INF5150 Obligatory exercise Drop 1
Proposed solution
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Introduction

We are going to make a system (called BlindDate) to meet a group of people. The customers (participants) register for events by the use of SMS messages. At appropriate time before an event, the system sends a message containing traveling information to each participant depending on her/his location.

Three different specifications are given:

- BlindDate1 is the most general variant. It offers functionality that enables the customer to register in the system, join a particular event and receive notification with travel information. All events happen at a fixed and known location, independently of the location of the customers.
- BlindDate2 is identical with BlindDate1, with the three exceptions: Firstly, an event may be created by initiative from a customer. Secondly, the system may refuse a customer if the maximal number of allowed participants for a certain event is exceeded. Thirdly, notification messages are always triggered 30 minutes before the start of the event.
- BlindDate3 is identical with BlindDate1, except that a new option has been added: The location of the customers at a given time (shortly before the event) may now determine where the event will take place.

Both BlindDate2 and BlindDate3 will be shown to be refinements of BlindDate1.

Assumptions

The following assumptions are made:

1. All customers are identified by their phone number.
2. In cases where the system needs to communicate with more than one customer to accomplish a certain task, two customers represent collection of all relevant customers.
3. Existing events contain information about the location name (i.e. a restaurant) and the name and ID of the nearest bus stop. An exception to this is BlindDate3, since in this specification the location of the event is not decided until shortly before the event.
4. Events are published independently of the system, and are known by all customers. An exception to this is events initiated by a customer in BlindDate2.
5. Positioning requests from the system are sent in similar way as ordinary SMS messages. Therefore also positioning messages are shown as going to/from the customer's mobile.
6. There are a fixed number of locations where events may take place. These locations are stored in LocationSupplier, together with their closest bus stop.

Naming conventions

Representation of SMS messages in the sequence diagrams

In JavaFrame the SMS messages will have format *Sms(String: to, String: from, String: message)*. In the sequence diagrams SMS messages are written on the format *Sms(phoneNo, keyword,* $arg_1, \ldots, arg_n$*)*, where *phoneNo* represents the customer's phone number. The number of arguments depends on the

keyword. The message string in the JavaFrame format corresponds to the concatenation of the keyword followed by all the arguments, with spaces in between.

Here is an example: The message *Sms(phoneNo, join, eventType, time)* in a sequence diagram may be instantiated for example by *Sms("2034","99999999", "Join drink beer at 20.30 Saturday").* 99999999 is the phone number of the joining customer. The field "2034" is not included in the sequence diagram SMS messages, since it is the same for all messages.

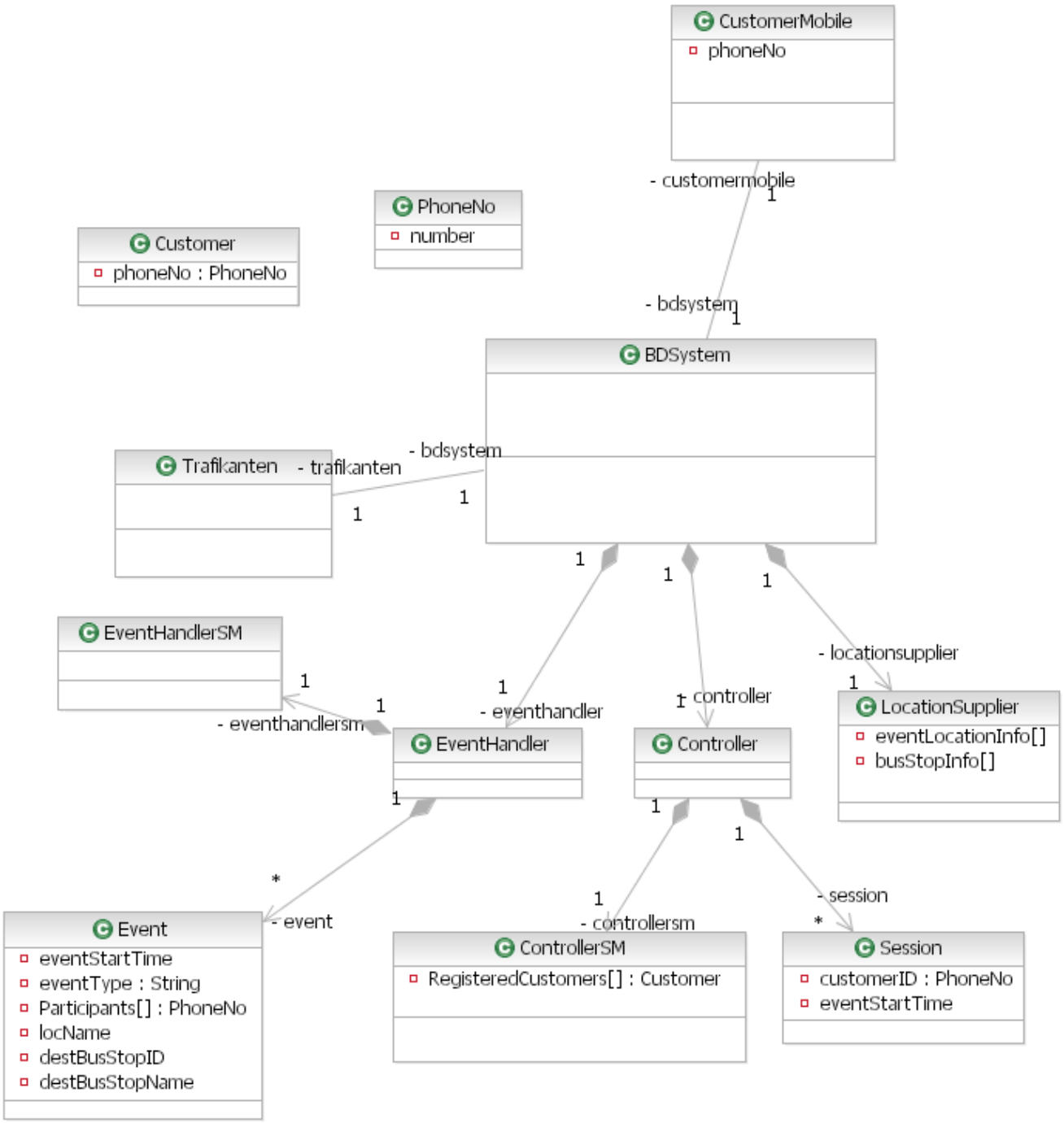
Message arguments

The following naming conventions apply to arguments of messages (this is an incomplete list):

- eventType: For example "drink beer", "play bridge" etc
- depBusStopName: The name for the bus stop the customer is advised to travel from, for example "Bjølsen"
- depBusStopID: A unique ID for the above bus stop name. Information about bus stop IDs is stored in LocationSupplier. The ID is used in DynRequest messages to Trafikanten.
- destBusStopName: The name for the bus stop the customer is advised to travel to.
- destBusStopID: A unique ID for the above bus stop name.
- locName: The name of the place where participants are supposed to meet, for example "Café Hansen"
- routes: Information returned from Trafikanten. See javadoc for communication with Trafikanten.

Class Diagram

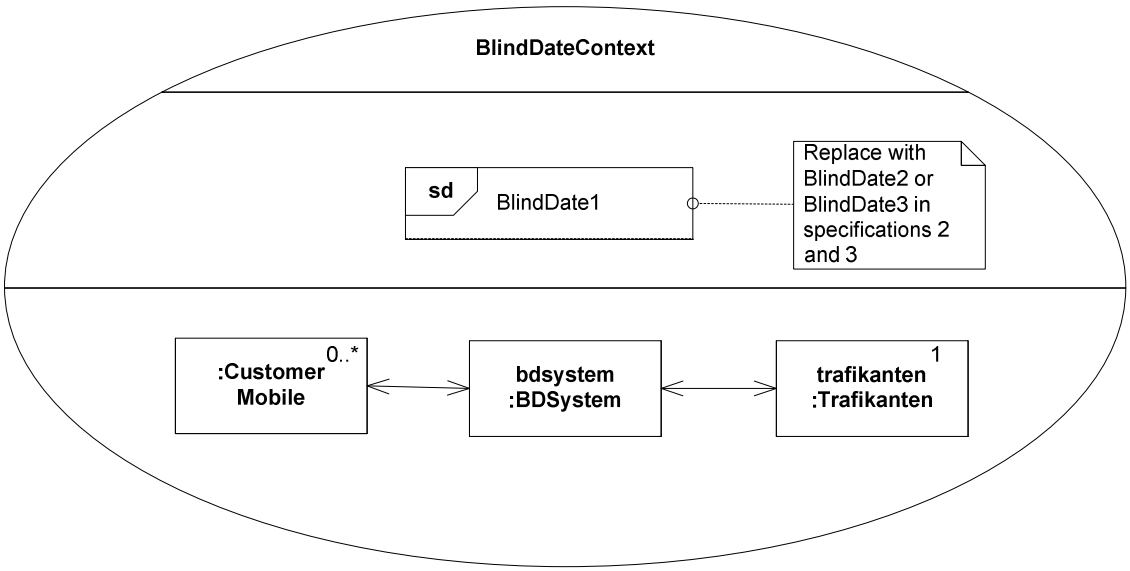
Note that not all attributes are necessarily shown.



BlindDate1

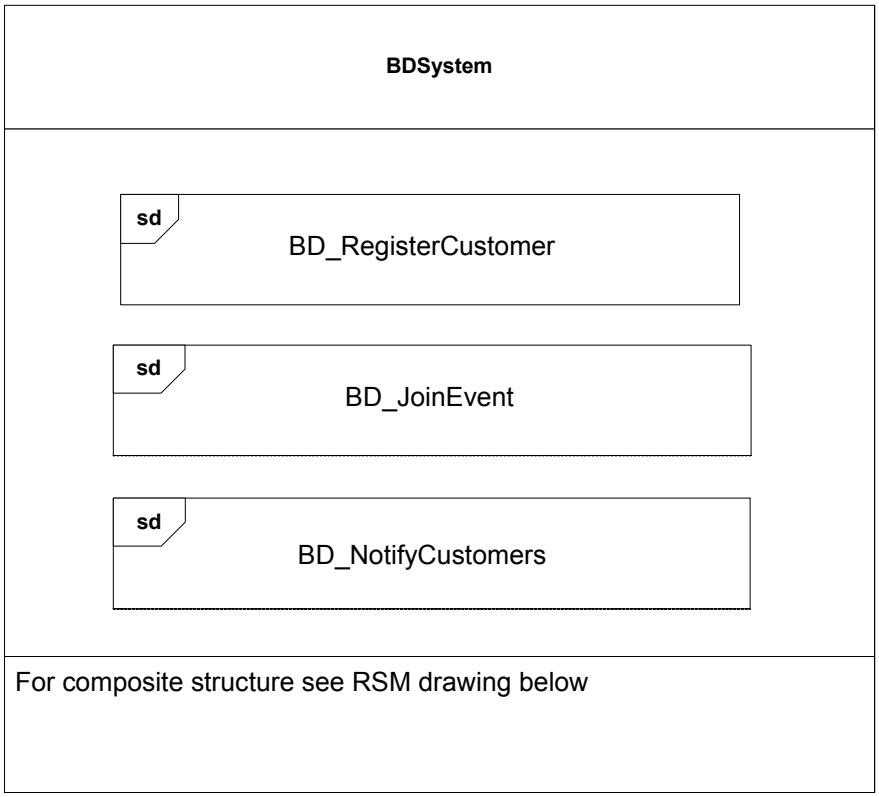
This section describes the diagrams relevant for BlindDate1.

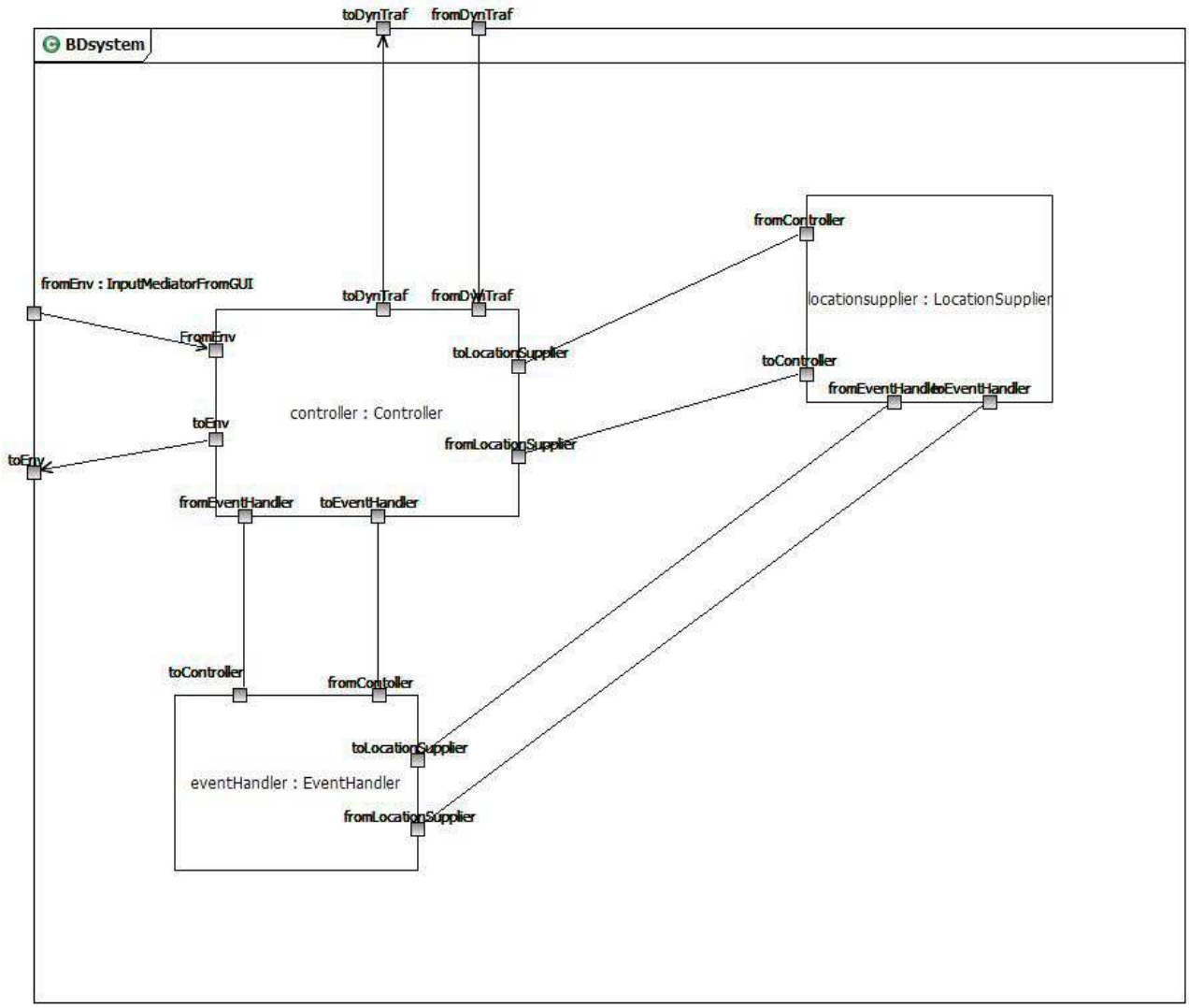
BlindDateContext



The diagram BlindDateContext is similar to all the specifications, except that sequence diagram BlindDate1 is replaced by BlindDate2 and BlindDate3.

BDSystem structure

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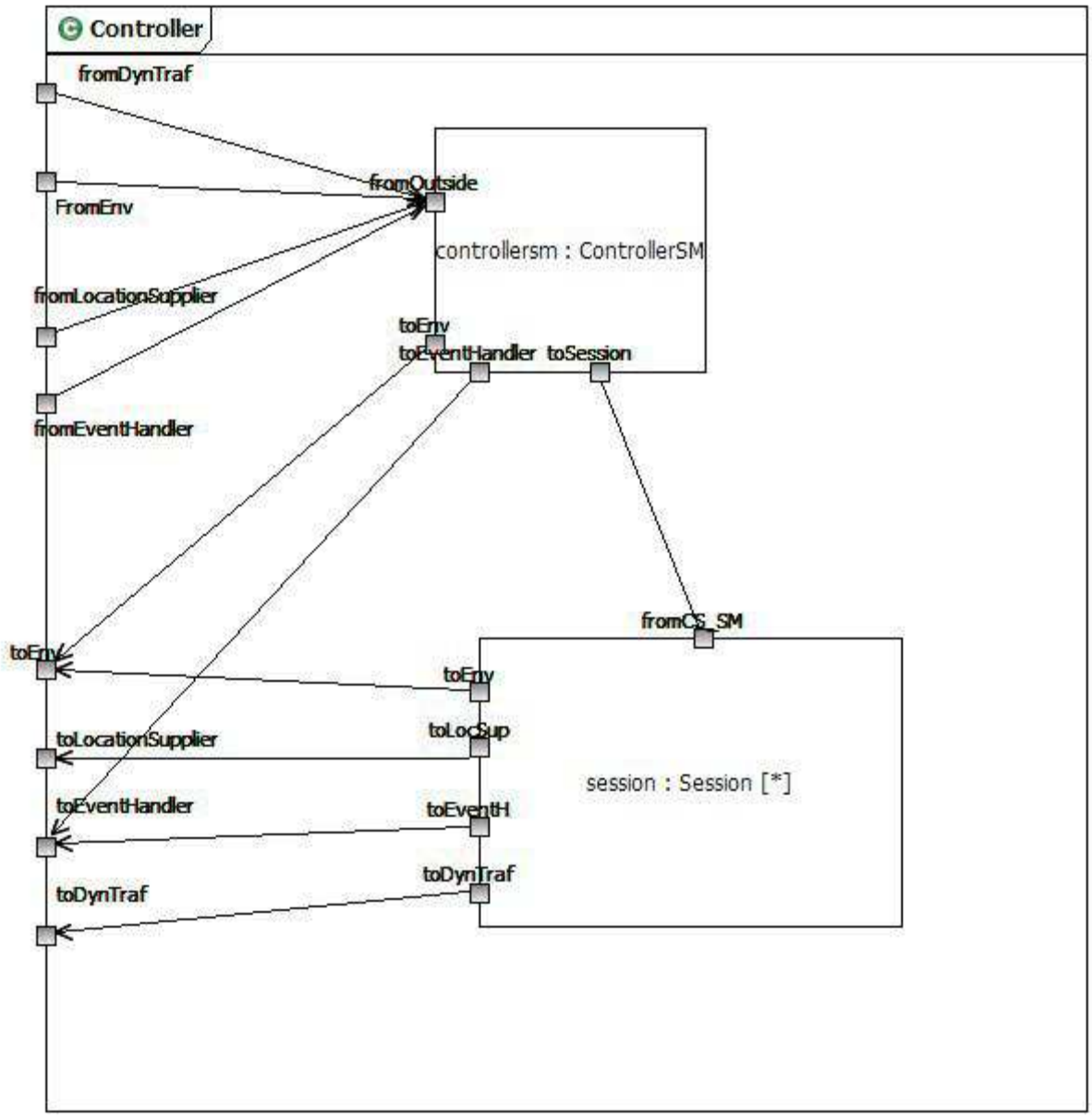
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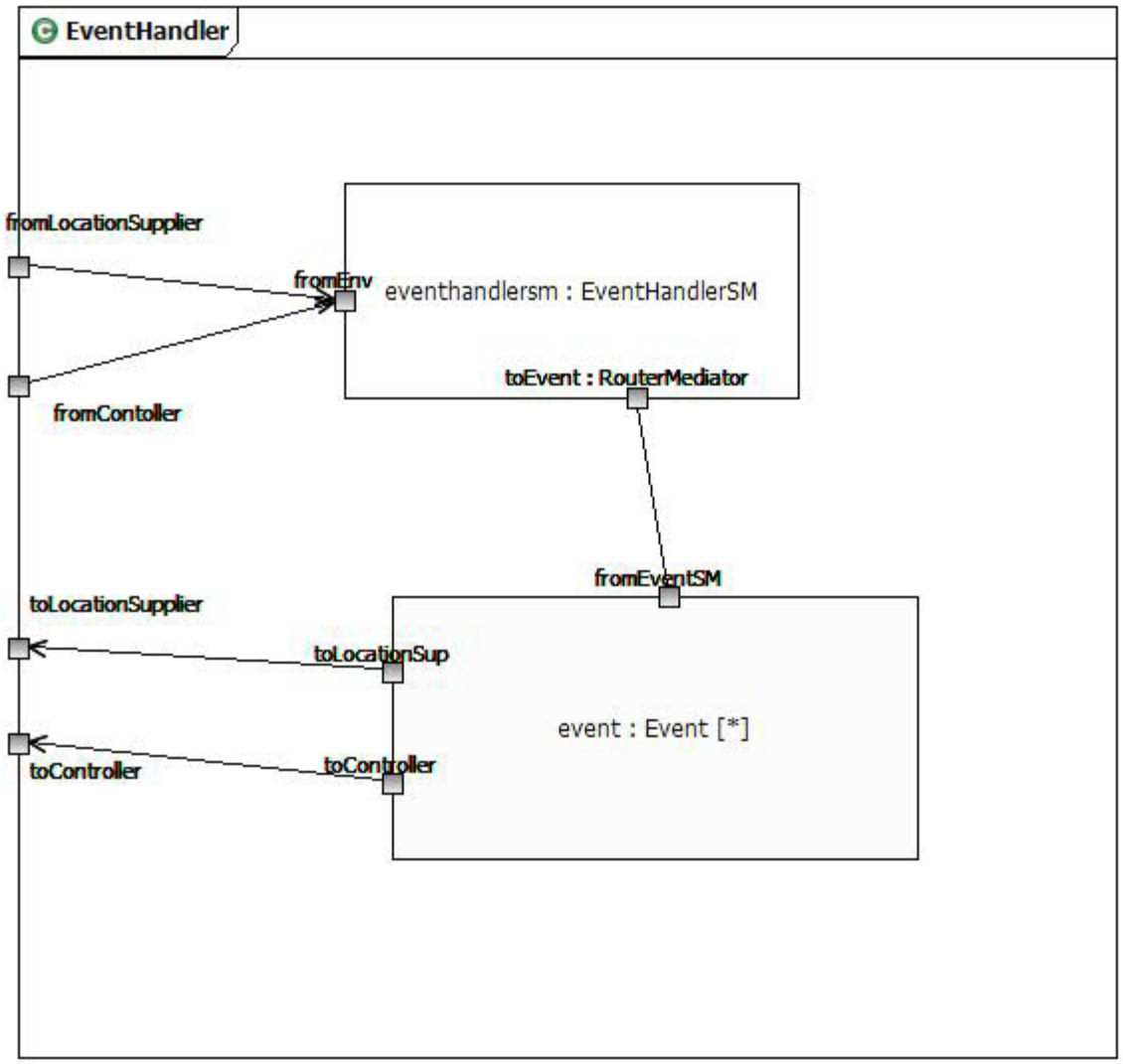
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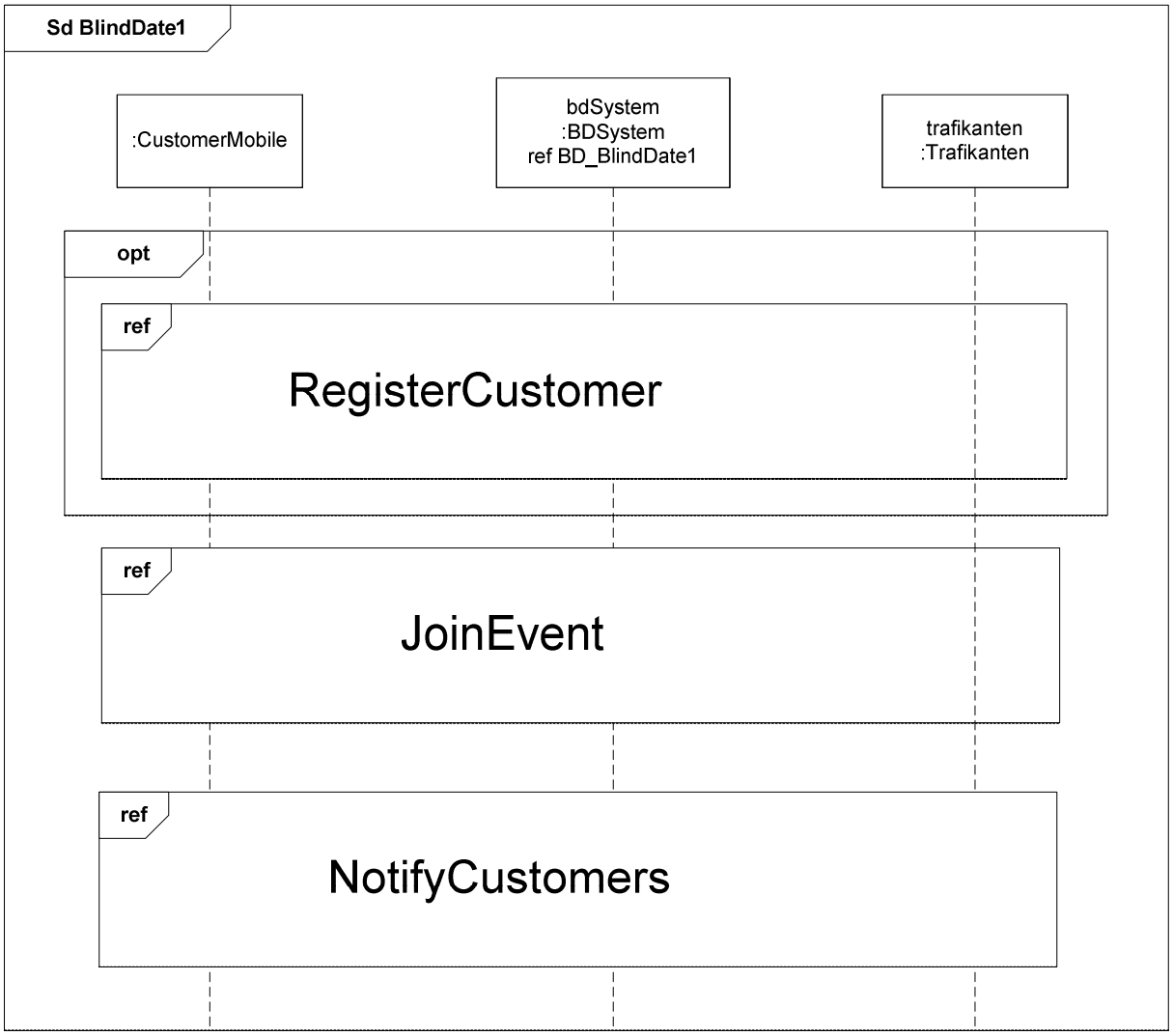
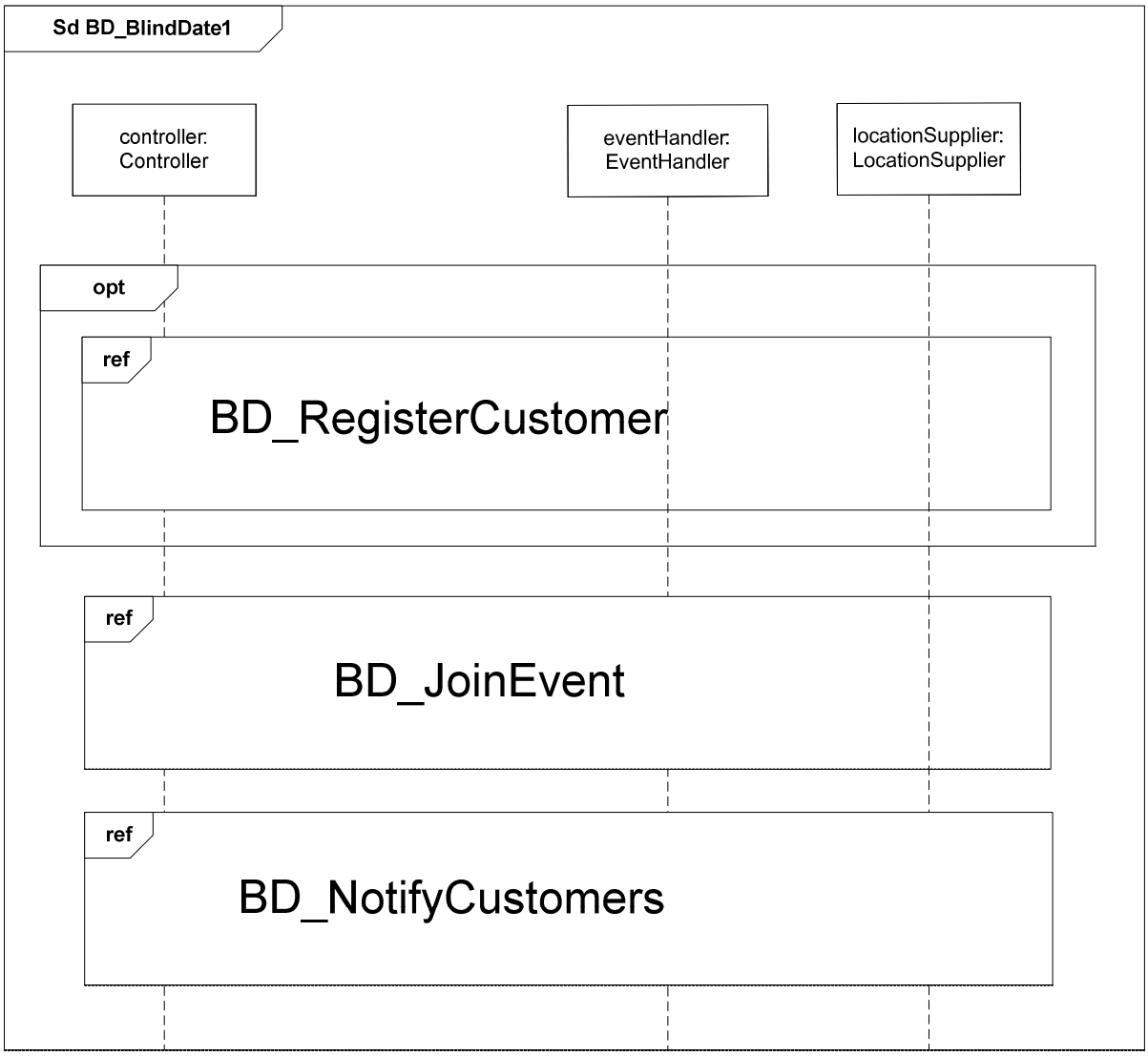
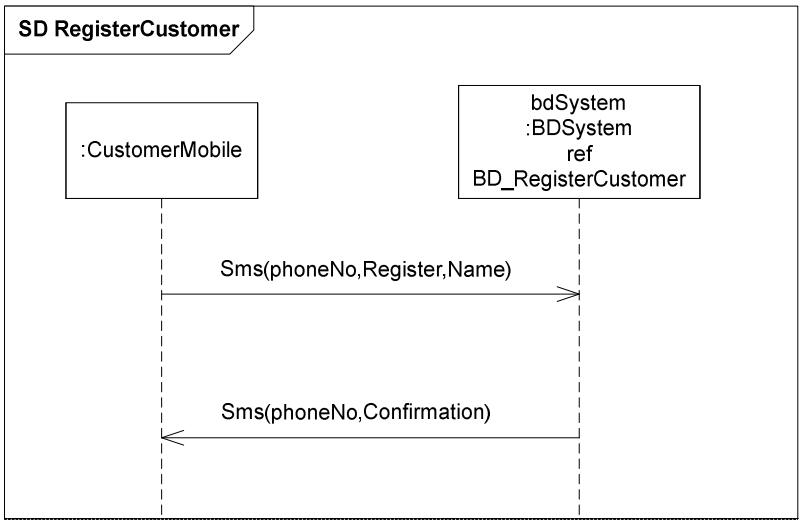
BlindDate1 sequence diagram



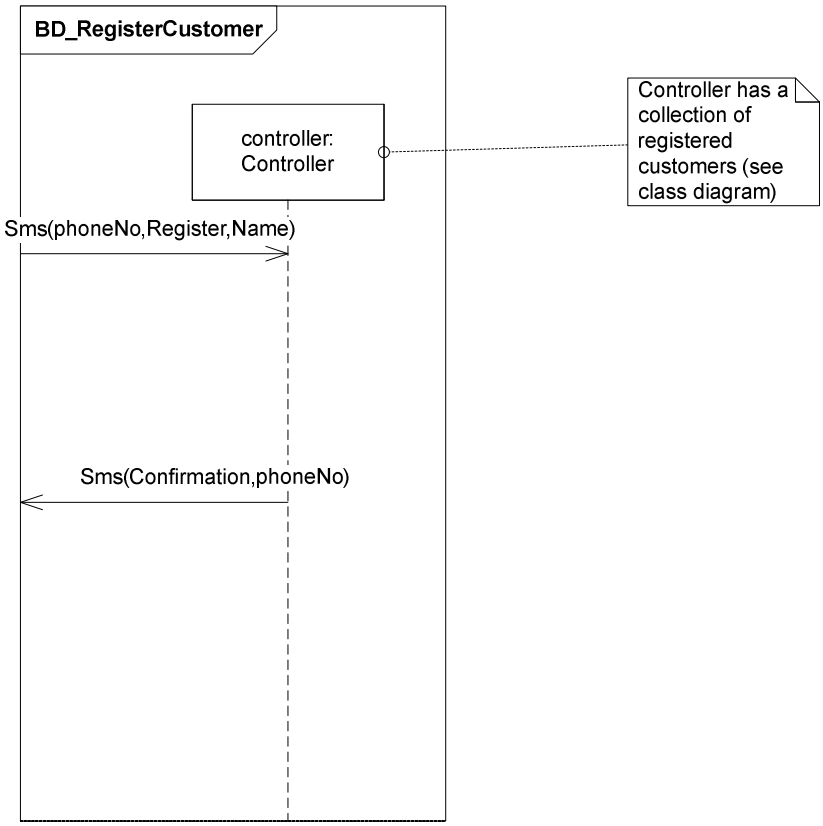
BD_BlindDate1 sequence diagram



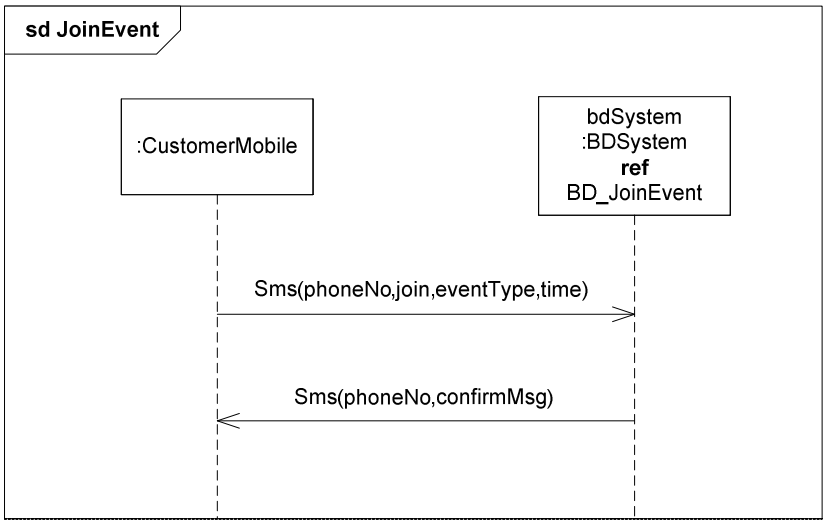
RegisterCustomer sequence diagram



BD_RegisterCustomer sequence diagram



JoinEvent sequence diagram



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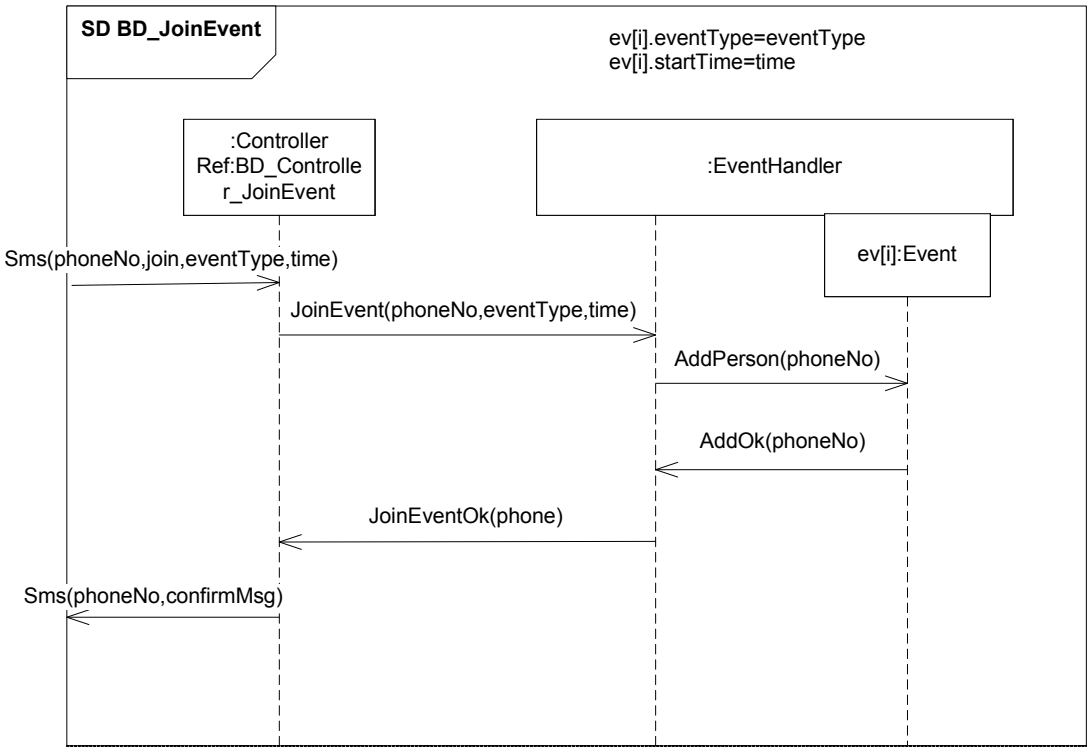
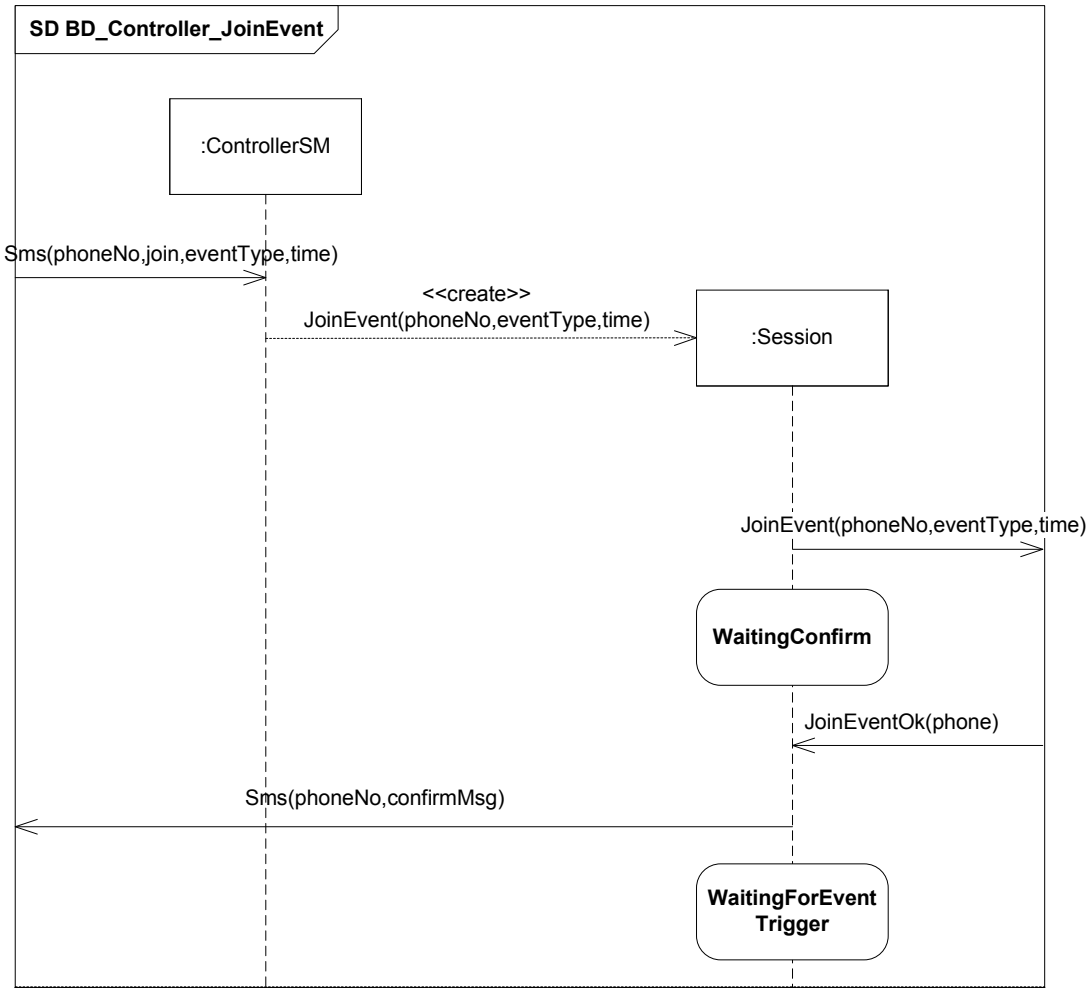


BD_Controller_JoinEvent sequence diagram

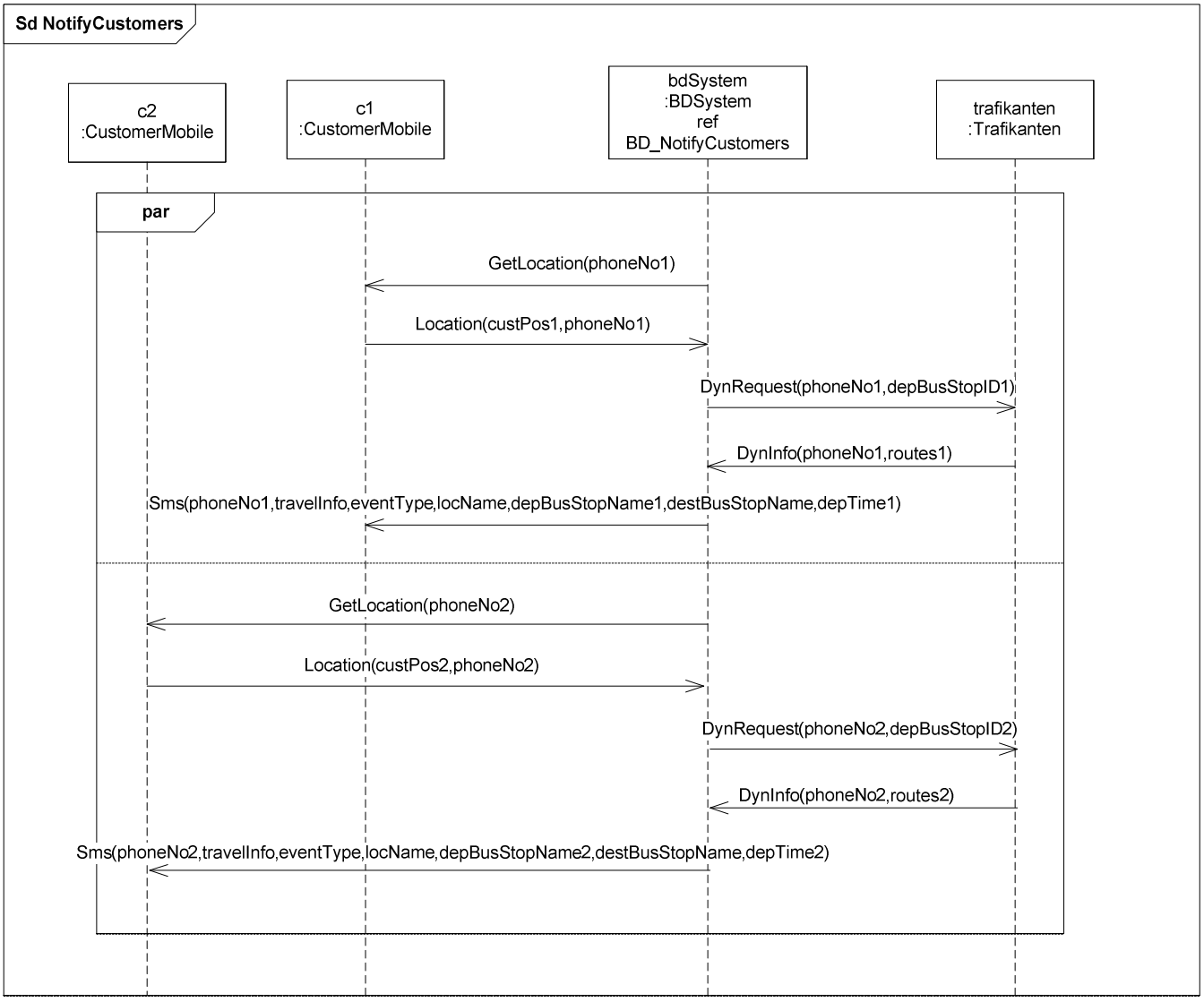
When a customer wants to join a certain event, she/he sends an SMS message with keyword “join” and information about the event type and time. A session is then created to handle the communication with the customer related to this particular event. The session is alive until the notification with travel information is sent (shown in BD_Controller_NCust).



NotifyCustomers sequence diagram

At an appropriate time before an event the system collects information about the location for each participating customer, obtains travel information from Trafikanten, and sends travel advice to the customer.

The number of participants can differ between events; we have chosen to show the case with two participants for the same specific event. Note that the parameters eventType and locName are identical in the two operands of the par operator. This convention throughout the specification.



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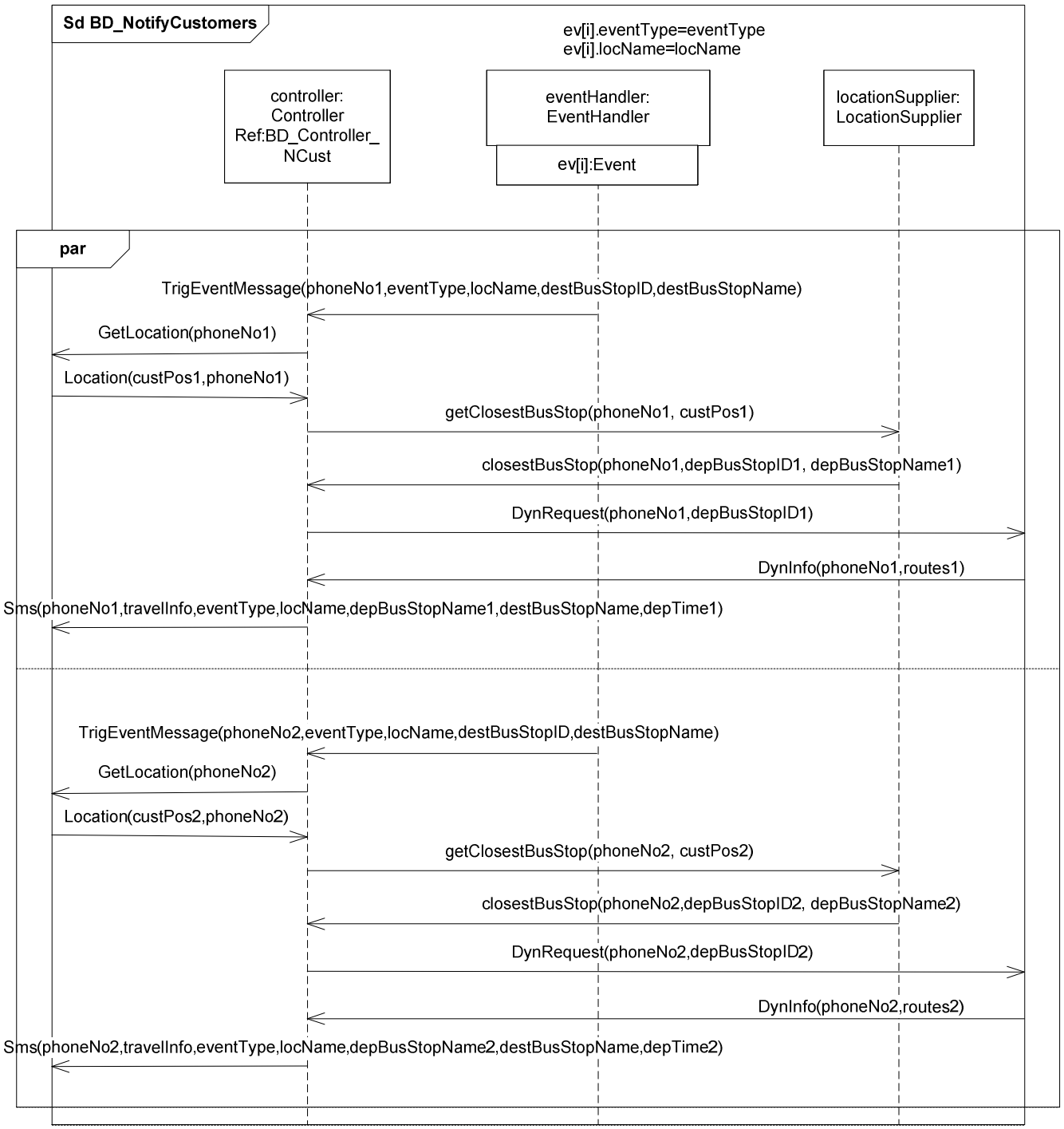
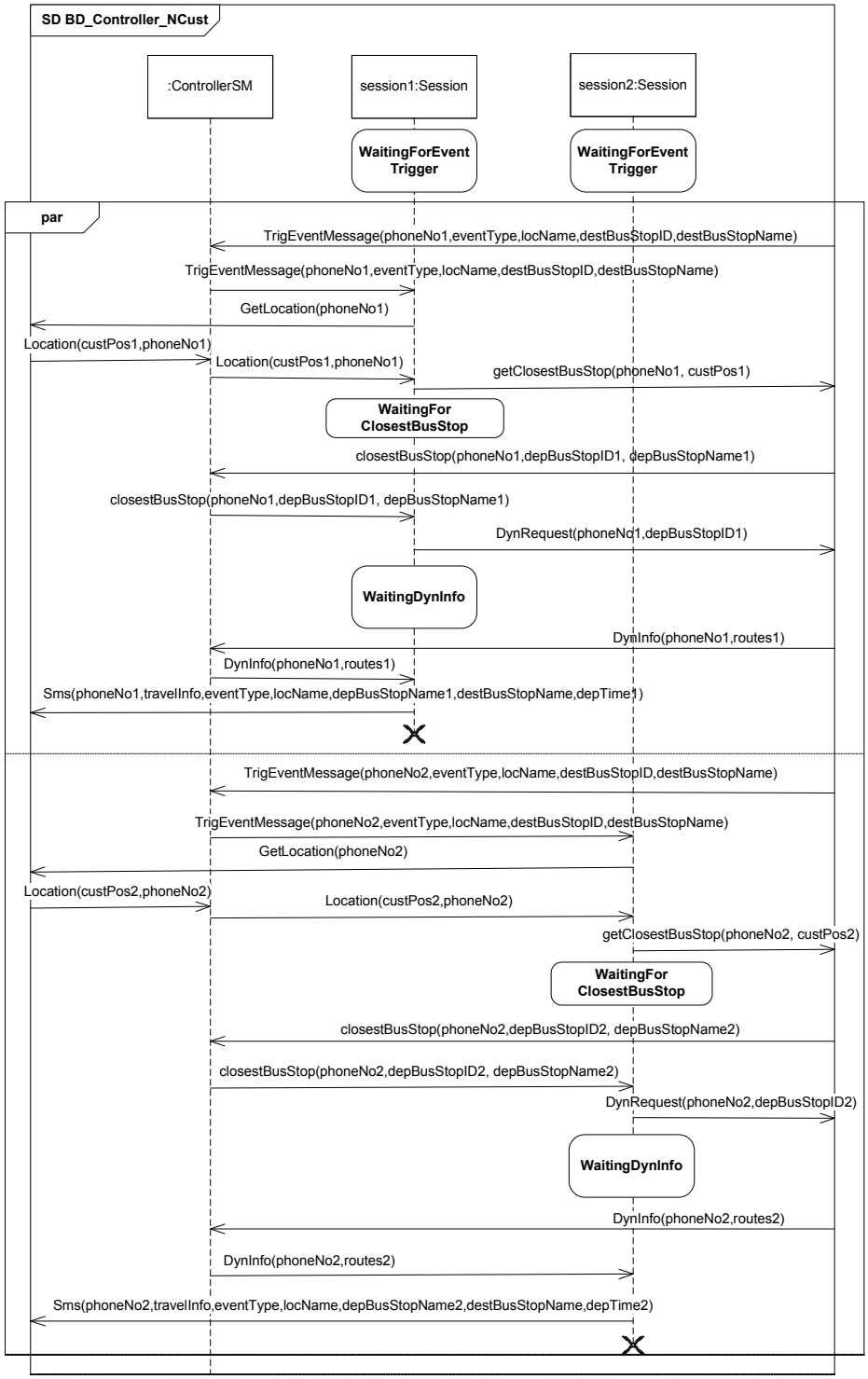


BD_Controller_NCust sequence diagram

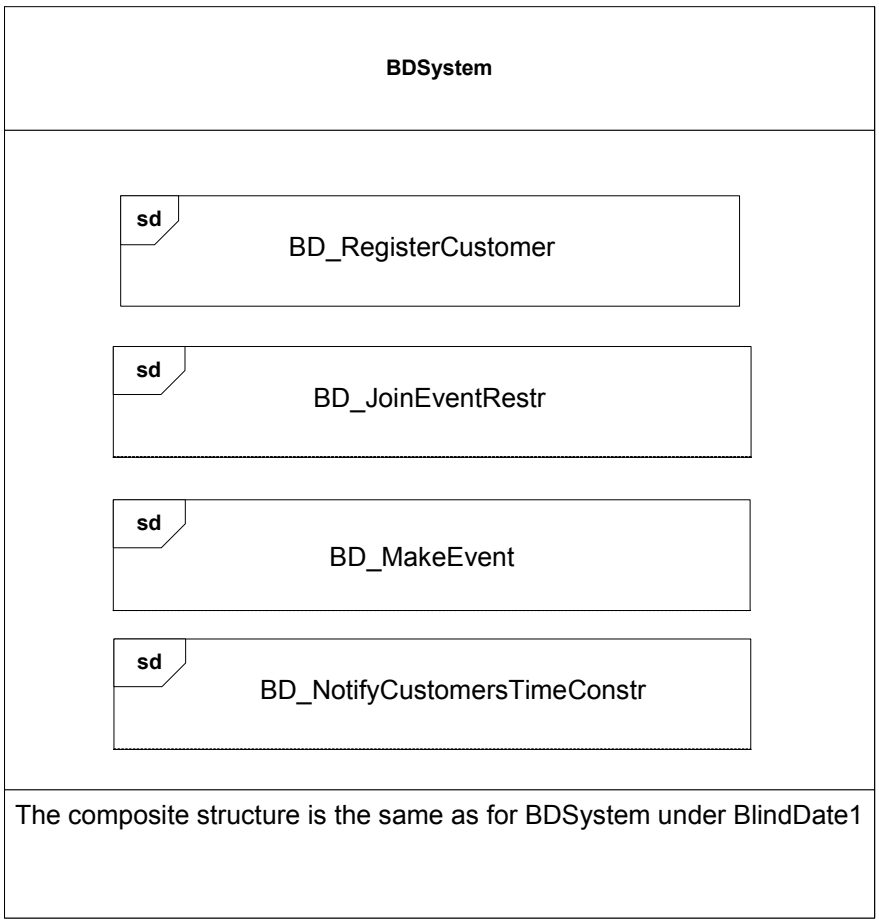
In this diagram suggestions for some state names are included. Not all states are necessarily shown. Notice that the initial state names are identical to those in BD_Controller_JoinEvent.



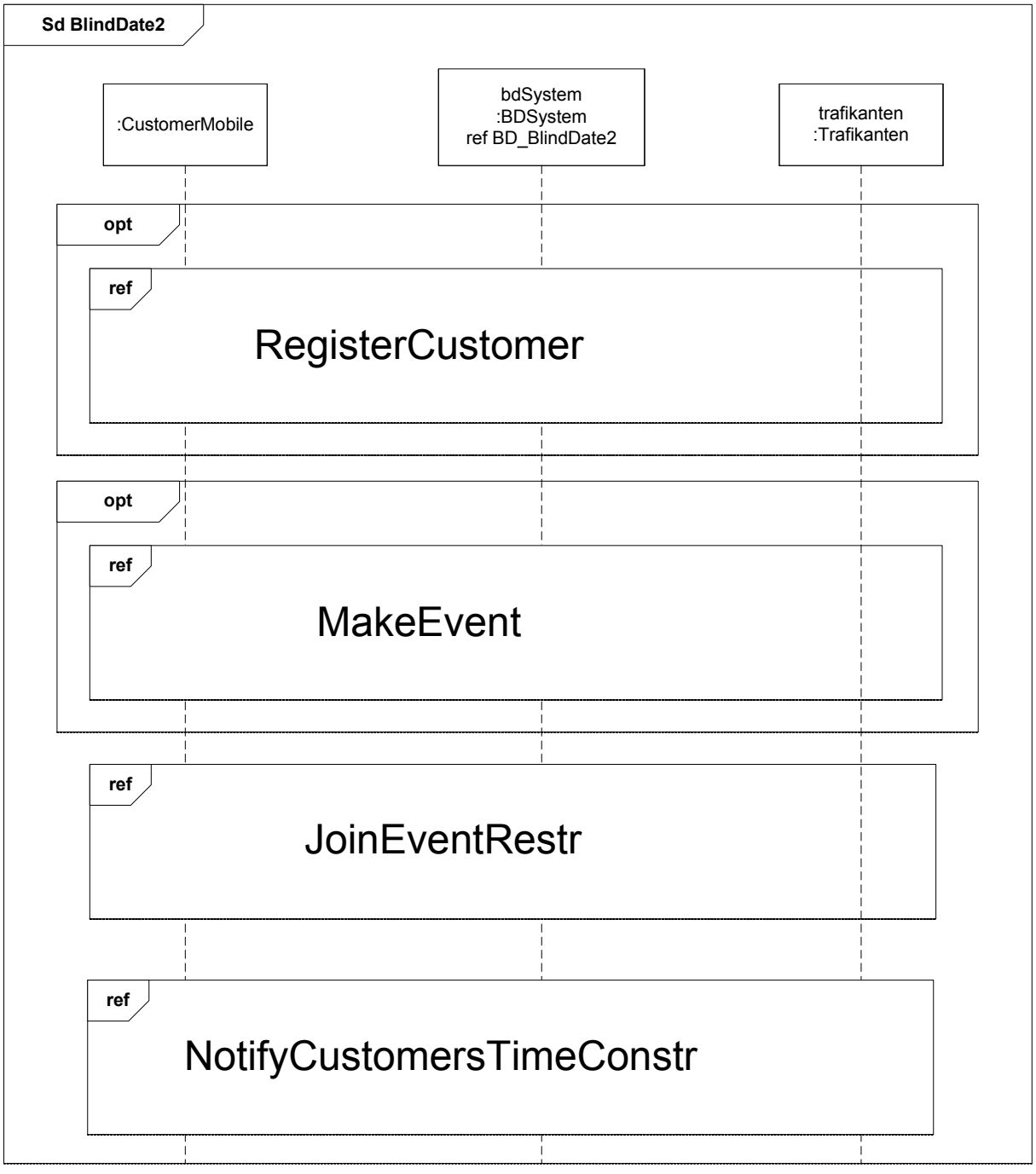
BlindDate2

This section describes the diagrams relevant for BlindDate2. Diagrams that are identical to BlindDate1 are not repeated.

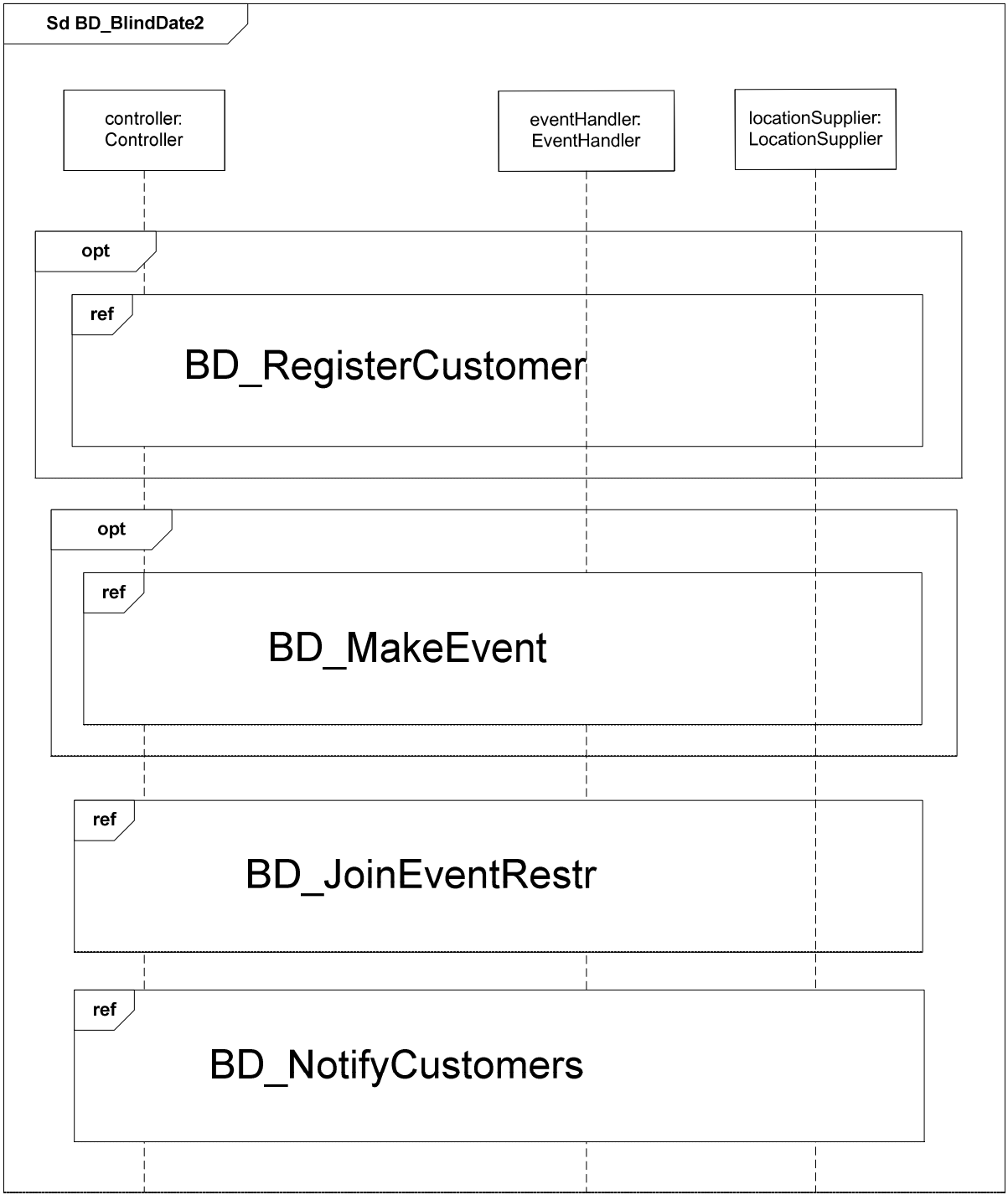
BDSystem structure



BlindDate2 sequence diagram

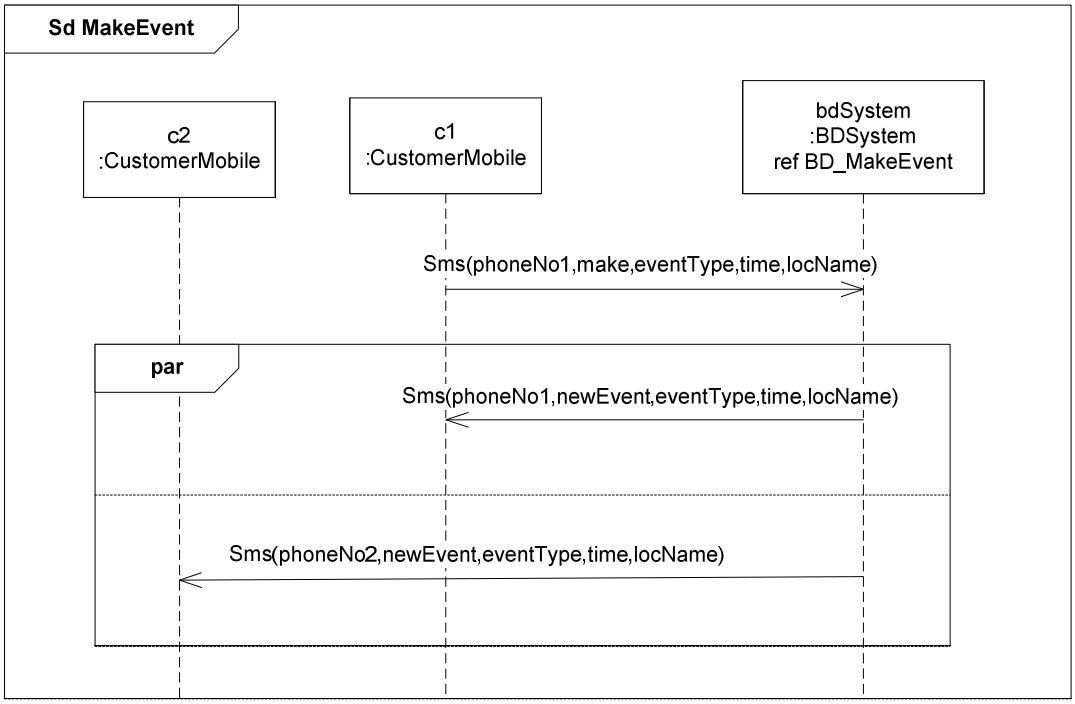


BD_BlindDate2 sequence diagram

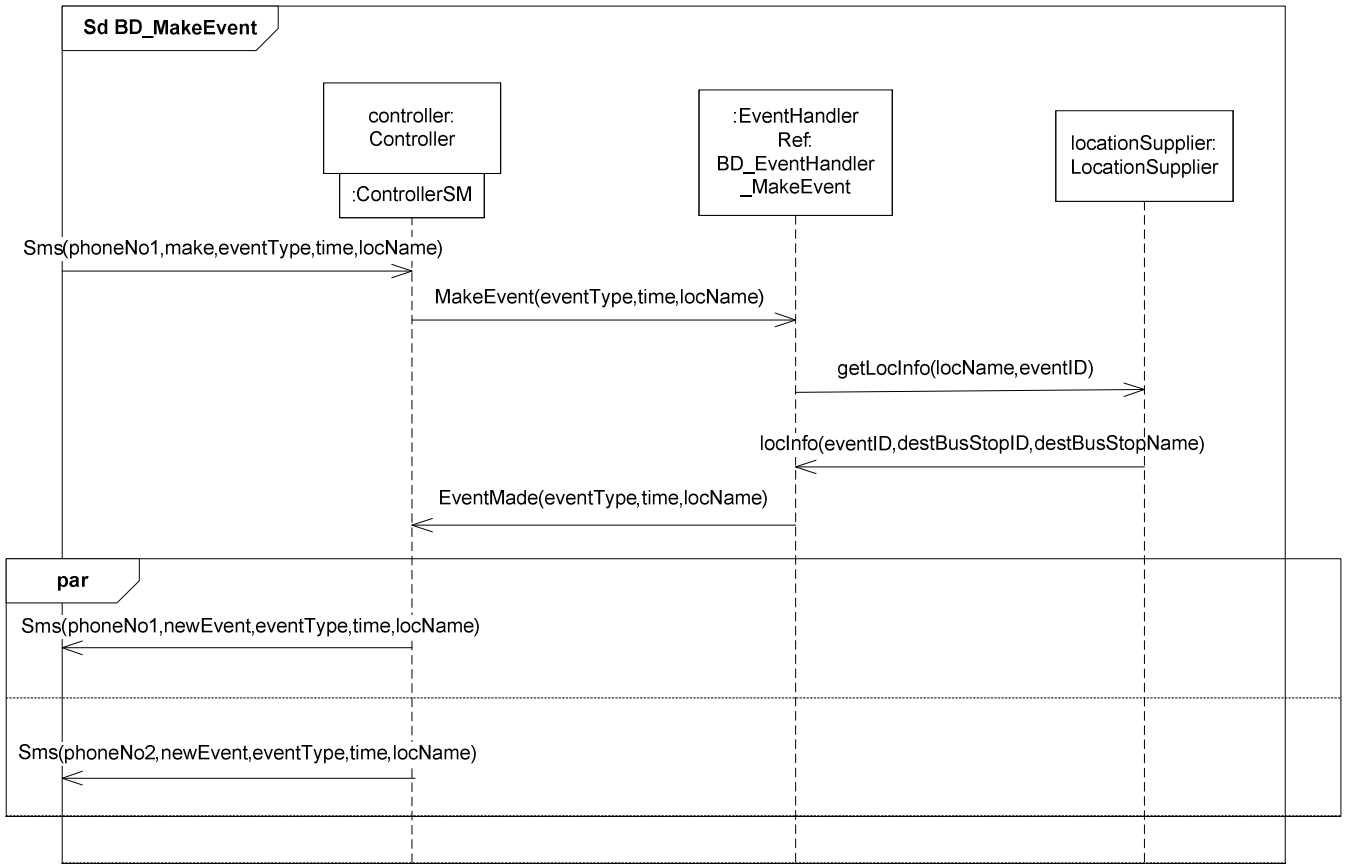


MakeEvent sequence diagram

This diagram shows the possibility for a customer to initiate the creation of an event. After the event has been created, a message is broadcast to all customers of the system. Note that the customer that initiates the event is not automatically registered as a participant.
Events may still be generated by the system at startup.

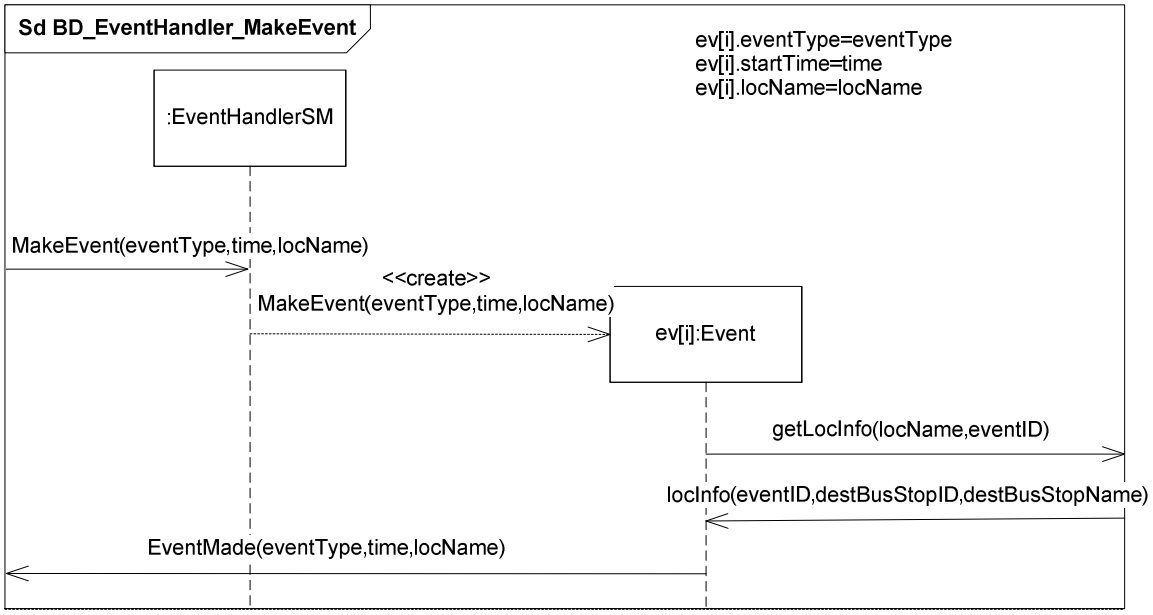


BD_MakeEvent sequence diagram



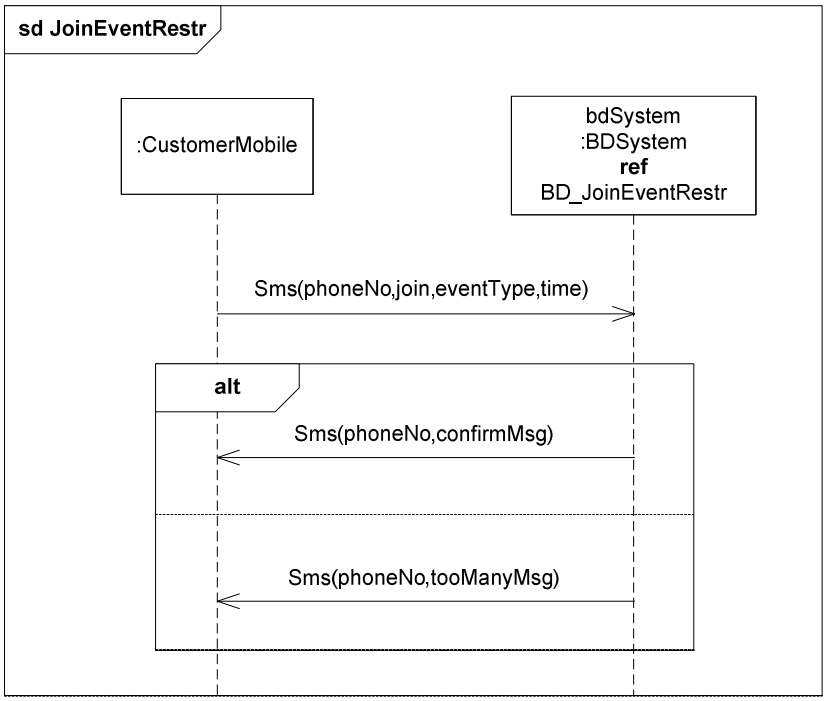
BD_EventHandler_MakeEvent sequence diagram

Events in BlindDate2 (and also BlindDate1) are assumed to have information about their location and nearest bus stop. Therefore an event requests information about the nearest bus stop immediately after creation.

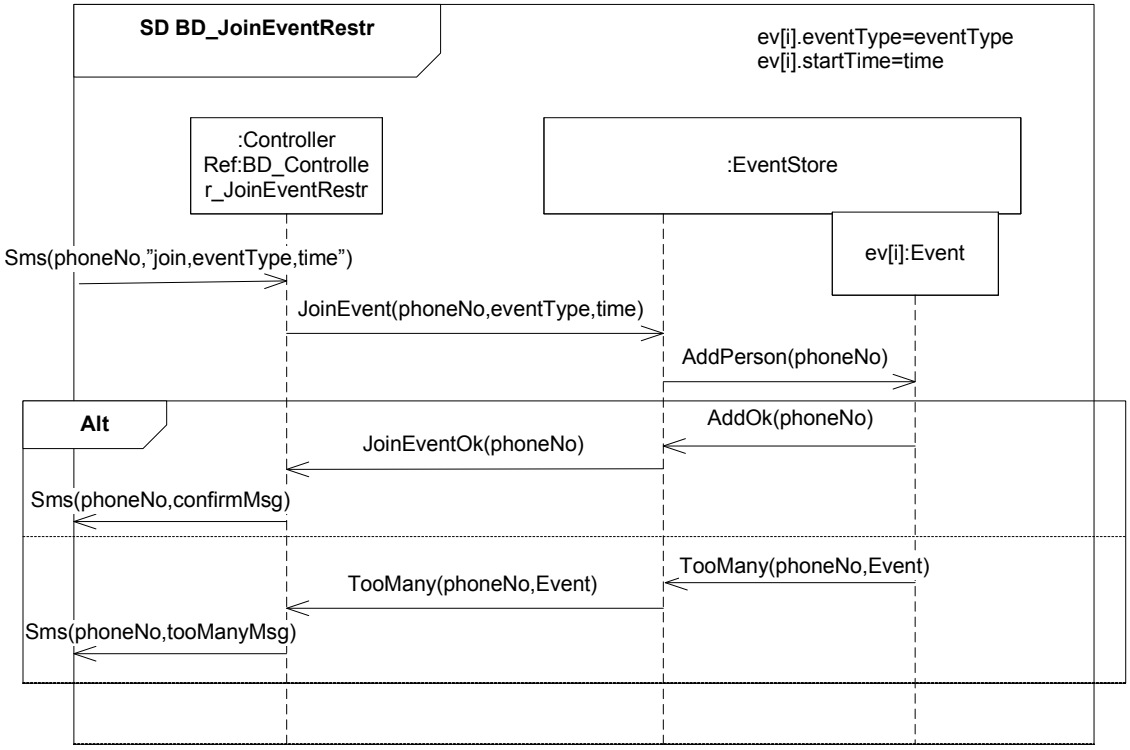


JoinEventRestr sequence diagram

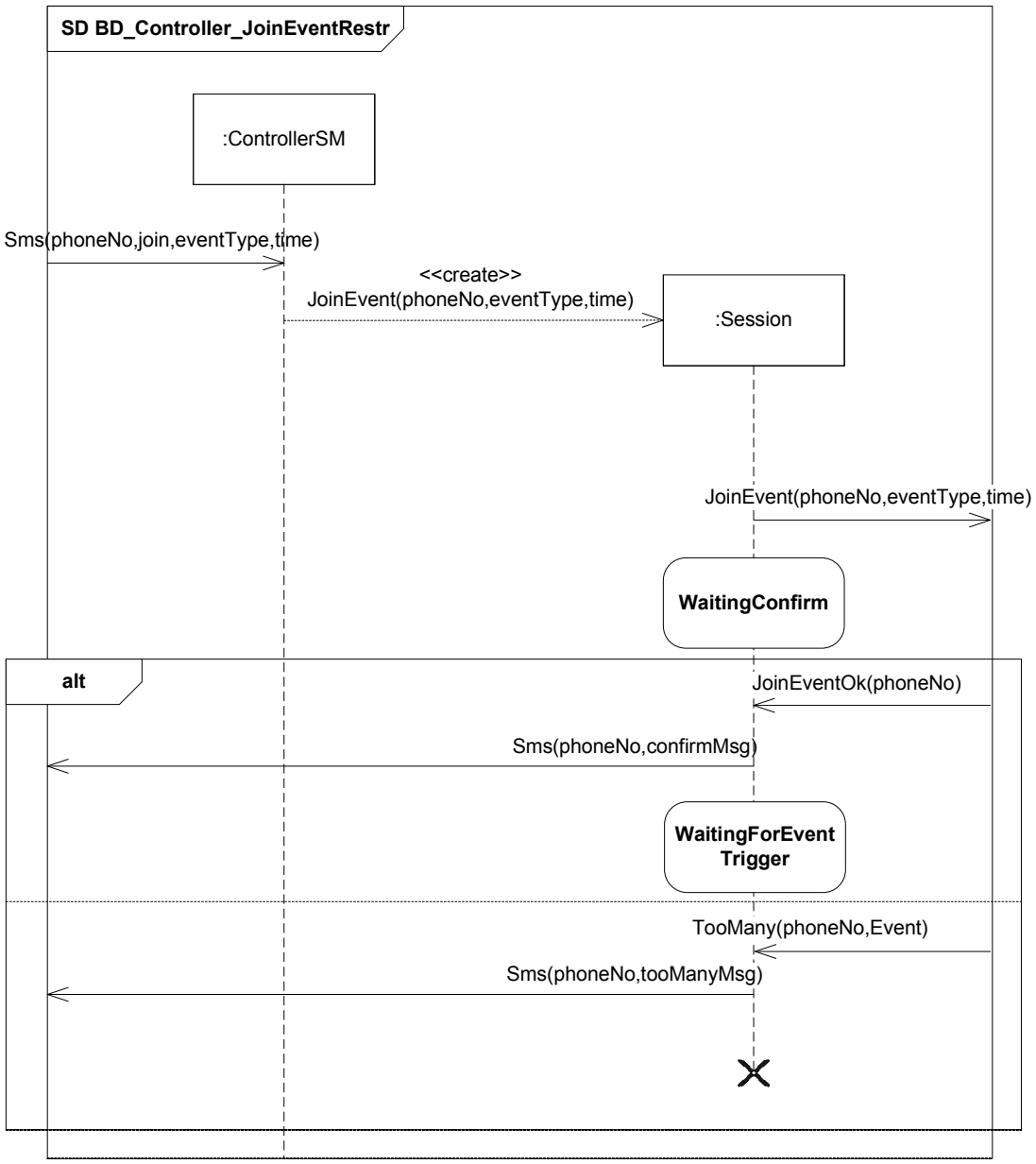
In this version the system may reject a customer; this happens if too many customers have registered as a participant for the event.



BD_JoinEventRestr sequence diagram

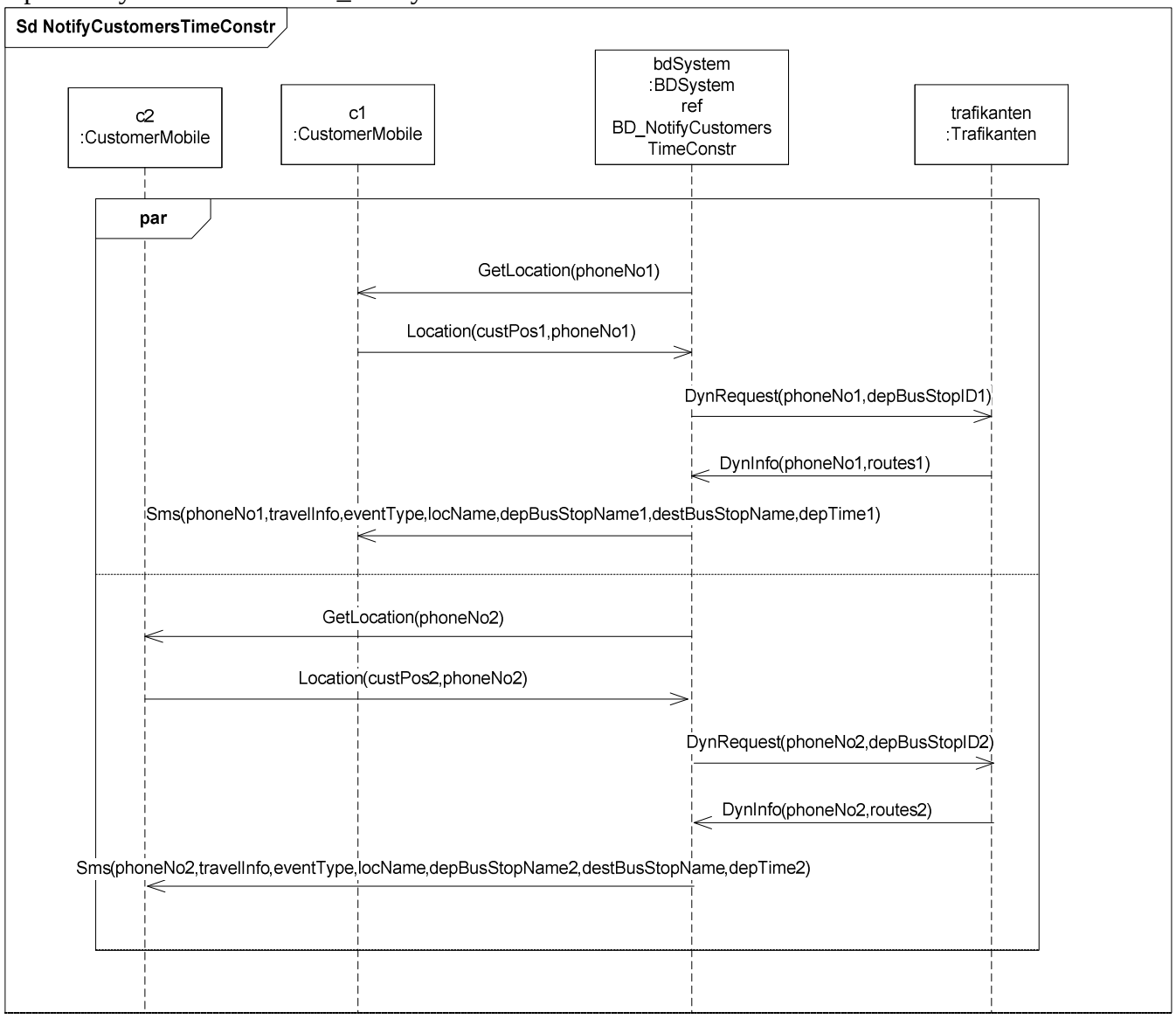


BD_Controller_JoinEventRestr sequence diagram



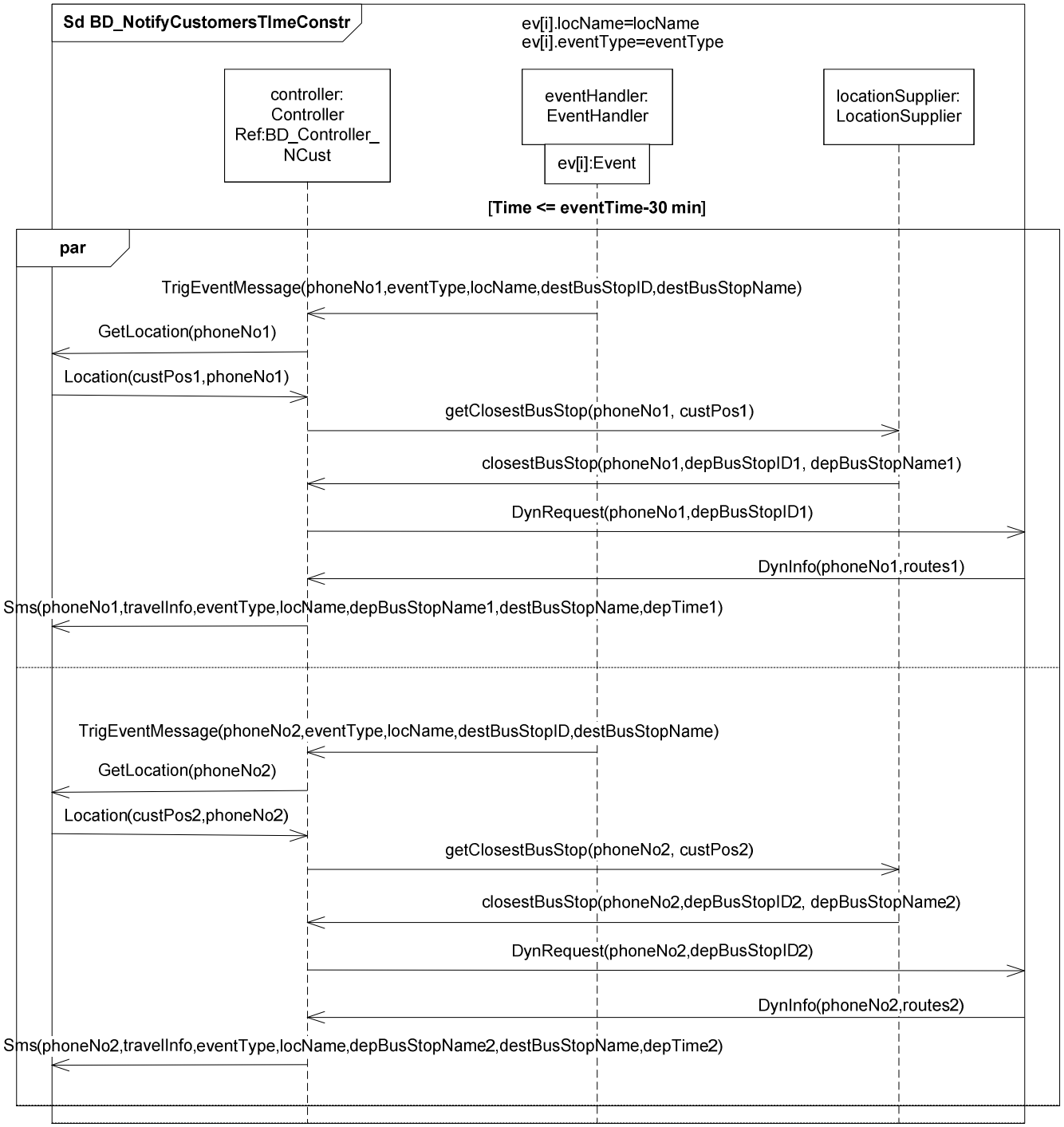
NotifyCustomersTimeConstr sequence diagram

This diagram is the same as NotifyCustomers except that the reference to BD_NotifyCustomers is replaced by a reference to BD_NotifyCustomersTimeConstr



BD_NotifyCustomersTimeConstr sequence diagram

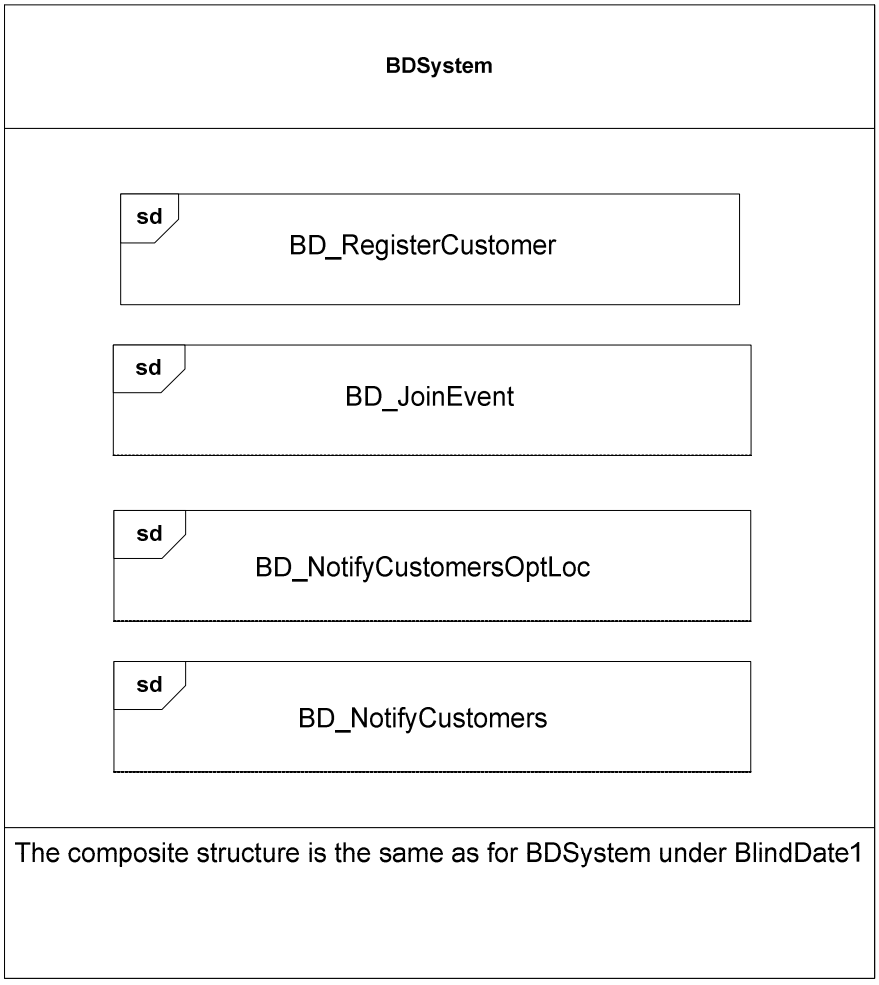
The only difference between this diagram and BD_ NotifyCustomers is that a time constraint has been added.



BlindDate3

This section describes the diagrams relevant for BlindDate3. Diagrams that are identical to BlindDate1 are not repeated.

BDSystem structure



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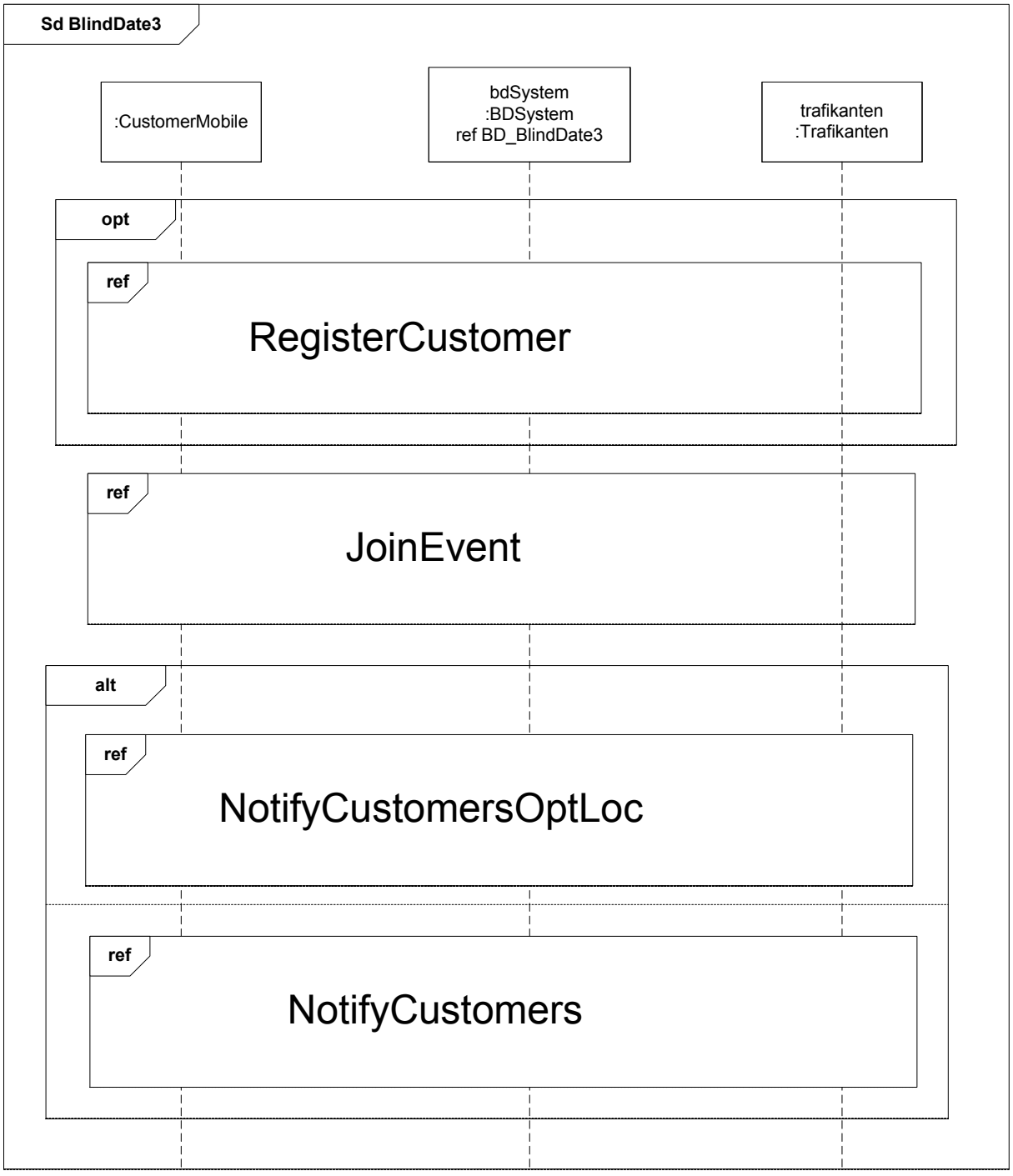
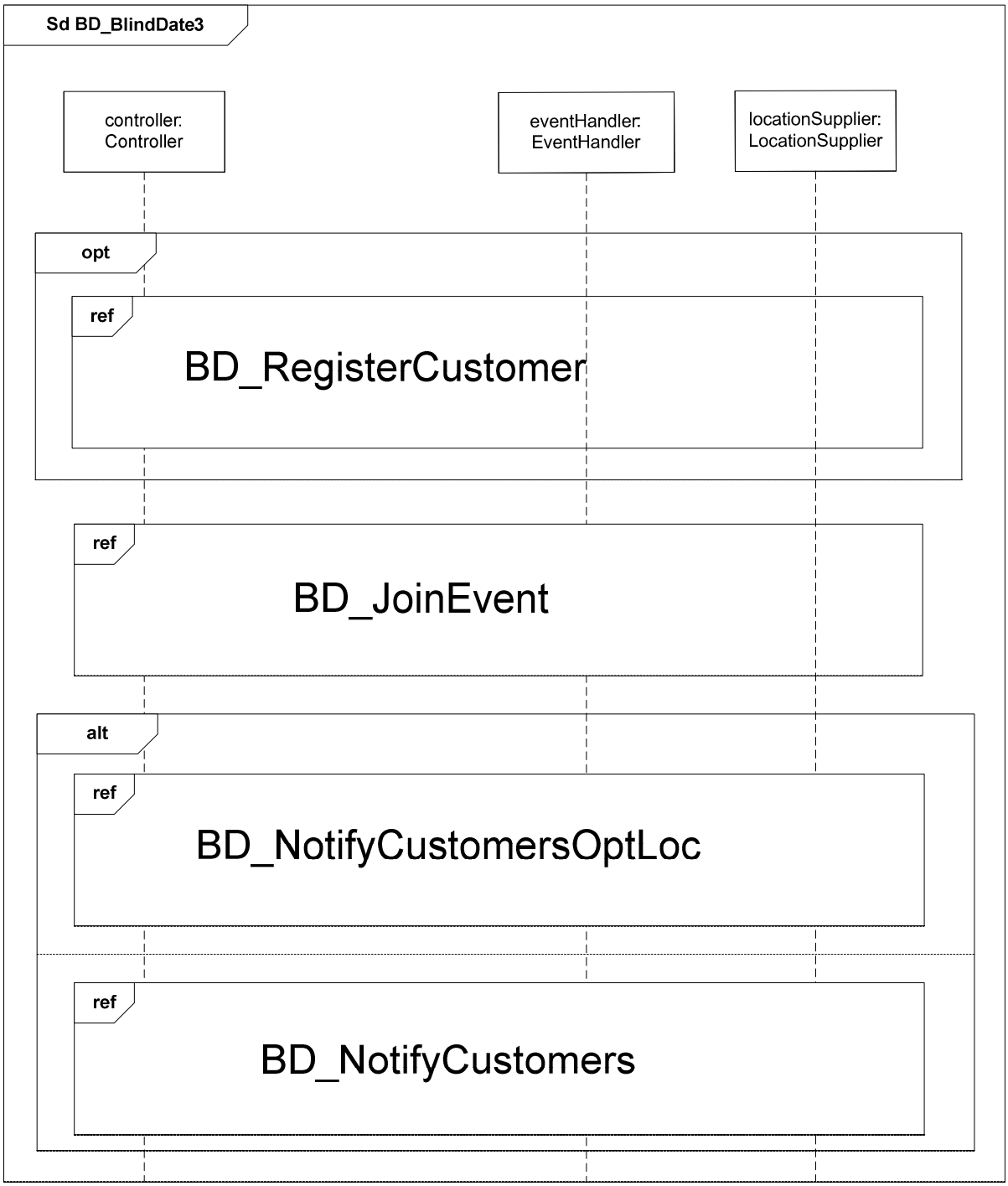
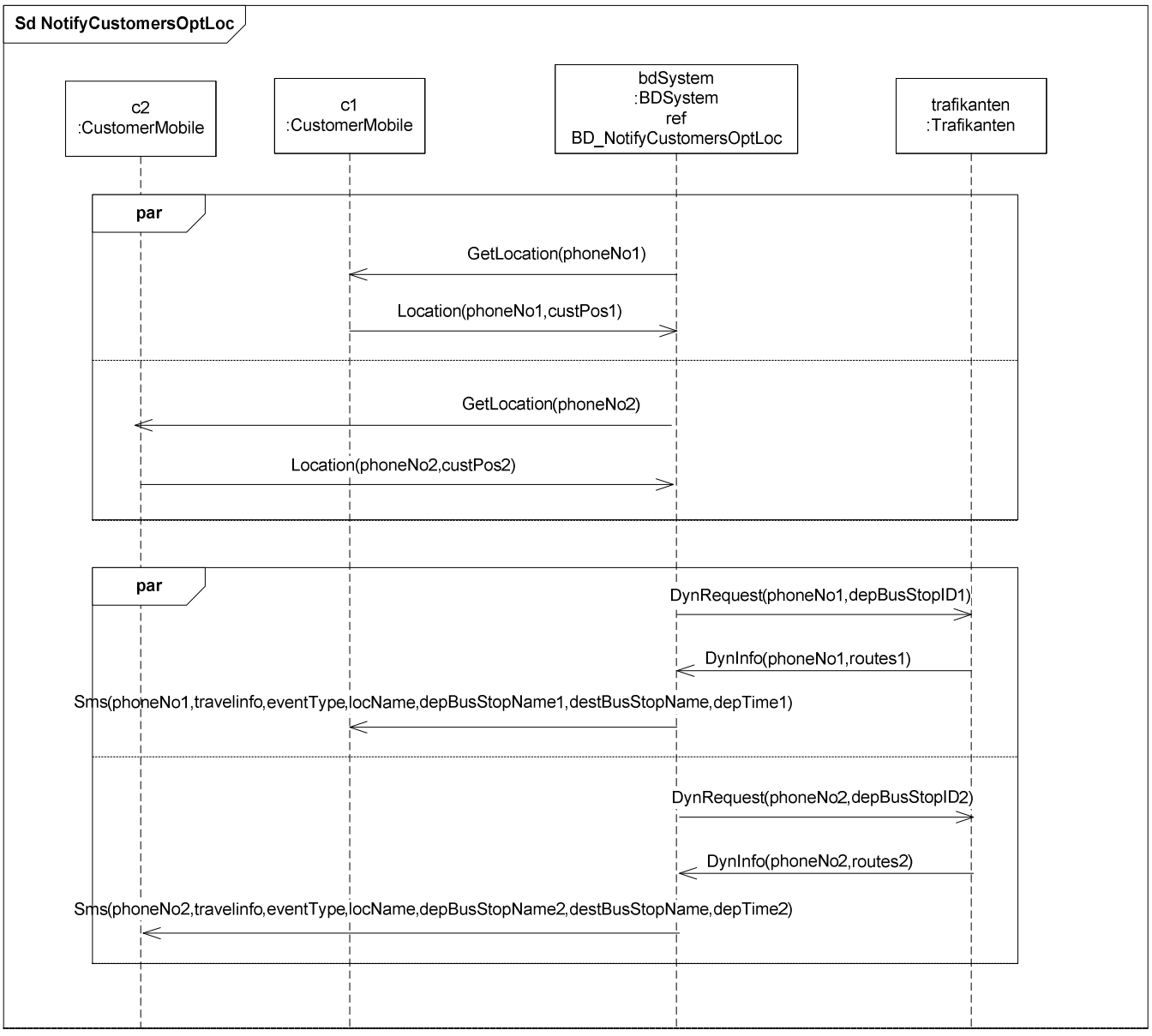


BD_BlindDate3 sequence diagram

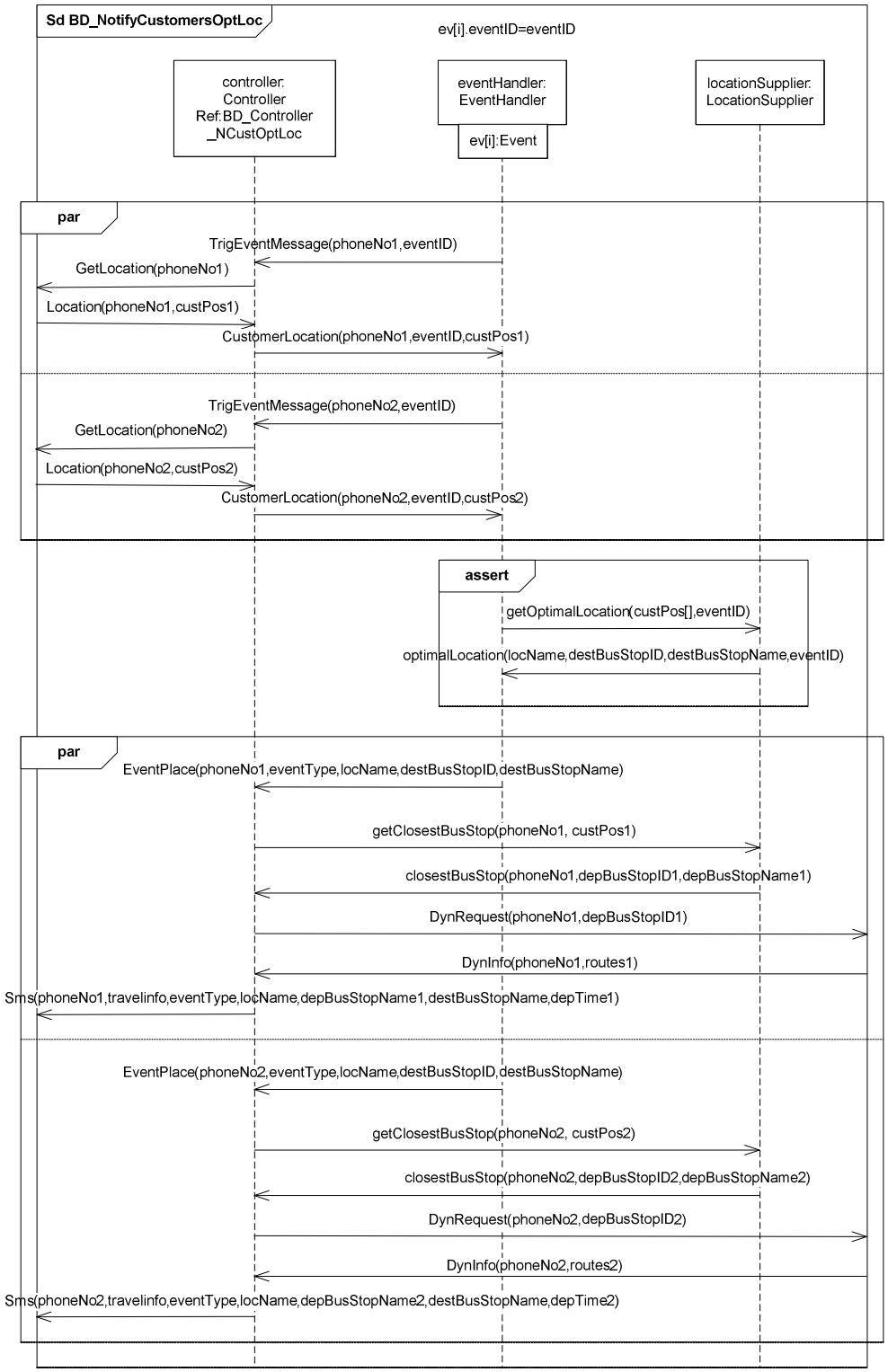


NotifyCustomersOptLoc sequence diagram

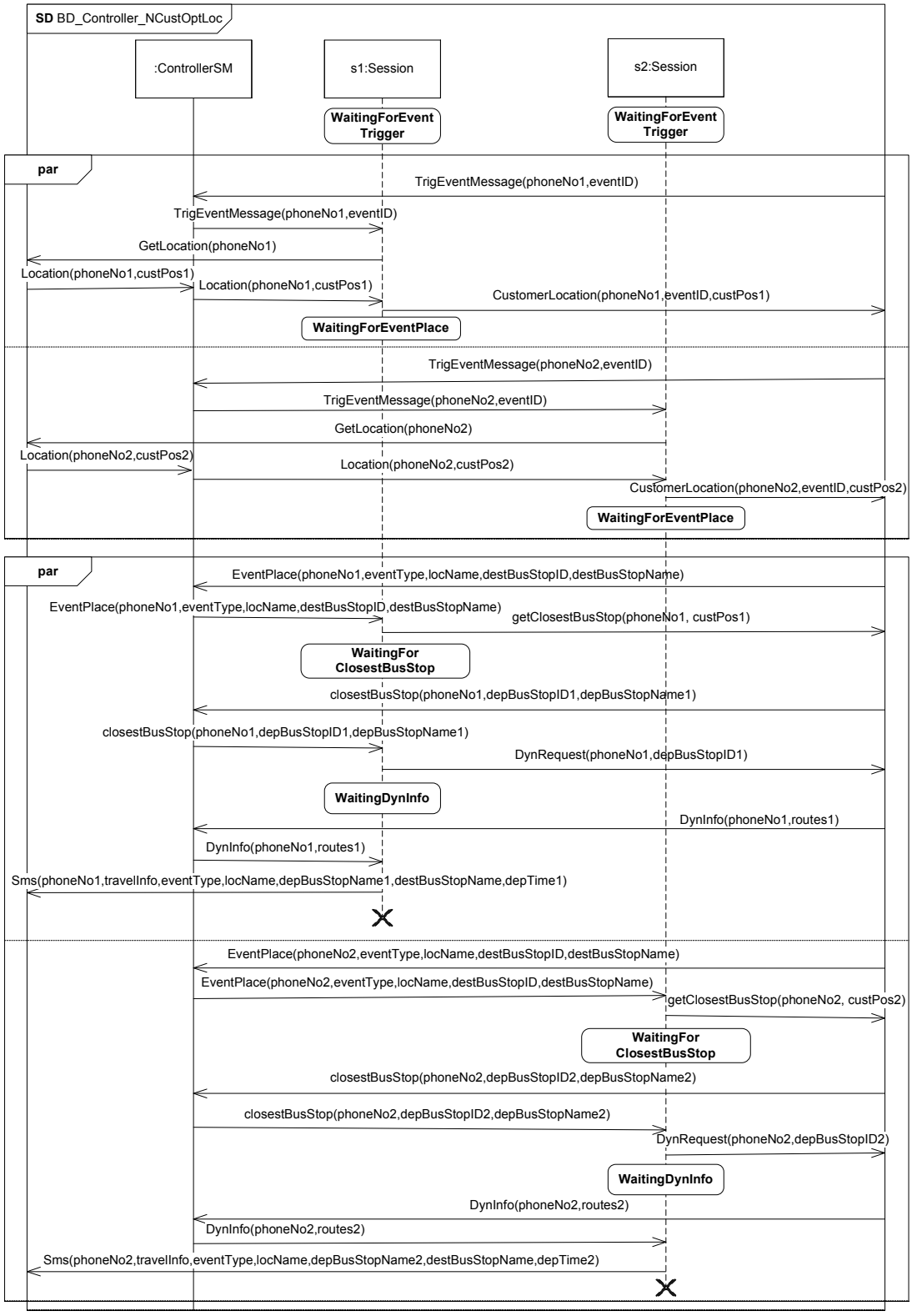
This diagram describes the scenario where the location of the event is not fixed until shortly before the event will take place. The location is determined by the location of the participants. Notice that internal behavior of the BDSystem takes place between the two par operators.
The first par operator describes how information about the position of the participants is collected. The second par operator shows how travel and event information is sent to the customers after the location has been decided. The location of the event is decided by the LocationSupplier based on the positions of the participants.



BD_NotifyCustomersOptLoc sequence diagram



BD_Controller_NCustOptLoc sequence diagram



Refinement

No xalt operator has been used in any of the specifications in any of the BlindDate systems. Therefore the semantics of all three systems consists of only one interaction obligation.

For any sequence diagram S we use pos(S) to denote the set of positive traces of S, and neg(S) to denote the set of negative traces of S.

The shorthand notation is used for names of sequence diagrams:
RC = RegisterCustomer
JE = JoinEvent
NC = NotifyCustomers
NCTC = NotifyCustomersTimeConstr
JER = JoinEventRestr
ME = MakeEvent
NCO = NotifyCustomersOptLoc
Shorthand notations may be prefixed by BD_, so that for example BD_RC refers to BD_RegisterCustomer.

The operator $\gtrsim$ denotes sequential composition of trace sets and interaction obligations - see 7.2.5. in "STAIRS towards formal design with sequence diagrams" (from now referred to as "the STAIRS paper").

The semantics of BlindDate1

Since RC is enclosed by an opt operator and RC, JE and NC do not describe any negative behavior, we have that

$pos(BlindDate1) = pos(RC) \gtrsim pos(JE) \gtrsim pos(NC) \cup pos(JE) \gtrsim pos(NC)$

$neg(BlindDate1) = \varnothing$

Why BlindDate2 is a refinement of BlindDate1

Since both RE and ME are enclosed by an opt operator and none of the diagrams RC, ME, JER describe negative behavior, we get

$pos(BlindDate2) =$

$pos(RC) \gtrsim pos(ME) \gtrsim pos(JER) \gtrsim pos(NCTC) \cup$
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$neg(BlindDate2) =$

$pos(RC) \gtrsim pos(ME) \gtrsim pos(JER) \gtrsim neg(NCTC) \cup$

$pos(RC) \succsim pos(JER) \succsim neg(NCTC) \cup$
$pos(ME) \succsim pos(JER) \succsim neg(NCTC) \cup$
$pos(JER) \succsim neg(NCTC)$

Since $neg(BlindDate1)=\emptyset$, it follows trivially that $neg(BlindDate1) \subseteq neg(BlindDate2)$. We need to show that $pos(BlindDate1) \subseteq pos(BlindDate2) \cup neg(BlindDate2)$. We do this by showing that

1. $pos(JE) \succsim pos(NC) \subseteq pos(BlindDate2) \cup neg(BlindDate2)$ and
2. $pos(RC) \succsim pos(JE) \succsim pos(NC) \subseteq pos(BlindDate2) \cup neg(BlindDate2)$.

The only difference between NC and NCTC is that a time restriction has been added, therefore we get

$pos(NC) = neg(NCTC) \cup pos(NCTC)$.

The only difference between JE and JER is that an alt operator with one new alternative has been added in JER. We therefore get

$pos(JE) \subseteq pos(JER)$.

From this it follows that

$pos(JE) \succsim pos(NC) \subseteq pos(JER) \succsim pos(NCTC) \cup pos(JER) \succsim neg(NCTC)$.

Hence, condition 1 is fulfilled. From this it also follows that

$pos(RC) \succsim pos(JE) \succsim pos(NC) \subseteq$
$pos(RC) \succsim pos(JER) \succsim pos(NCTC) \cup pos(RC) \succsim pos(JER) \succsim neg(NCTC)$

Therefore condition 2 is also fulfilled, so that BlindDate1 $\rightsquigarrow$ BlindDate2. The time constraint introduced in BlindDate2 ensures that some traces that were positive in BlindDate1 have become negative in BlindDate2, so a narrowing has been performed. At the same time new positive traces has been introduced in BlindDate2 that was inconclusive in BlindDate1, so a supplementing has also been performed.

Why BlindDate3 is a refinement of BlindDate1

In BlindDate3 an alt operator has been introduced that allows a new way of deciding the location of an event in addition to the original version in BlindDate1. No negative behavior has been introduced. Therefore,

pos(BlindDate3) =

$pos(RC) \gtrsim pos(JE) \gtrsim (pos(NCO) \cup pos(NC)) \cup$
$pos(JE) \gtrsim (pos(NCO) \cup pos(NC))$

$neg(BlindDate3)=\emptyset$

Since $neg(BlindDate1)=\emptyset$, it follows trivially that $neg(BlindDate1) \subseteq neg(BlindDate3)$. We need to show that

$pos(BlindDate1) \subseteq pos(BlindDate3) \cup neg(BlindDate3)$.

Since $neg(BlindDate3)=\emptyset$, this means that we need to show that

$pos(RC) \gtrsim pos(JE) \gtrsim pos(NC) \cup pos(JE) \gtrsim pos(NC) \subseteq$
$pos(RC) \gtrsim pos(JE) \gtrsim (pos(NCO) \cup pos(NC)) \cup pos(JE) \gtrsim (pos(NCO) \cup pos(NC))$

We do this by showing

1. $pos(JE) \gtrsim pos(NC) \subseteq pos(JE) \gtrsim (pos(NCO) \cup pos(NC))$ and
2. $pos(RC) \gtrsim pos(JE) \gtrsim pos(NC) \subseteq pos(RC) \gtrsim pos(JE) \gtrsim (pos(NCO) \cup pos(NC))$.

Condition 1 holds because $pos(NC) \subseteq pos(NCO) \cup pos(NC)$ and the left hand set pos(JE) is identical on both sides of the $\subseteq$ symbol. From this it also follows that condition 2 holds.

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The above argument is not correct since it ignores the fact that an assert operator is present in the BD_NotifyCustomersOptLoc sequence diagram. This assert operator gives rise to negative traces, so it is not true that neg(BlindDate3)=$\emptyset$ - so we have indeed added negative behavior. Therefore it would be sufficient to show that

$$\begin{aligned}&pos(RC) \gtrsim pos(JE) \gtrsim pos(NC) \cup pos(JE) \gtrsim pos(NC) \subseteq \\ &\quad (pos(RC) \gtrsim pos(JE) \gtrsim (pos(NCO) \cup pos(NC)) \cup \\ &\quad pos(JE) \gtrsim (pos(NCO) \cup pos(NC))) \cup \\ &\quad neg(BlindDate3).\end{aligned}$$

This follows trivially from

$$\begin{aligned}&pos(RC) \gtrsim pos(JE) \gtrsim pos(NC) \cup pos(JE) \gtrsim pos(NC) \subseteq \\ &\quad pos(RC) \gtrsim pos(JE) \gtrsim (pos(NCO) \cup pos(NC)) \cup \\ &\quad pos(JE) \gtrsim (pos(NCO) \cup pos(NC)).\end{aligned}$$

Therefore the conclusion still holds; BlindDate3 is a refinement of BlindDate1.