

Formalization of an FRP language with references

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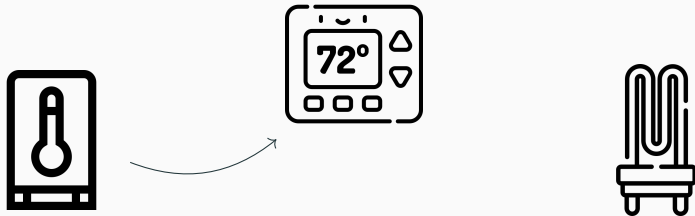
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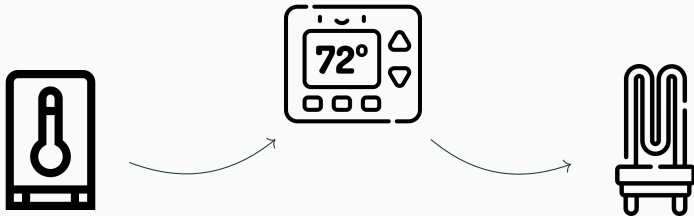
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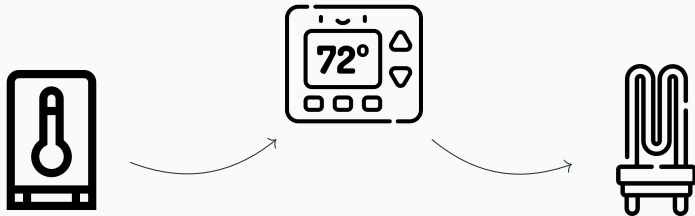
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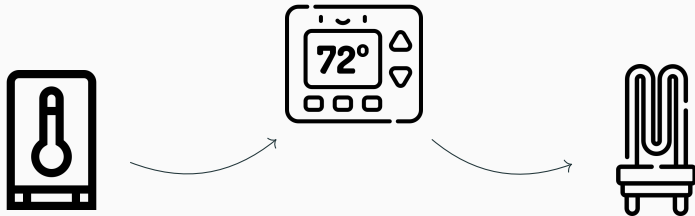
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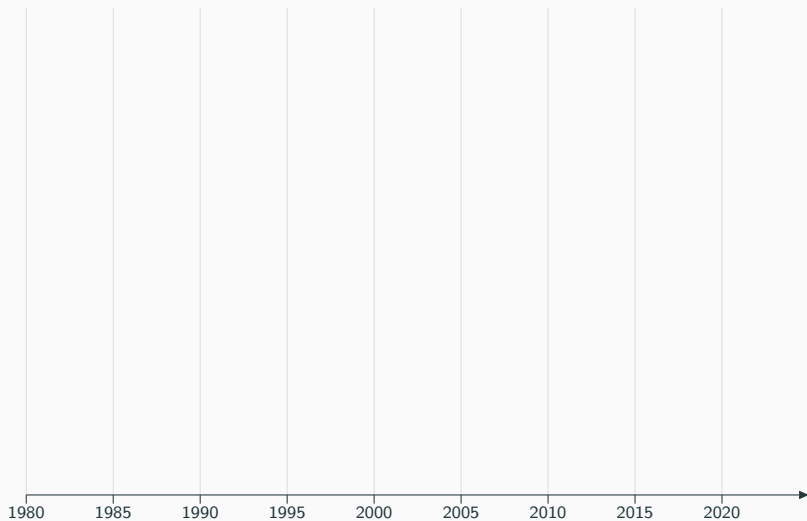
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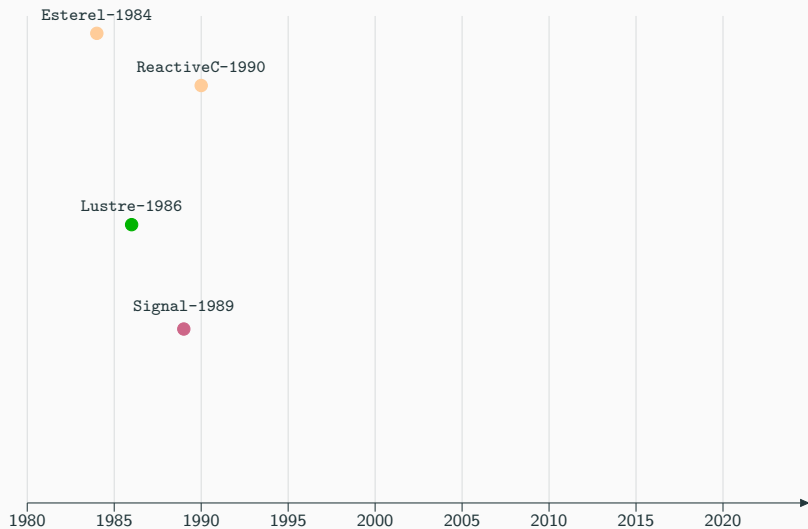
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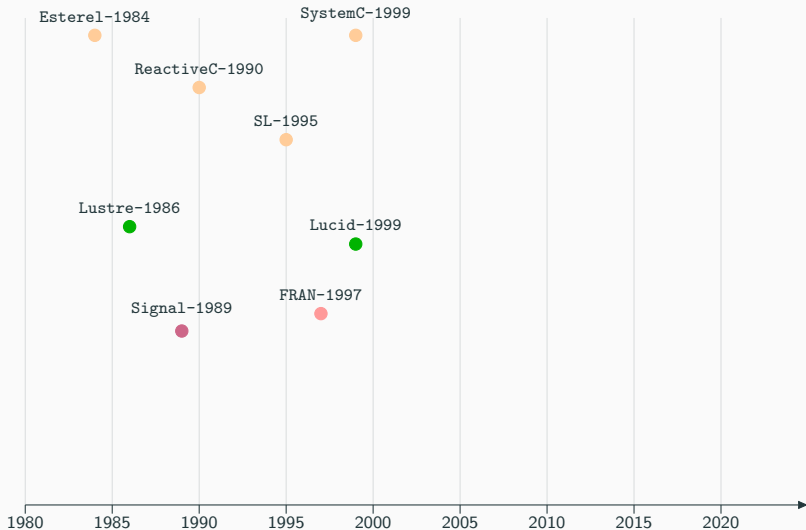
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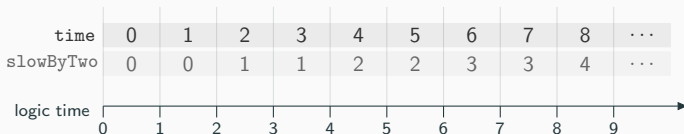
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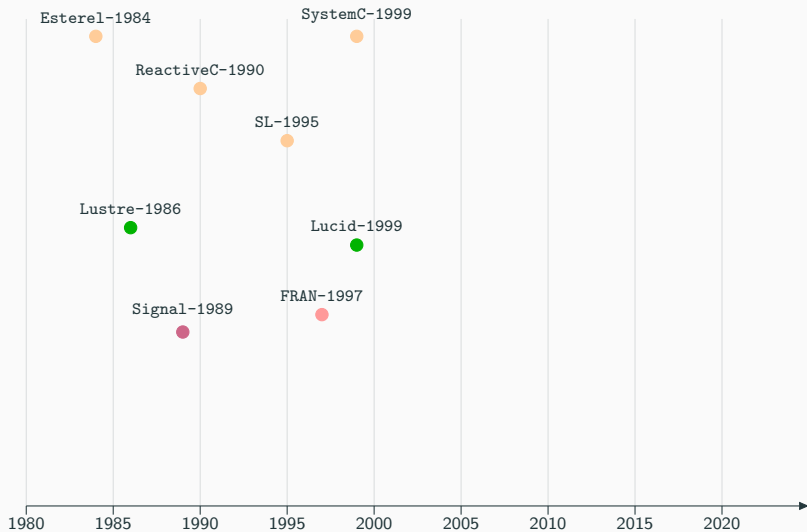
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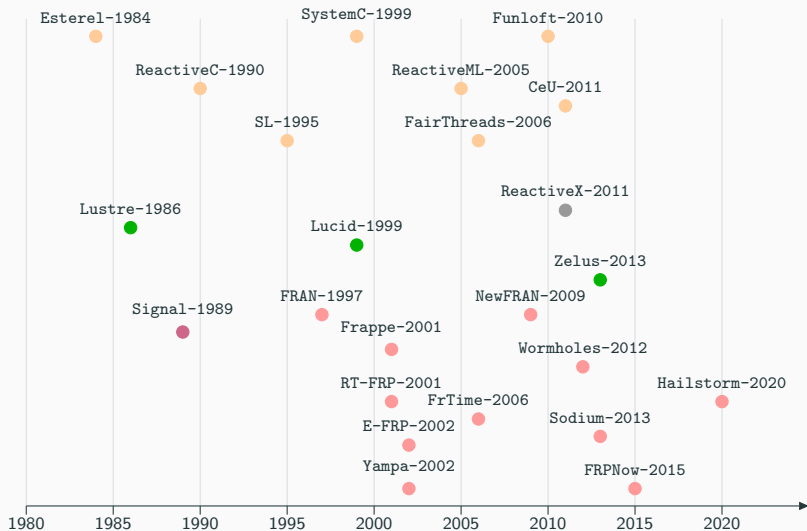
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switchWhenFour = time untilB (constEv 4 slowByTwo)
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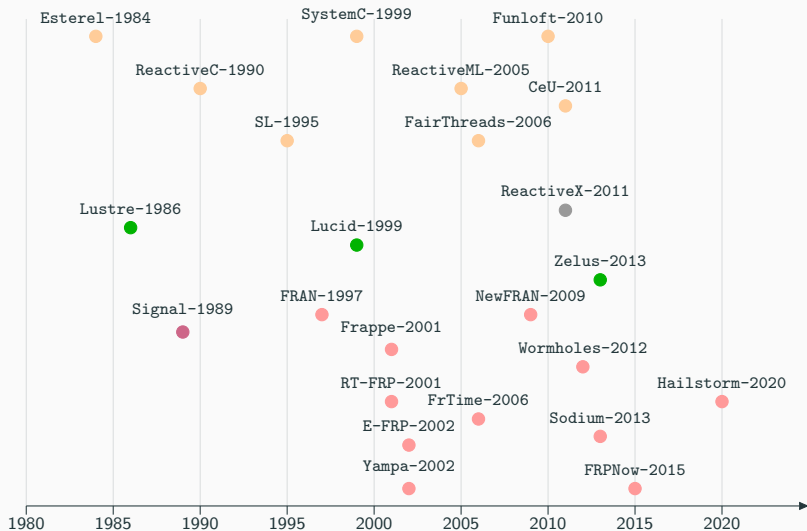
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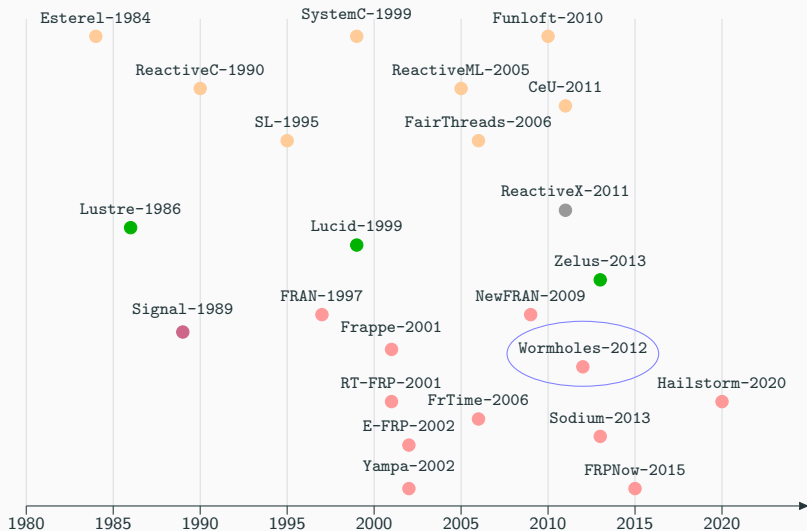
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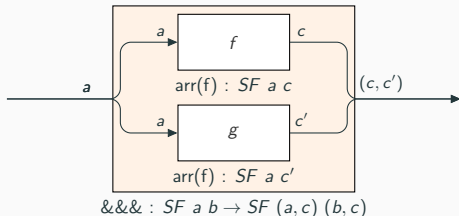
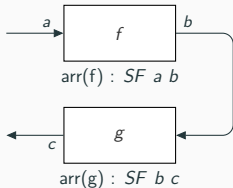
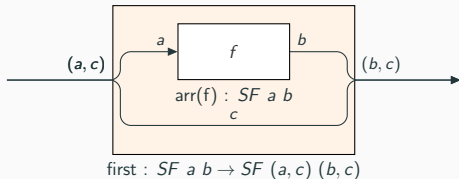
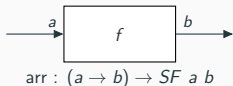
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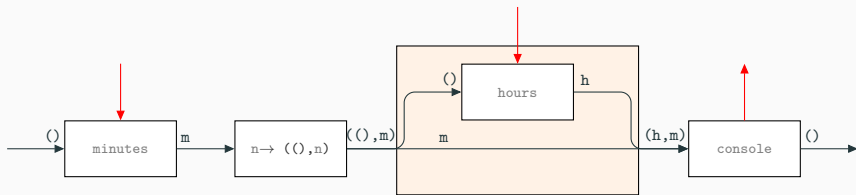
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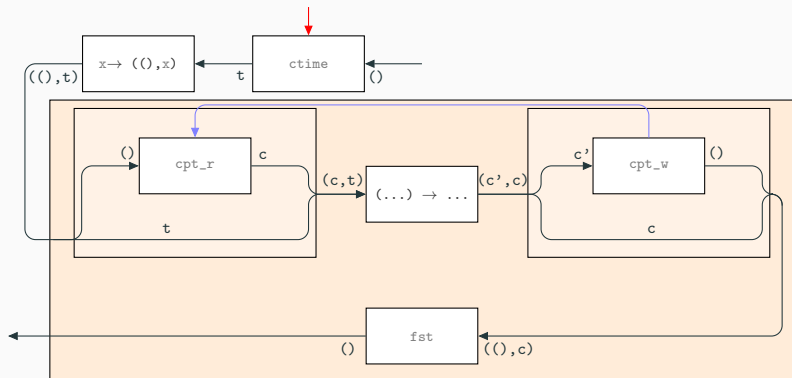
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