_0) \text{ or } (a_1 \leq X_j - X_i \leq b_1) \text{ or } \ldots$$

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Temporal Constraint Satisfaction Problem (TCSP)

$$< X_i, T_i , T_{ij} >$$

- X_i continuous variables
- T_i , T_{ij} interval constraints

  $\{I_1, \ldots, I_n\}$ where $I_i = [a_i, b_i]$

  - $T_i = (a_i \leq X_i \leq b_i)$ or . . . or $(a_i \leq X_i \leq b_i)$
  - $T_{ij} = (a_1 \leq X_i - X_j \leq b_1)$ or ... or $(a_n \leq X_i - X_j \leq b_n)$

[Dechter, Meiri, Pearl, aij89]

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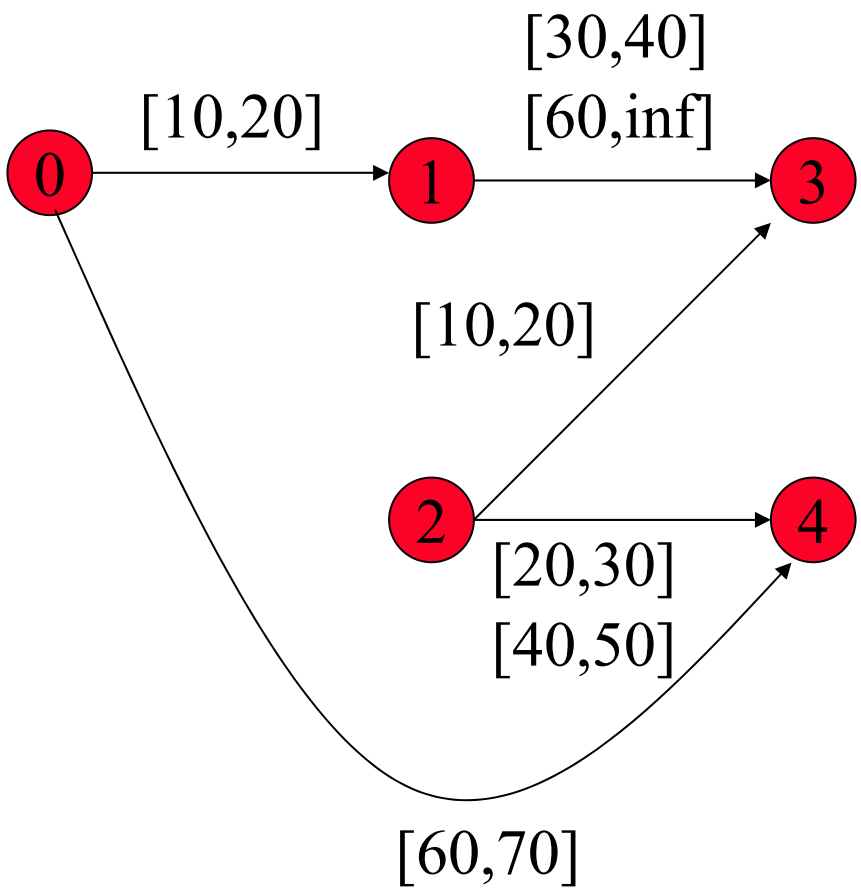
TCSP Are Visualized Using Directed Constraint Graphs



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Simple Temporal Networks
(Dechter, Meiri, Pearl 91)

Simple Temporal Networks:

- A set of time points X_i at which events occur.
- Unary constraints

  $(a_0 \leq X_i \leq b_0)$ ~~or $(a_1 \leq X_i \leq b_1)$ or . . .~~
- Binary constraints

  $(a_0 \leq X_j - X_i \leq b_0)$ ~~or $(a_1 \leq X_j - X_i \leq b_1)$ or . . .~~

Sufficient to represent:
- most Allen relations
- simple metric constraints

Can't represent:
- Disjoint activities

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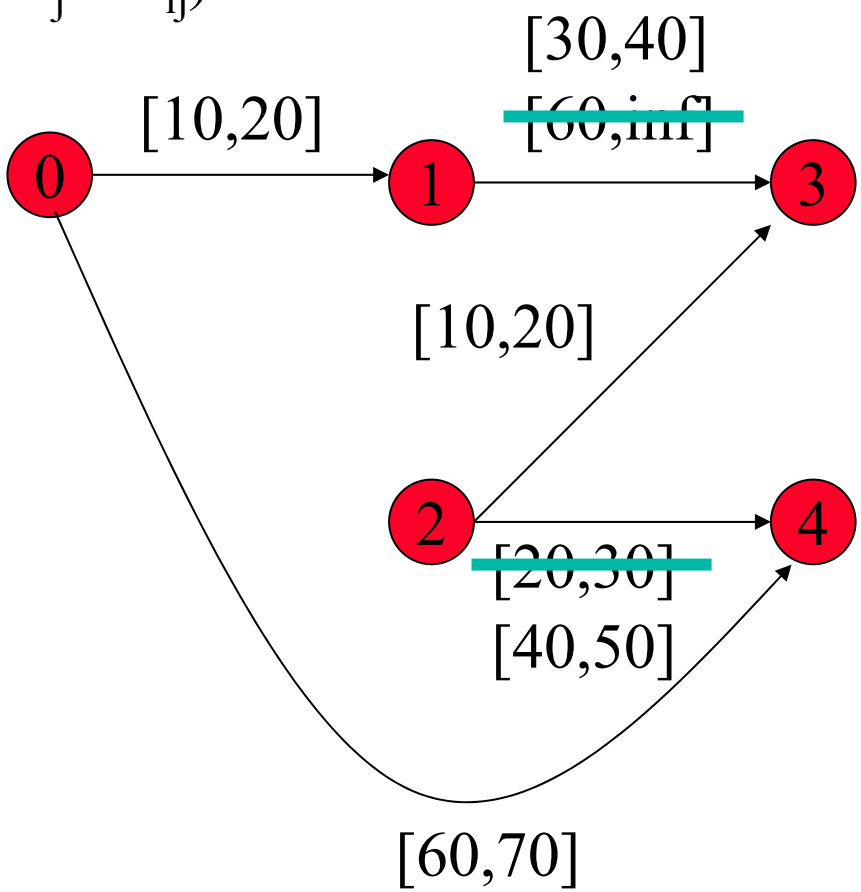
Simple Temporal Network

- $T_{ij} = (a_{ij} \leq X_i - X_j \leq b_{ij})$



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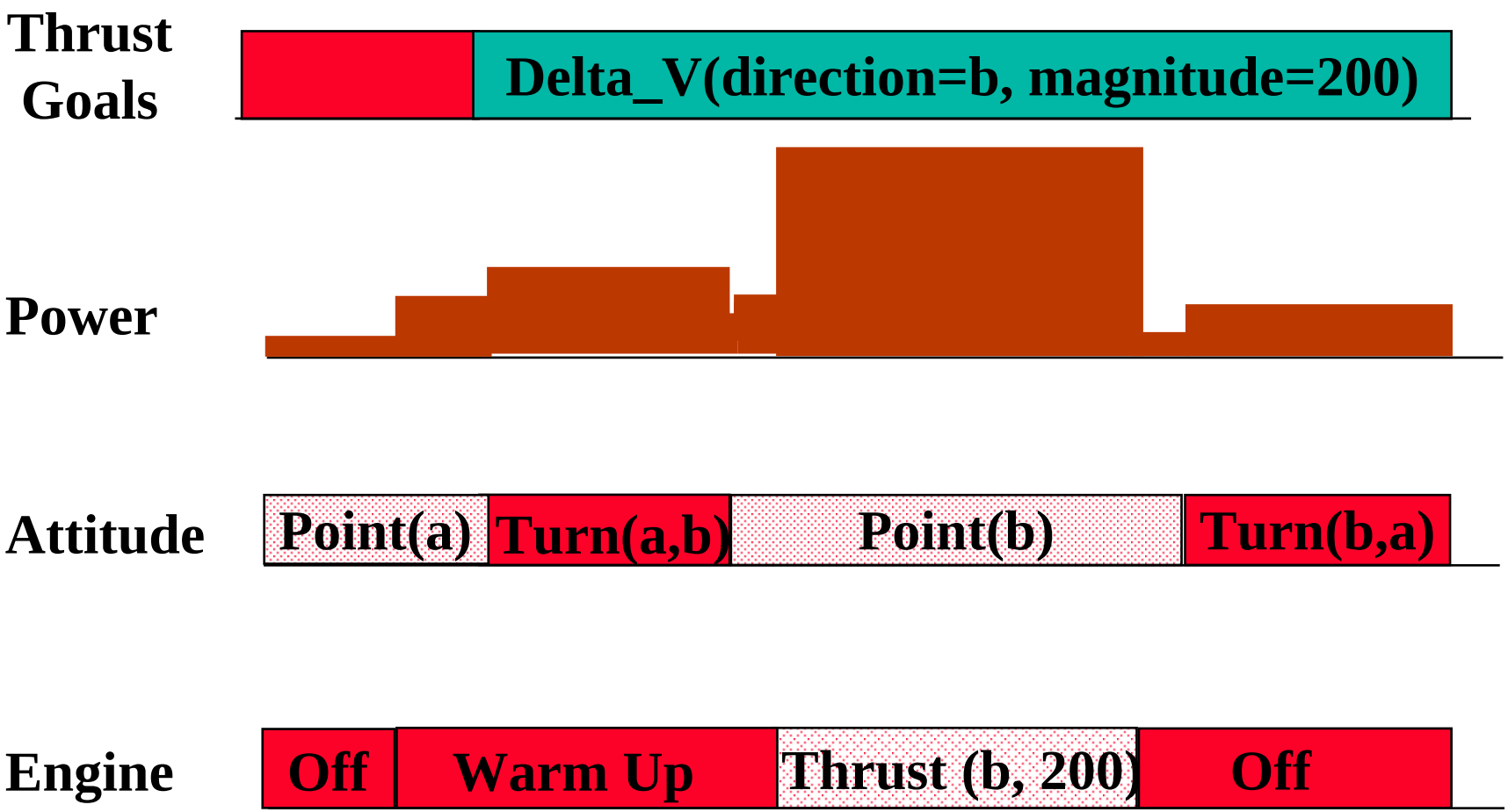

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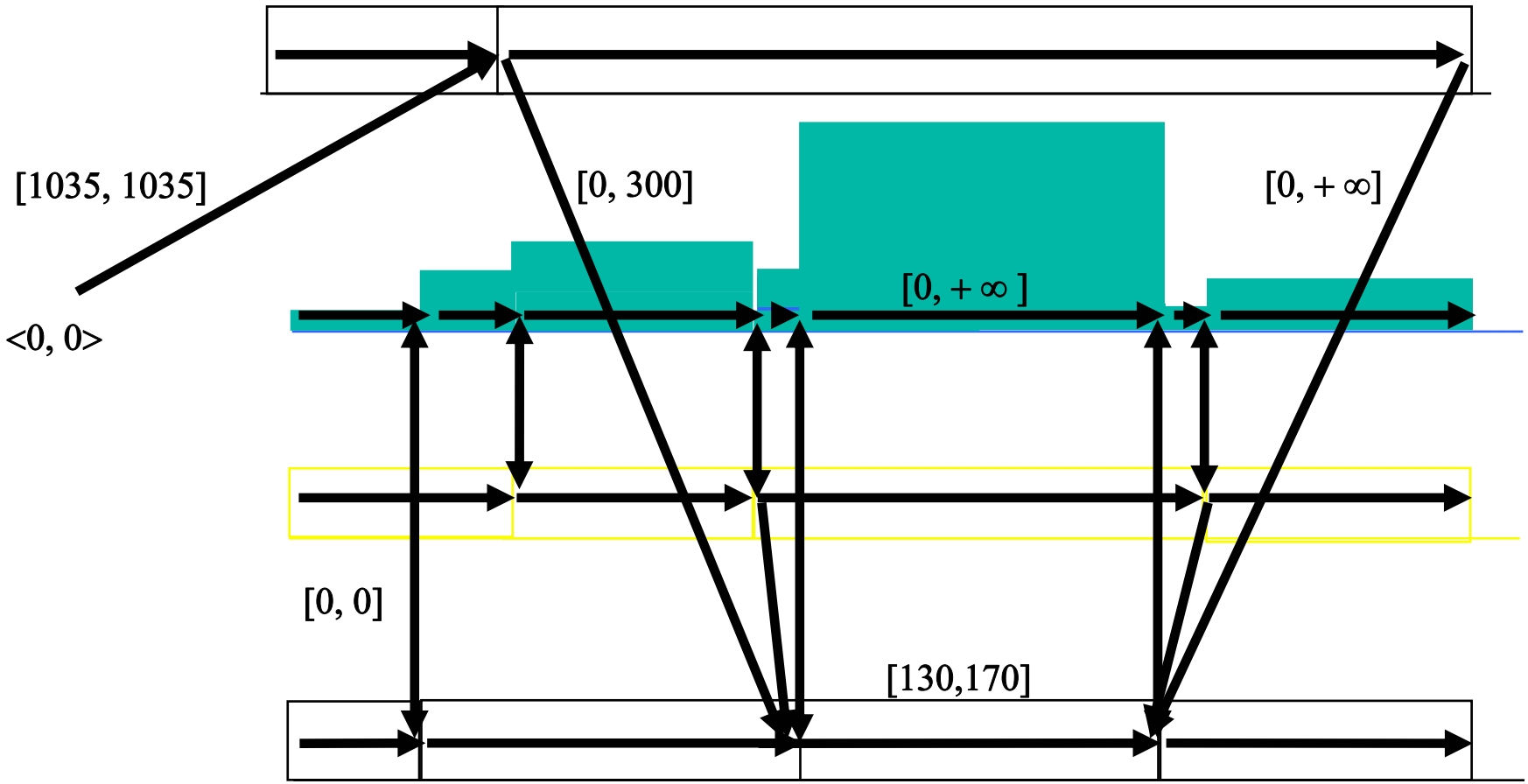

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Outline

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- Review of Least Commitment Planning
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- Temporal Constraints with Preference

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