

Model-Checking Library Support for Dense-time Systems with Decision Diagrams

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\$4 billion development effort
> 50% system integration & validation cost

2,500,000+1,500,000 lines of codes (most in Ada)

Plan of Presentation

- **Theoretical background**
- Clock-restriction diagrams (CRD) for timed systems
- Preprocessing of events for efficient model-checking
- Other features of RED technology
- REDLIB
 - APIs
 - examples
- Future research issues

$$A = \langle Q, X, I, \mu, E, \tau, \pi \rangle$$

$Q = \{\text{monitor}, \text{hit}\}$

$E = \{(\text{monitor}, \text{monitor}), (\text{monitor}, \text{hit})\}$

$X = \{x, z\}$

$\tau(\text{monitor}, \text{monitor}): z = 50$

$I = \text{monitor}$

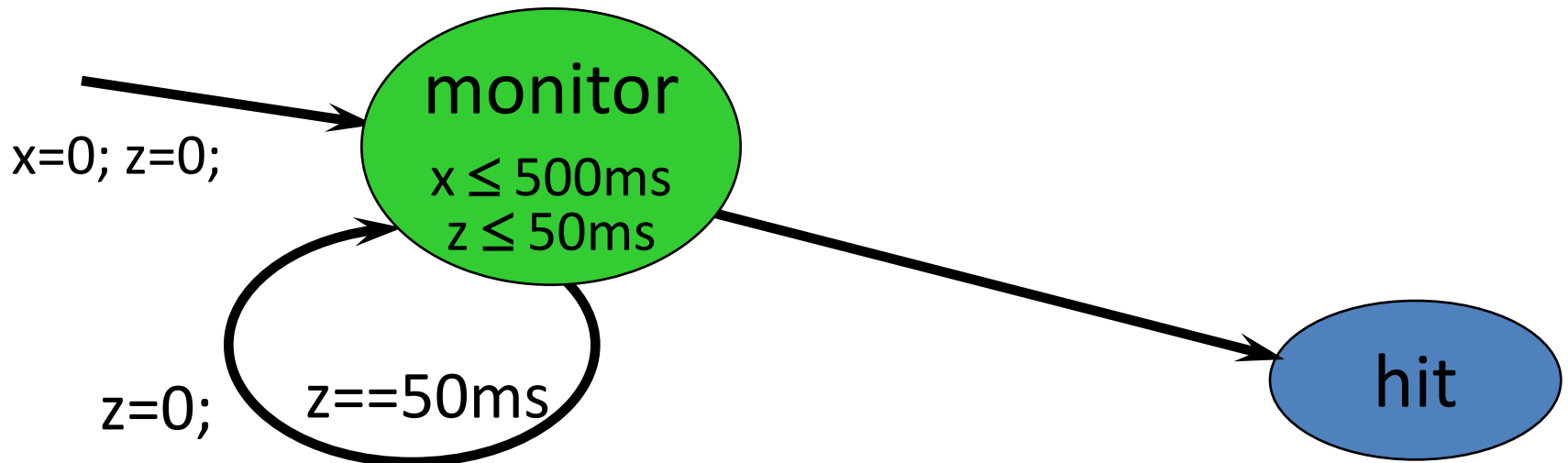
$\tau(\text{monitor}, \text{hit}): \text{true}$

$\mu(\text{monitor}): x \leq 500 \wedge z \leq 50$

$\pi(\text{monitor}, \text{monitor}): \{z\}$

$\mu(\text{hit}): \text{true}$

$\pi(\text{monitor}, \text{hit}): \{\}$



TCTL (Timed Computation-Tree Logic)

$$\phi ::= q \mid x \leq c \mid \neg \phi \mid \phi_1 \vee \phi_2 \mid x.\phi \mid \exists \phi_1 \cup \phi_2 \mid \exists \square \phi$$

Example: *It is possible that I will get my salary at the 7th day.*

$$day.\exists \Diamond (day=7 \wedge salary)$$

Example : *No matter what, I will be married in 10 years.*

$$year.\forall \Diamond (year < 10 \wedge married)$$

TCTL

Example: *After you are married, you can remain happy in five days.*

$$\forall \square (\text{married} \rightarrow \text{day} . \exists \square (\text{day} < 5 \rightarrow \text{happy}))$$

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TCTLF (TCTL with fairness)

Example: *If I will be married for infinitely many times, I will always be happy.*

$$\forall^{\text{married}} \Box \text{happy}$$

Example: *If process 0 and 2 each infinitely many opportunities to execute, then boot completes someday.*

$$\forall^{\text{turn0, turn1}} \Diamond \text{boot_complete}$$

TCTL verification complexities

- TCTLF model-checking problem against timed automata is PSPACE-complete.
- TCTL satisfiability problem is undecidable.

Alur, Cocoubetis, Dill [IEEE LICS 1990]

Zones

basic objects for manipulation and representation

A zone is a state-space bounded by clock difference constraints.

- $x - x' < d, \quad x, x' \in X \cup \{0\}; d \in \mathbb{Z} \cup \{\infty\}$
- $x - x' \leq d, \quad x, x' \in X \cup \{0\}; d \in \mathbb{Z}$

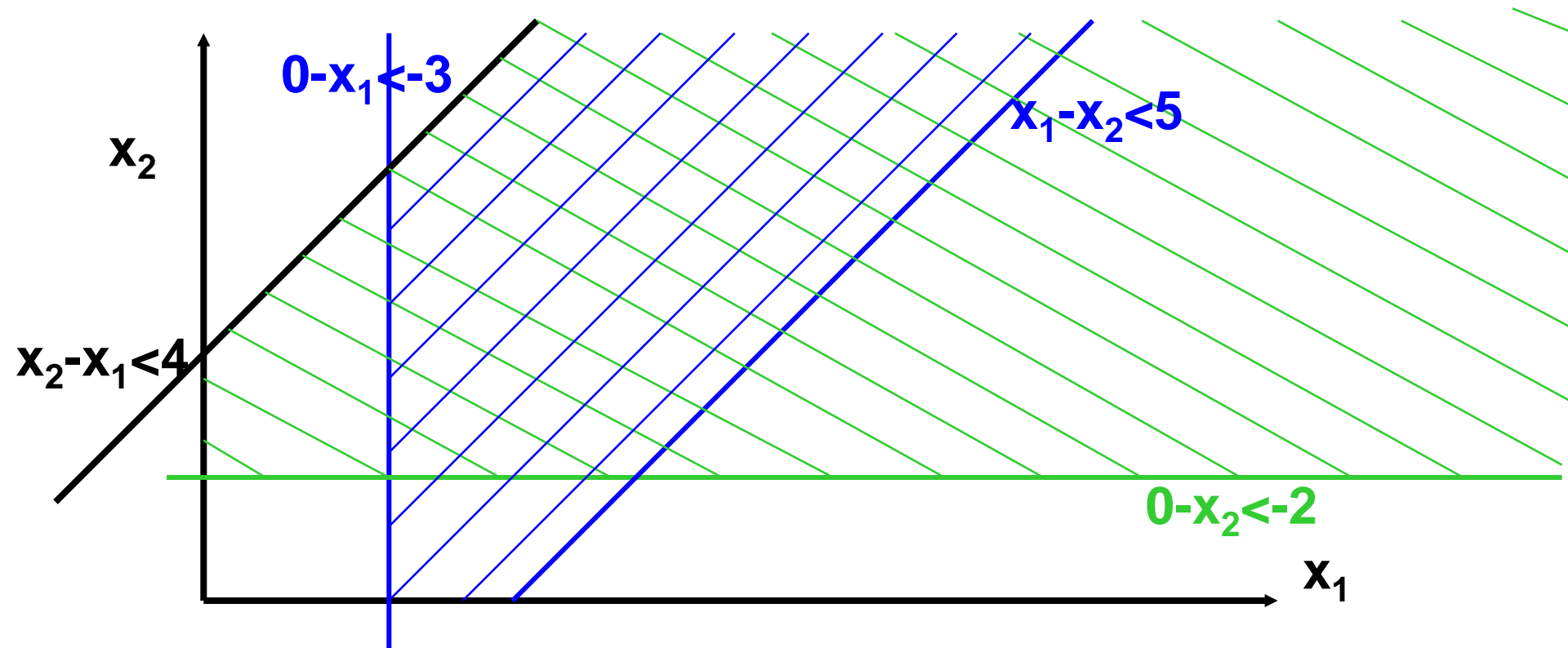
Features:

- convex
- the reachable state-space is a union of zones
- can intersect with one another
- can contain one another \rightarrow *redundancy*
- non-canonical \rightarrow *needs normal (or canonical) forms*

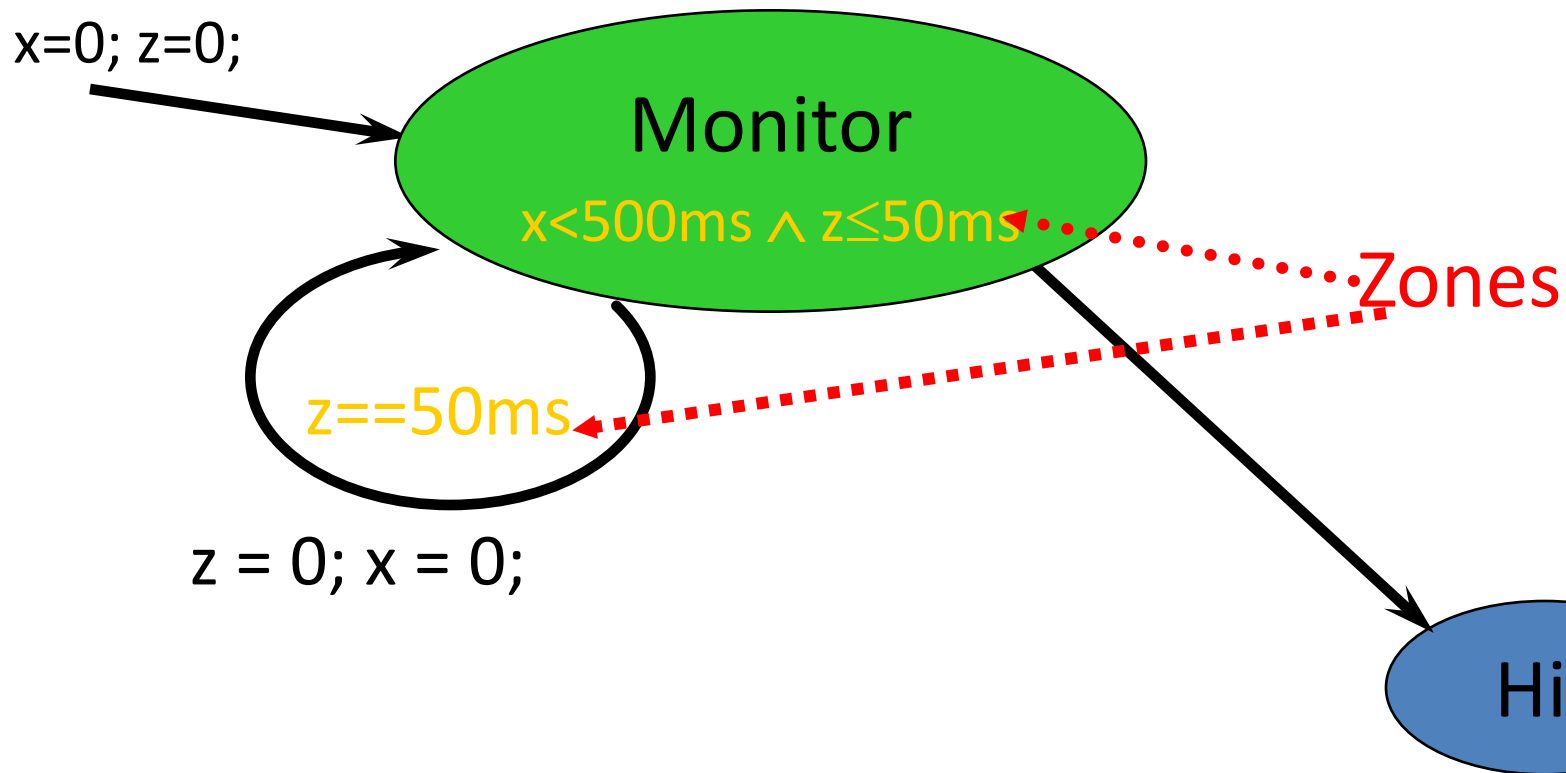
Zones

Two zones

$$(0-x_1 \leq -3 \wedge x_1-x_2 < 5 \wedge x_2-x_1 < 4) \vee (0-x_2 < -2 \wedge x_2-x_1 < 4)$$



Zones in a timed automata



Zones & normalization

Two zones:

$$(0-x_1 \leq -3 \wedge x_1-x_2 < 5 \wedge x_2-x_1 < 4) \vee (0-x_2 < -2 \wedge x_2-x_1 < 4)$$

Normal forms

• **closure form:** *all-pair shortest-path form*

$$(0-x_1 \leq -3 \wedge 0-x_2 < 2 \wedge x_1-x_2 < 5 \wedge x_2-x_1 < 4) \\ \vee (0-x_2 < -2 \wedge 0-x_1 < 2 \wedge x_2-x_1 < 4)$$

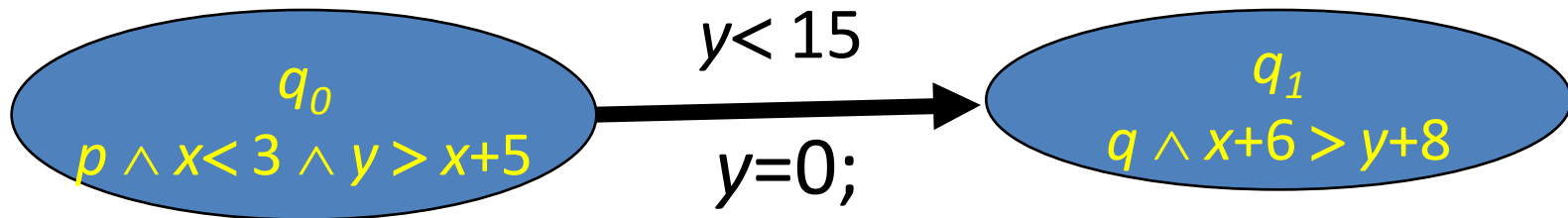
always the most number of constraints

• **reduced form:** *minimum number of constraints*

$$(0-x_1 \leq -3 \wedge x_1-x_2 < 5 \wedge x_2-x_1 < 4) \vee (0-x_2 < -2 \wedge x_2-x_1 < 4)$$

Symbolic precondition of dense-time state-space

Henzinger, Nicollins, Sifakis, Yovine [IEEE LICS 1992]



What is the weakest precondition in q_0 that

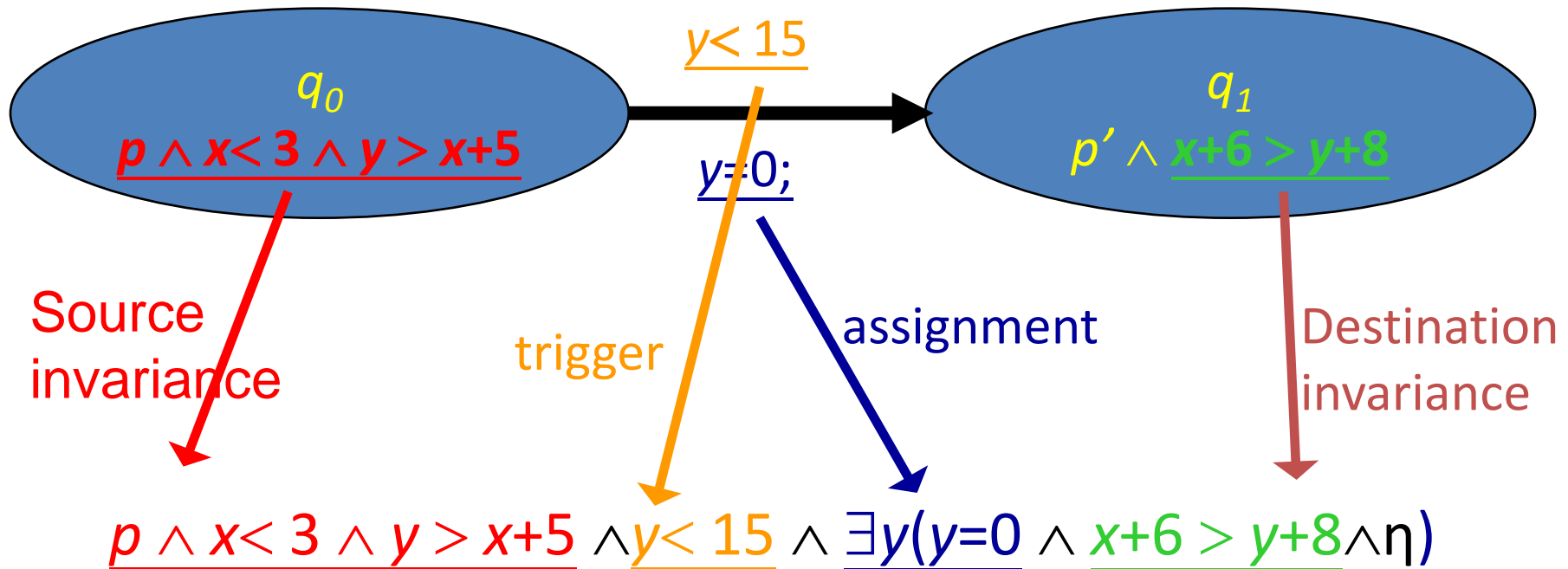
- can transit from q_0 to q_1 ?

xbck(e, η) : the weakest precondition in η after transition e ?

- after time $t \geq 0$, remains in s_0 ?

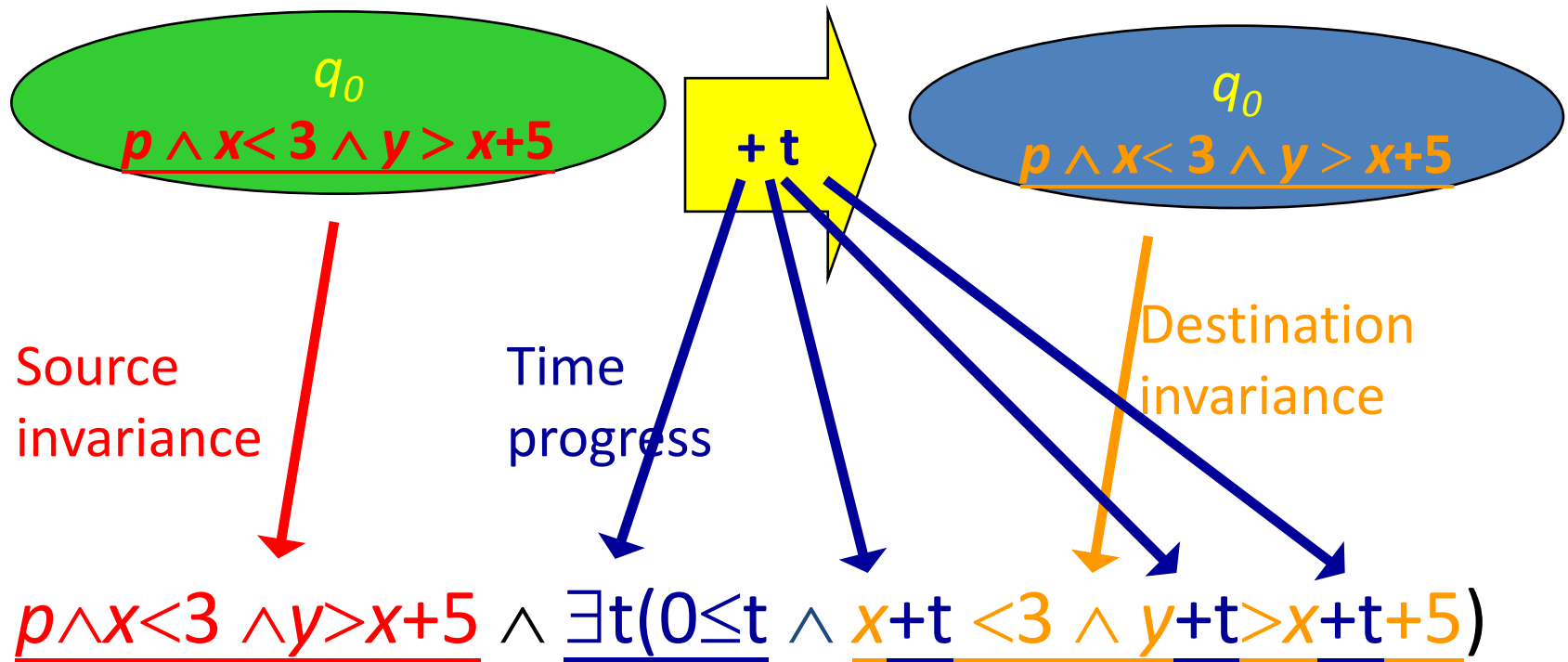
T(φ , η) : the weakest precondition to η through time-progress in φ ?

xbck(e,η) weakest precondition to e ?



How to get rid of the $\exists y$?

$T(\phi, \eta)$: the weakest precondition to η
through time-progress t ?



How to get rid of the $\exists t$?

Evaluation of existential quantification

$$\exists y (x \leq y \wedge y < z+5) \equiv x < z+5$$



Joseph Fourier, 1824!
(1768-1830)

TCTL Model checking procedures

- Basic procedures

$\text{xbck}(e, \eta)$

- weakest precondition of discrete transitions

$T(\varphi, \eta)$

- backward time-progression

- Backward reachability:

$\text{rbck}(\varphi, \eta) \equiv \text{lfp} Y. (\eta \vee T(\varphi \wedge \forall \text{xbck}(e, Y)))$

least fixpoint operator

TCTLF Model checking

Lemma: given $d \geq 1$,

$A, v \models \exists \square \eta$ iff there is a finite run ρ

- from v
- of duration $\geq d$
- along ρ every state satisfies η and
- ρ ends at a state satisfying $\exists \square \eta$

$$\exists \square \eta \equiv \text{gfp } Y. \exists z(\text{rbck}(\eta, Y \wedge z \geq d))$$

greatest fixpoint operator

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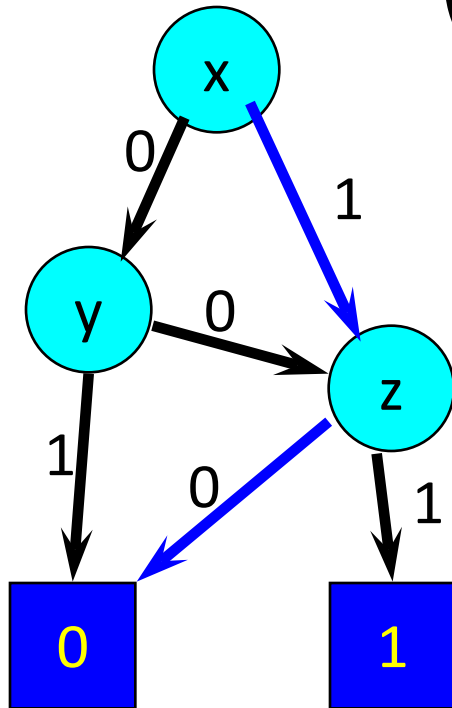
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BDD in evaluating function values

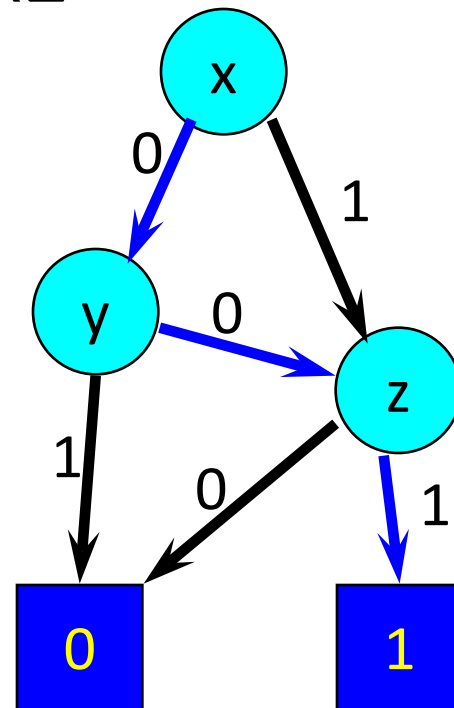
Minimal & Canonicity

$$(x \vee \neg y) \wedge z$$

x 1
 \Downarrow
 y 0
 \Downarrow
 z 0



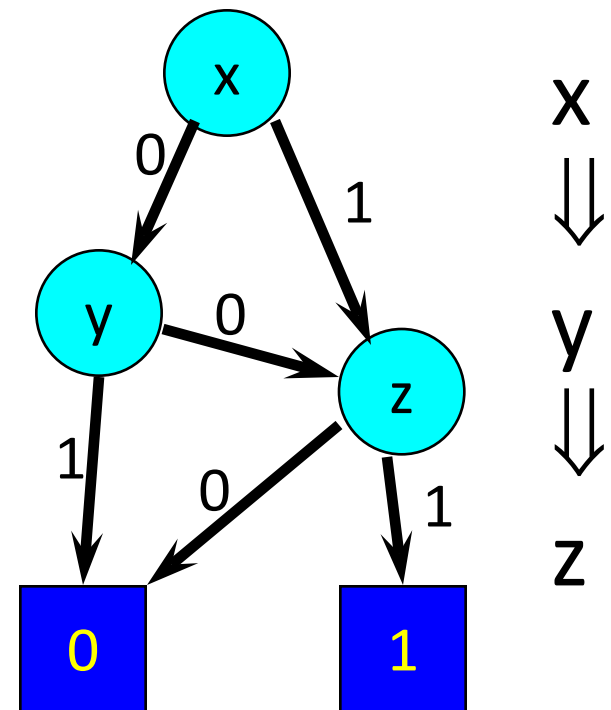
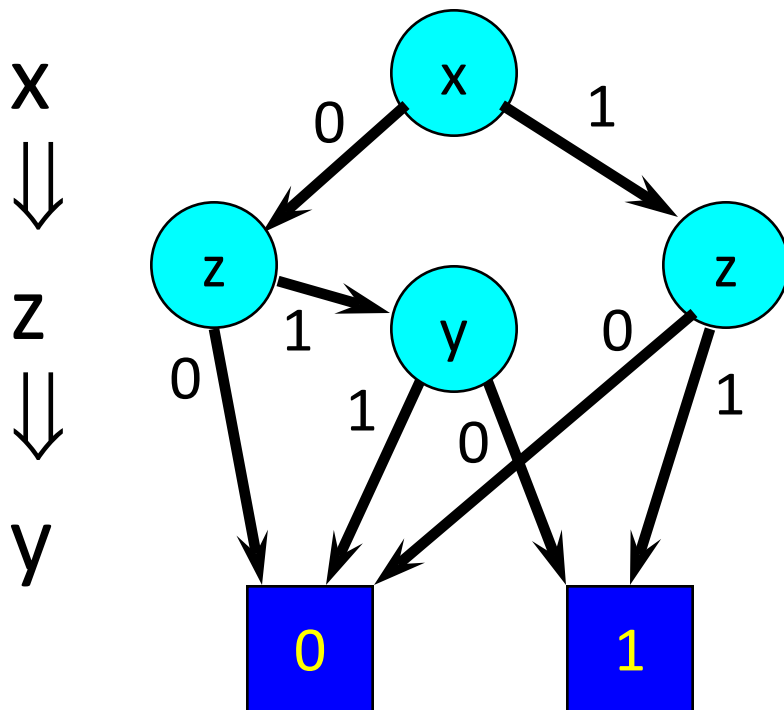
0 x
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0 y
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1 z



BDD

Effects of variable ordering

$$(x \vee \neg y) \wedge z$$



BDD operations

Given 2 BDDs : B_1 、 B_2 , efficient algorithms for the following:

- $B_1 \wedge B_2$
- $B_1 \vee B_2$
- $\neg B_1$
- $\exists z B_1$

R. Bryant [IEEE Trans. Computers, 1986]

Clock-Restriction Diagram (CRD)

Background

Intuition: To repeat the success of BDD in circuit verification.

Up to 2000, many proposals for BDD variations for dense-time state-spaces.

- NDD, DDD, CDD, **RED**
- None of them shows advantage over DBM.

Motivation

Find out the reasons and ways for improvements.

CRD

Related work (I)

- BDD: for untimed systems [*Bryant 86; Burch, Clarke, et al, 90*]
- DBM: 2-dimensional matrix for a region. [*Dill 89*]
- NDD: BDD to encode discrete time state-spaces. [*ABKMPR97*]
- CDD: a decision diagram for dense-time state-space membership [*BLPWW99*]. Like CRD, except:
 - default value is $(-\infty, \infty)$.
 - a value $[c,d]$ of variable $x-x'$ means $c \leq x-x' \leq d$.
- DDD: variable like $x-y \sim c$ [*WME92, Balarin96, MLAH99*]
 - **Exponential number of BDD atoms**
- **RED**: encodes the ordering of the fractional parts of clock readings with a single-bit variable [*Wang 00*]
 - for symmetric systems

CRD

Related work (II)

Difference-Bound Matrix (DBM) [*Dill 89*]

- 2-dimensional matrix for a convex clock value space.
- A zone is represented as a pair (b, z)
 - b is a BDD for the discrete part of the states
 - z is a DBM for clock values
- Can only represent a convex state space.
- To represent a non-convex state space, a linked list of such pairs are used.
- Inefficient in conjunction and complementation.
- Adopted by UPPAAL, Kronos, Prism, ...

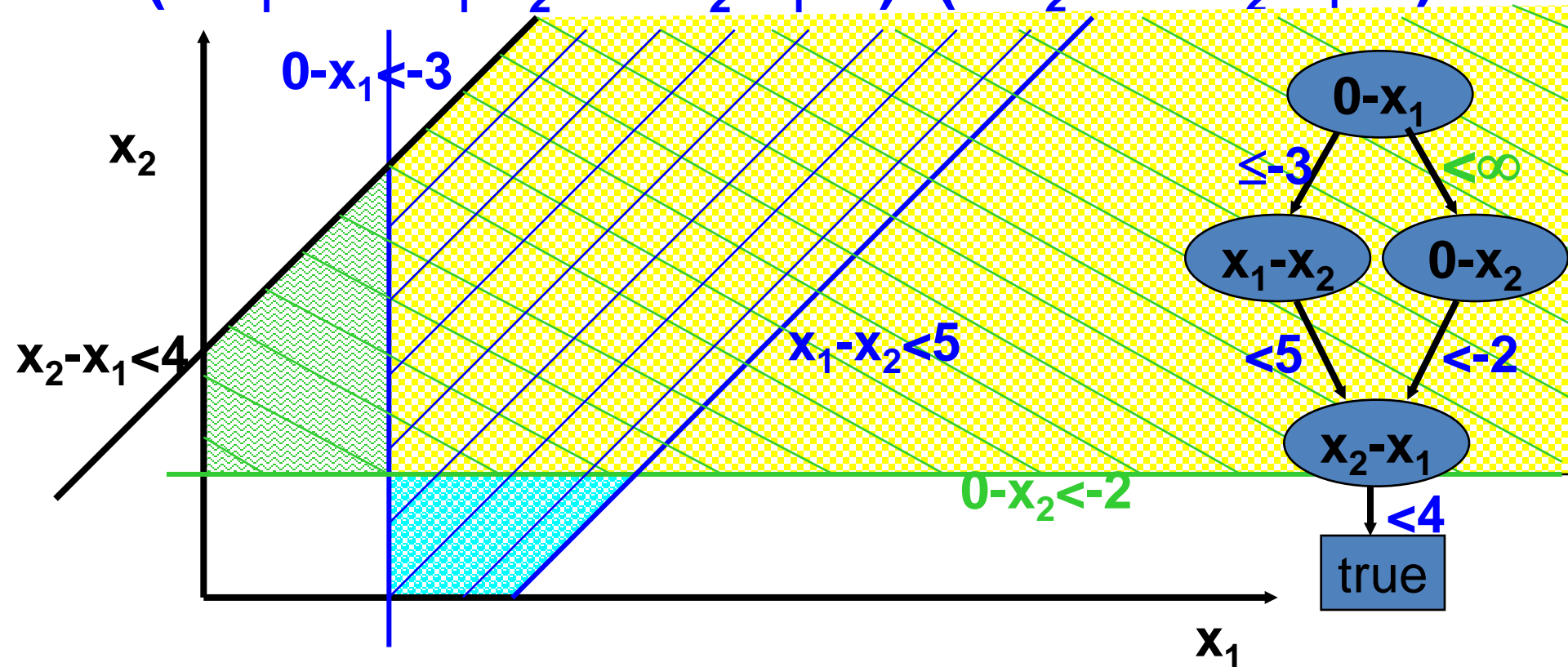
Clock-Restriction Diagram (CRD)

- A BDD variation
- Recording device for (zone) DBM sets
- Variables of the form $x-x'$
- Arc values of the form:
 $(<, d), d \in [-c_A, c_A] \cup \{\infty\};$ or
 $(\leq, d), d \in [-c_A, c_A]$
- Default value on arcs: $(<, \infty)$
 - representing no constraint!

Representation in CRD

Two zones

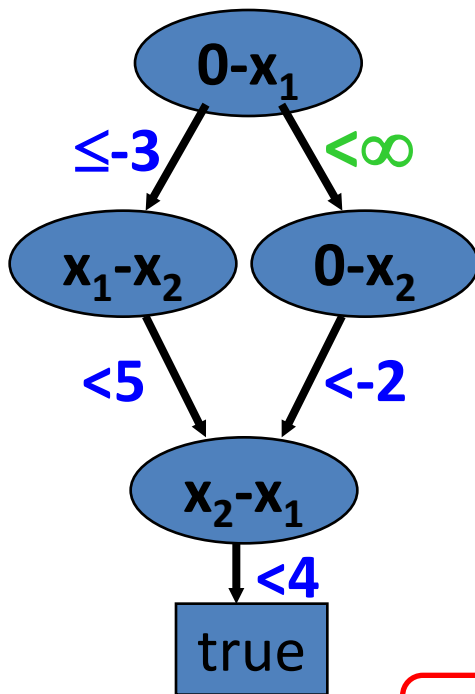
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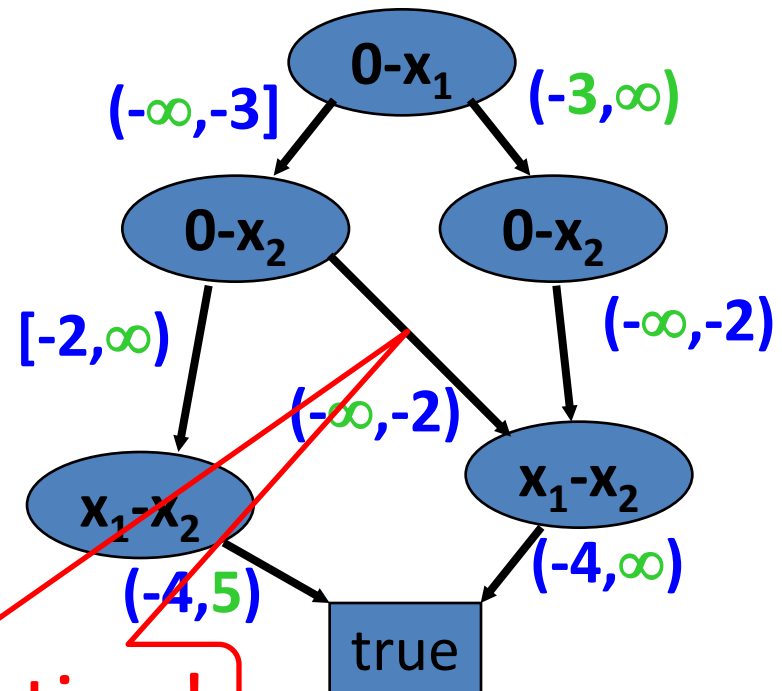
CRD

Example

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(a) in CRD



(b) in CDD

Fragmentation!

CRD

Characteristics

- Integrated representation for convex and non-convex state spaces
- Efficient operation for union and intersection
- Complementation is a little bit complex.
- No natural canonicity
 - needs normalization

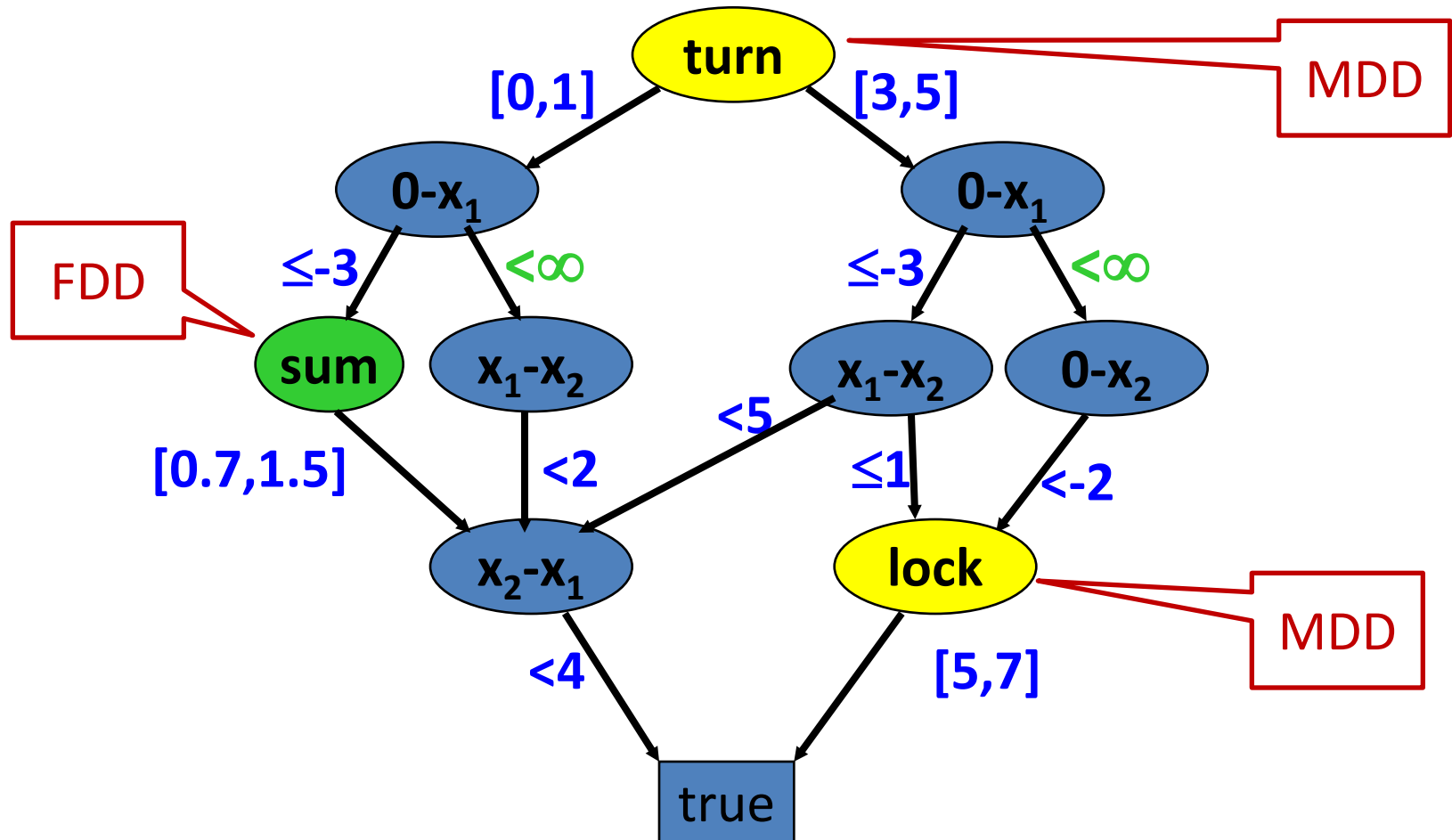
CRD+MDD+FDD

*A winner for **RED** technology.*

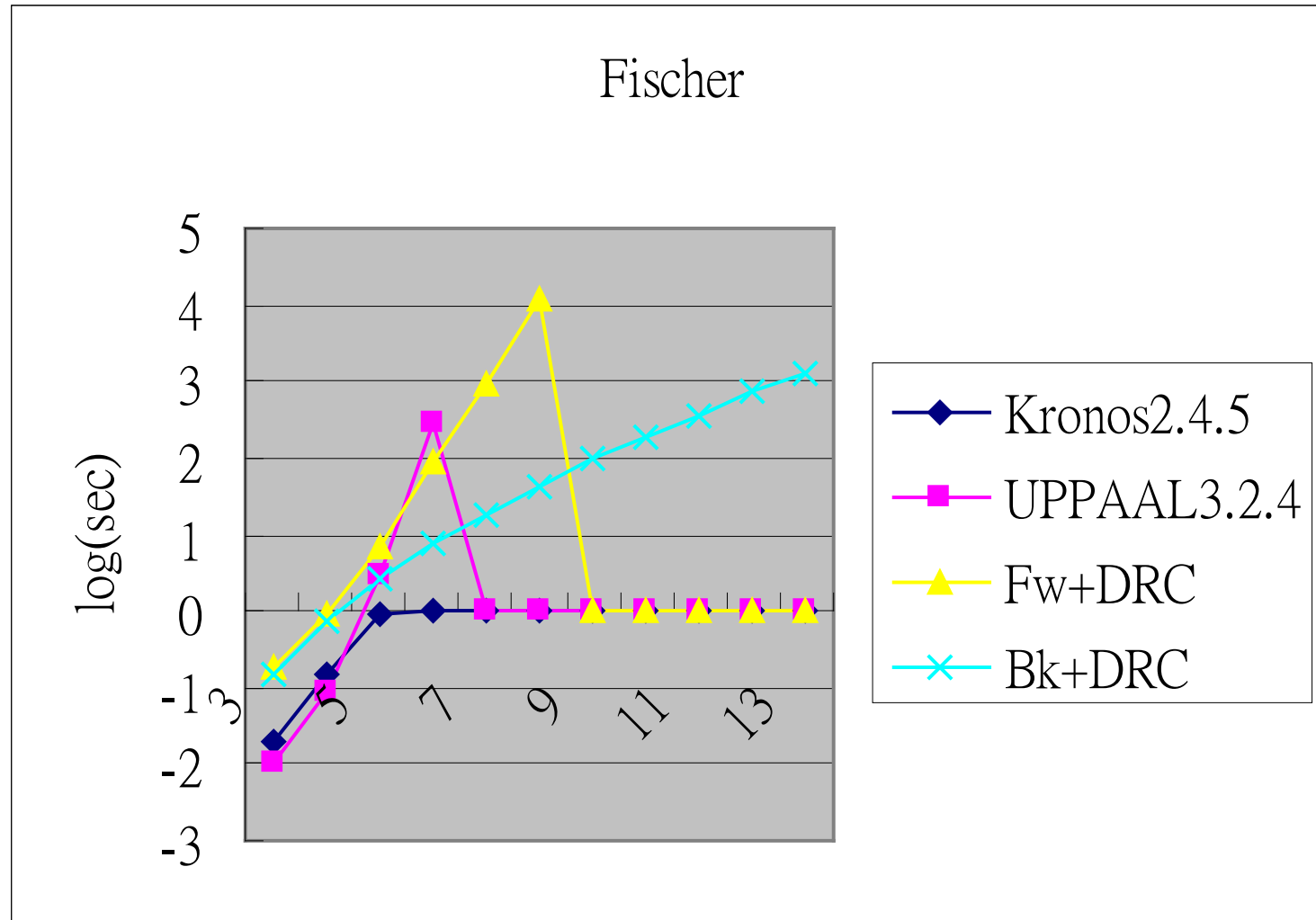
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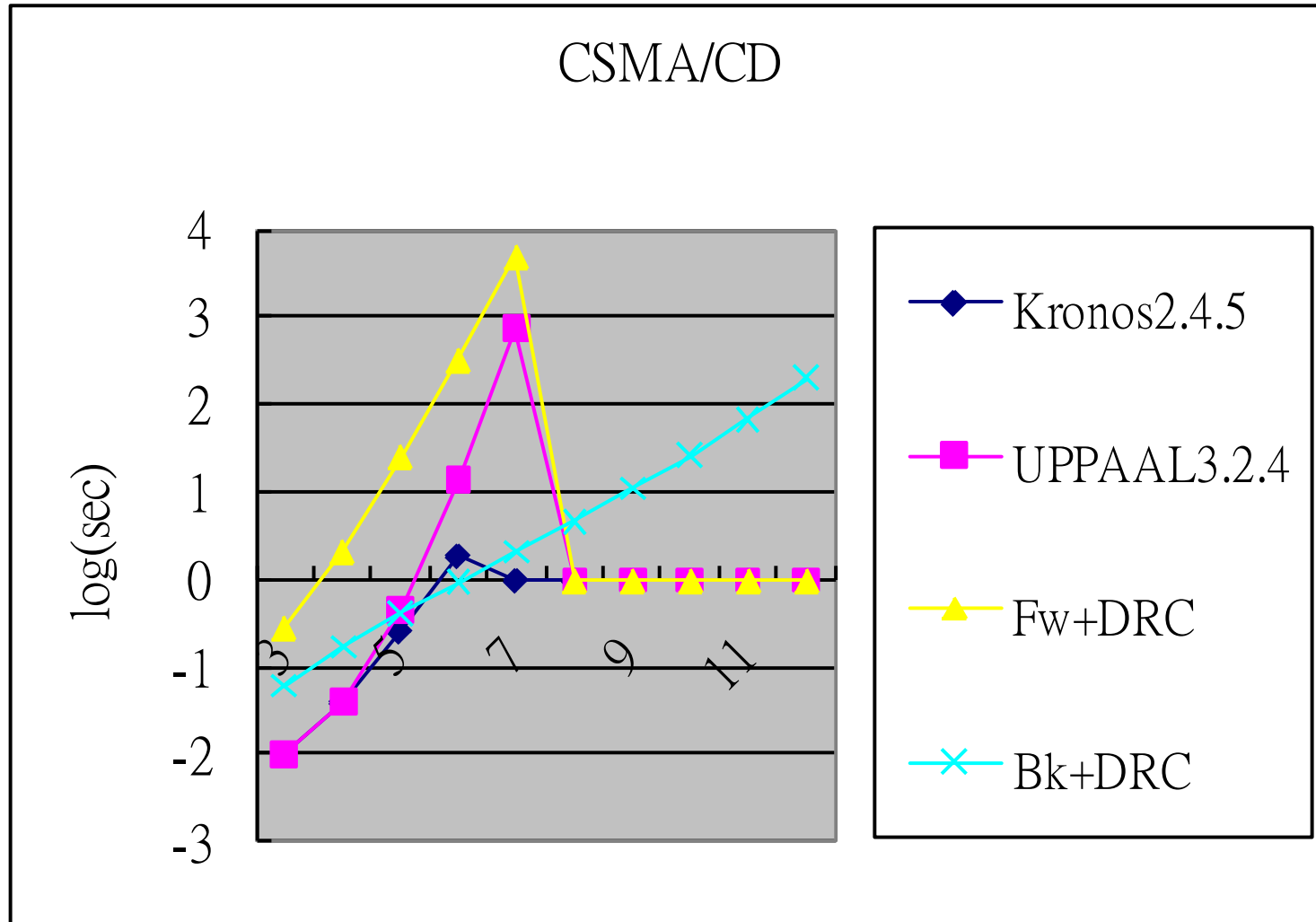
Example



Fischer's mutual exclusion



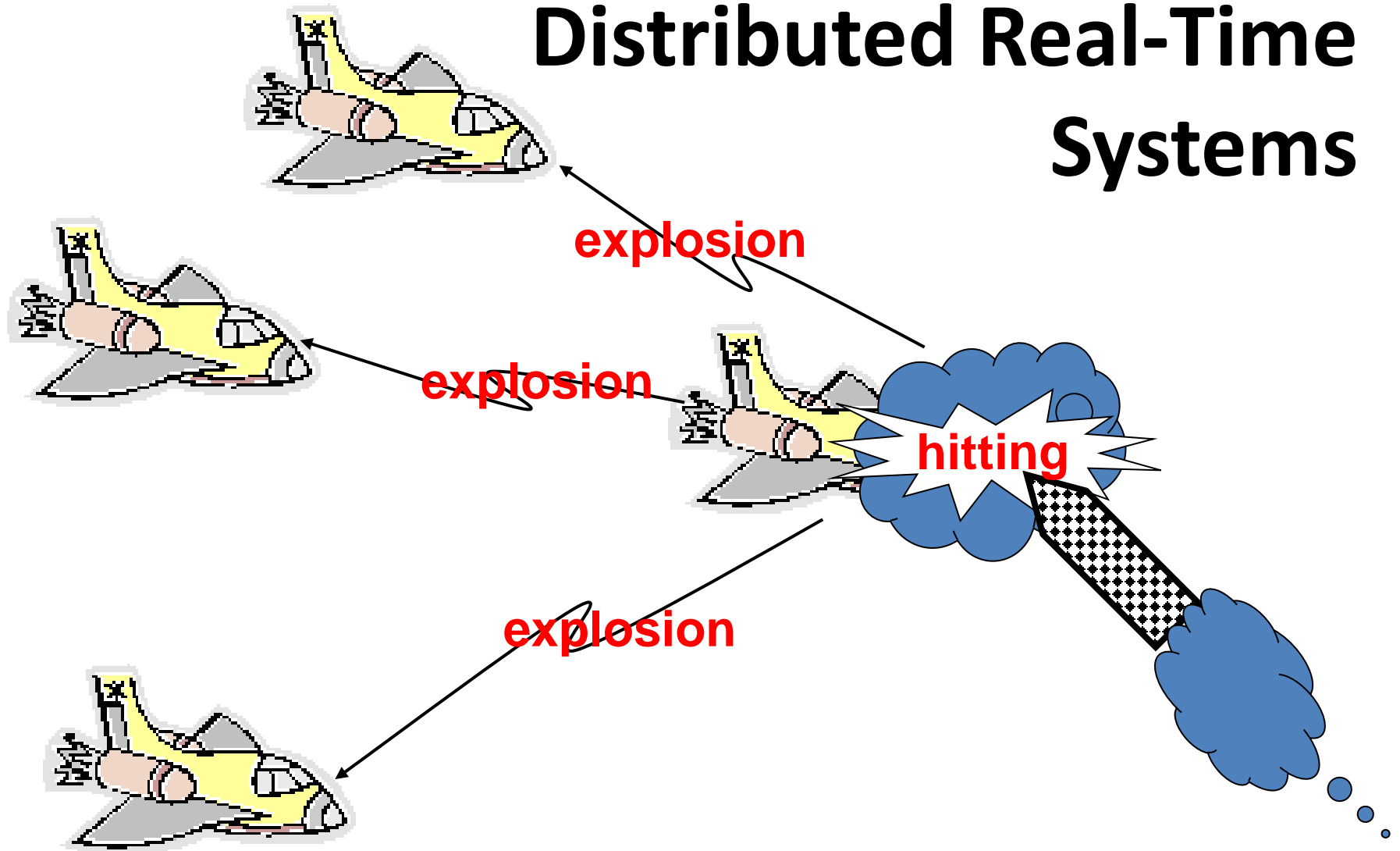
CSMA/CD



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Complex Synchronizations in Distributed Real-Time Systems

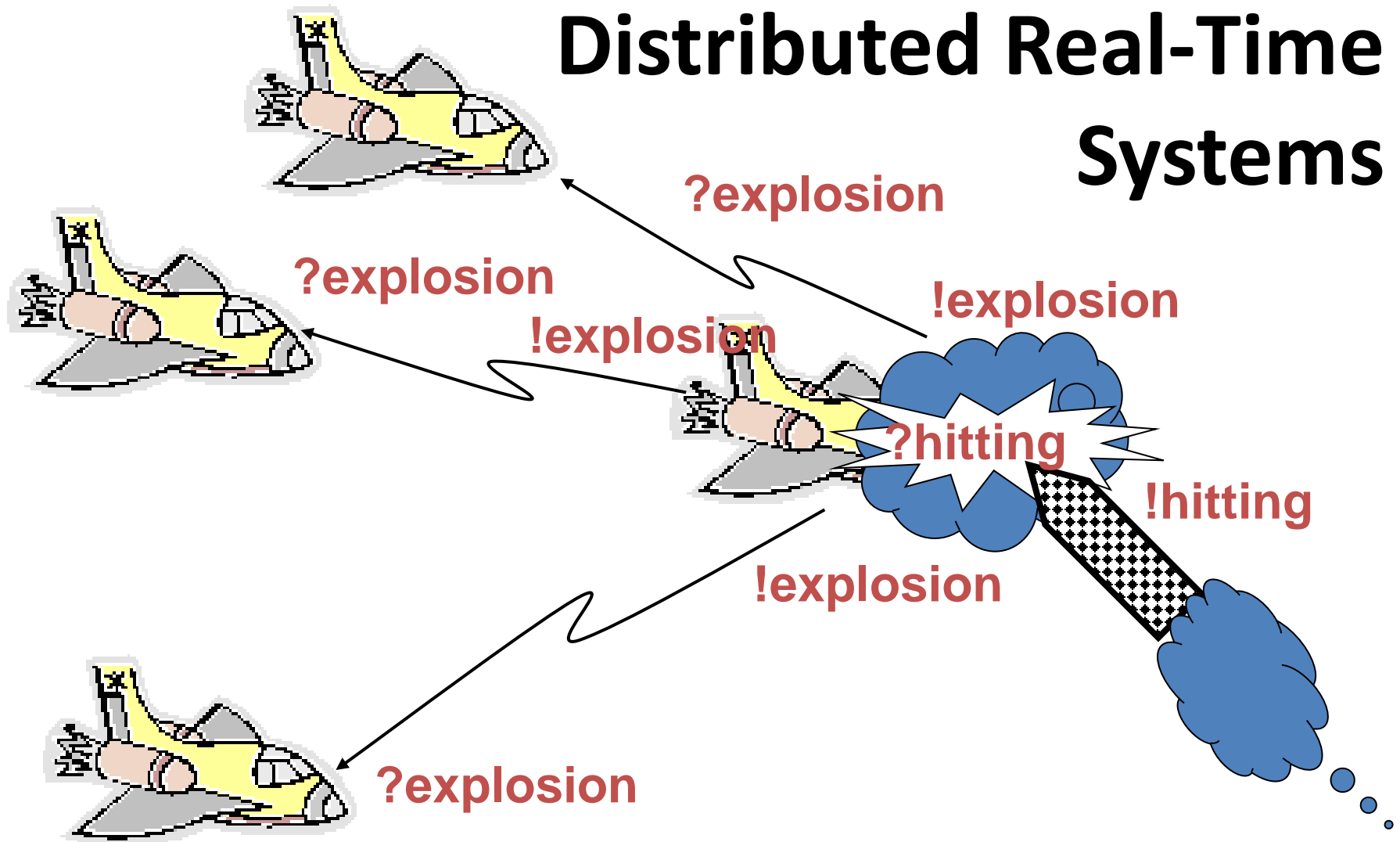


Modeling granularity ?

Did the hit and explosion happen at the same time ?

- No, at the fine level of quantum mechanics
 - Extremely fine models
 - Extreme confidence in the verification result
- **Yes, for the complexity of verification**
 - Intuitive, natural, and acceptable
 - Usable analysis result

Complex Synchronizations in Distributed Real-Time Systems



Complex Synchronizations in the CSP style

- Multiple-party synchronizations constructed through binary synchronizations
 - Global transitions constructed through process transitions
 - For each channel,
 $\# \text{ input event} = \# \text{ output event}$
 - For interleaving semantics
Minimality of global transitions
- Modular descriptions and specifications
 - Flexibility in the descriptions of process response variations

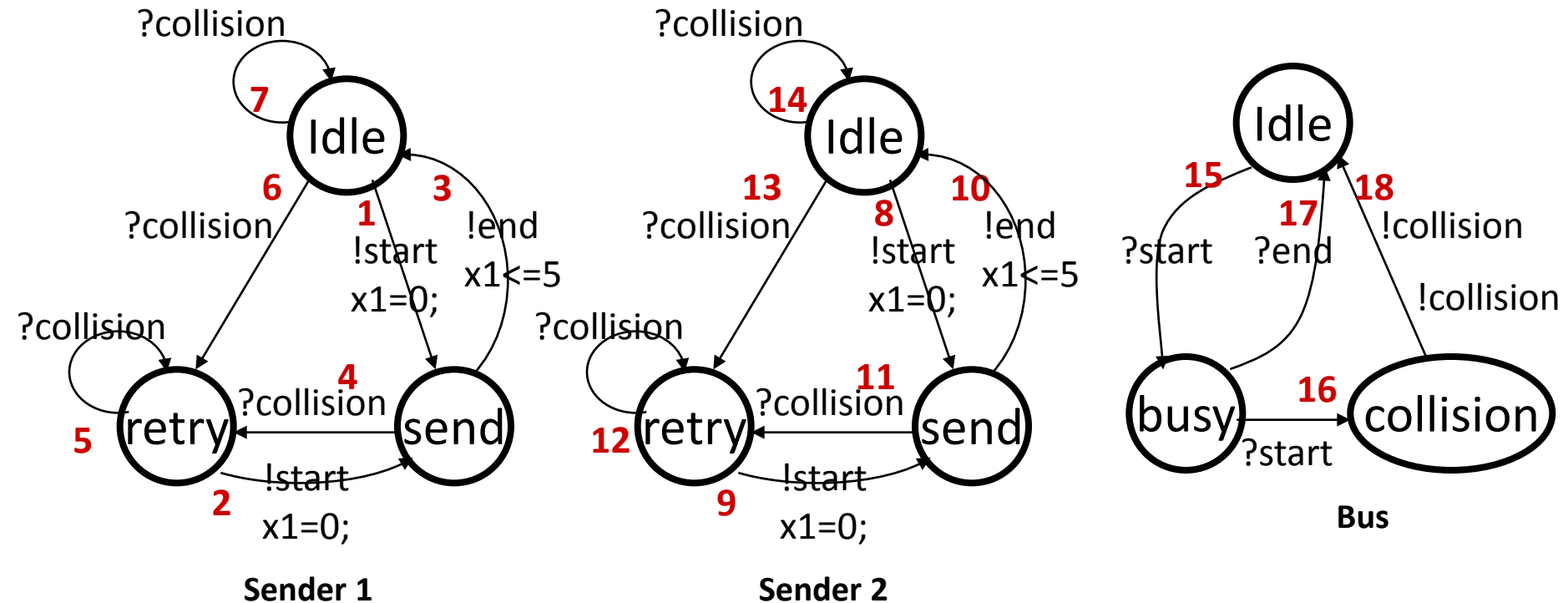
Network of TAs

Communicating timed automaton (CTA)

Legitimate global transitions

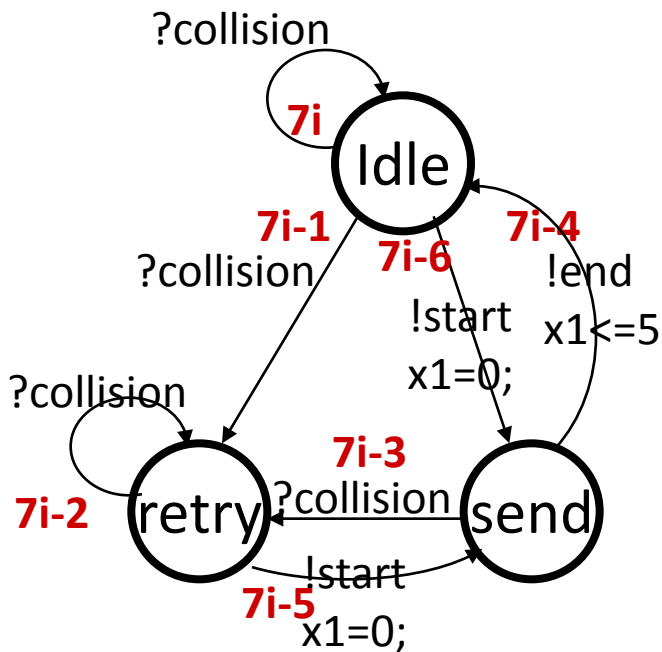
start: (1,15), (1,18), (2,15), (2,18), (8,15), (8,18), (9,15), (9,18)

collision: (4,11,18)

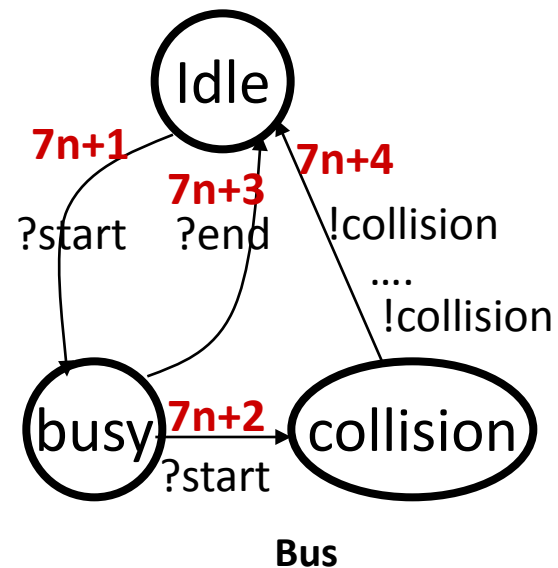


Legitimate global transitions with n senders

When $n = 3$, collision: (4,11,19,25) (4,11,20,25) (4,11,21,25)
 (4,12,18,25) (4,13,18,25) (4,14,18,25)
 (5,11,18,25) (6,11,18,25) (7,11,18,25)



Sender i



Bus

Pre/post condition calculation in the traditional style

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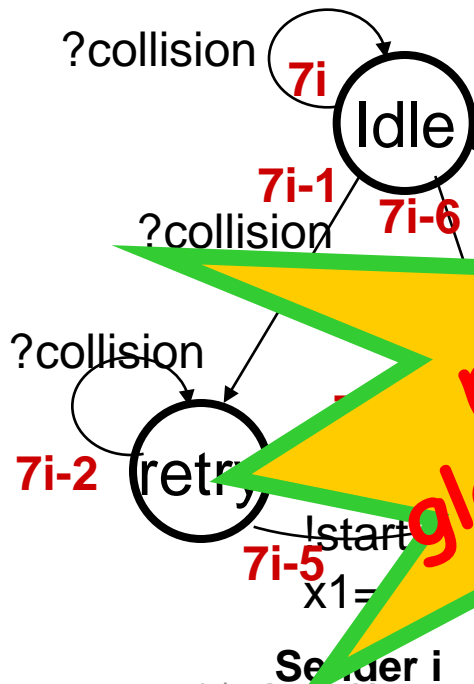
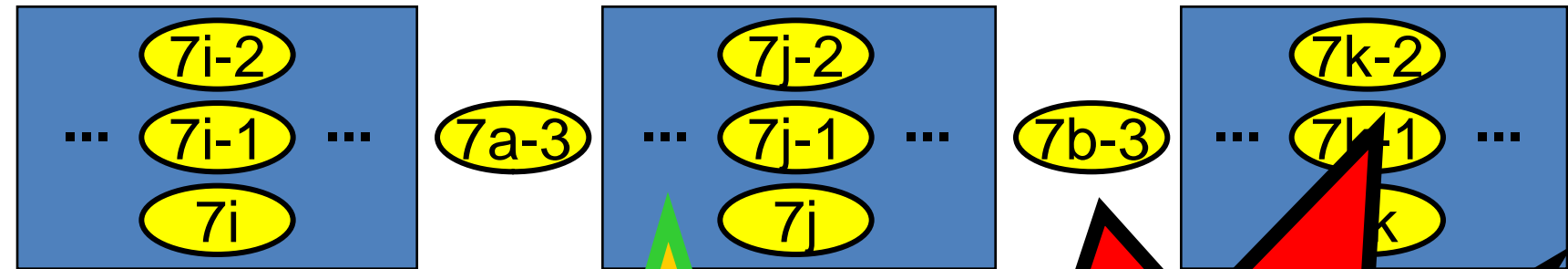
ψ := false;
for each global transition T {
  for each 1 ≤ p ≤ m with T(p) ≠ ⊥ and T(p) = (q, e)
    φ := η ∧ (⋀x ∈ πp(e) x = 0) ∧ modep = q;
    φ := FM_elim(φ, πp(e) ∪ { modep });
  }
  Add in the triggering conditions of T
  φ.
  ψ := ψ ∨ φ;
}
Return ψ;

```



An
enumeration
of global
transitions

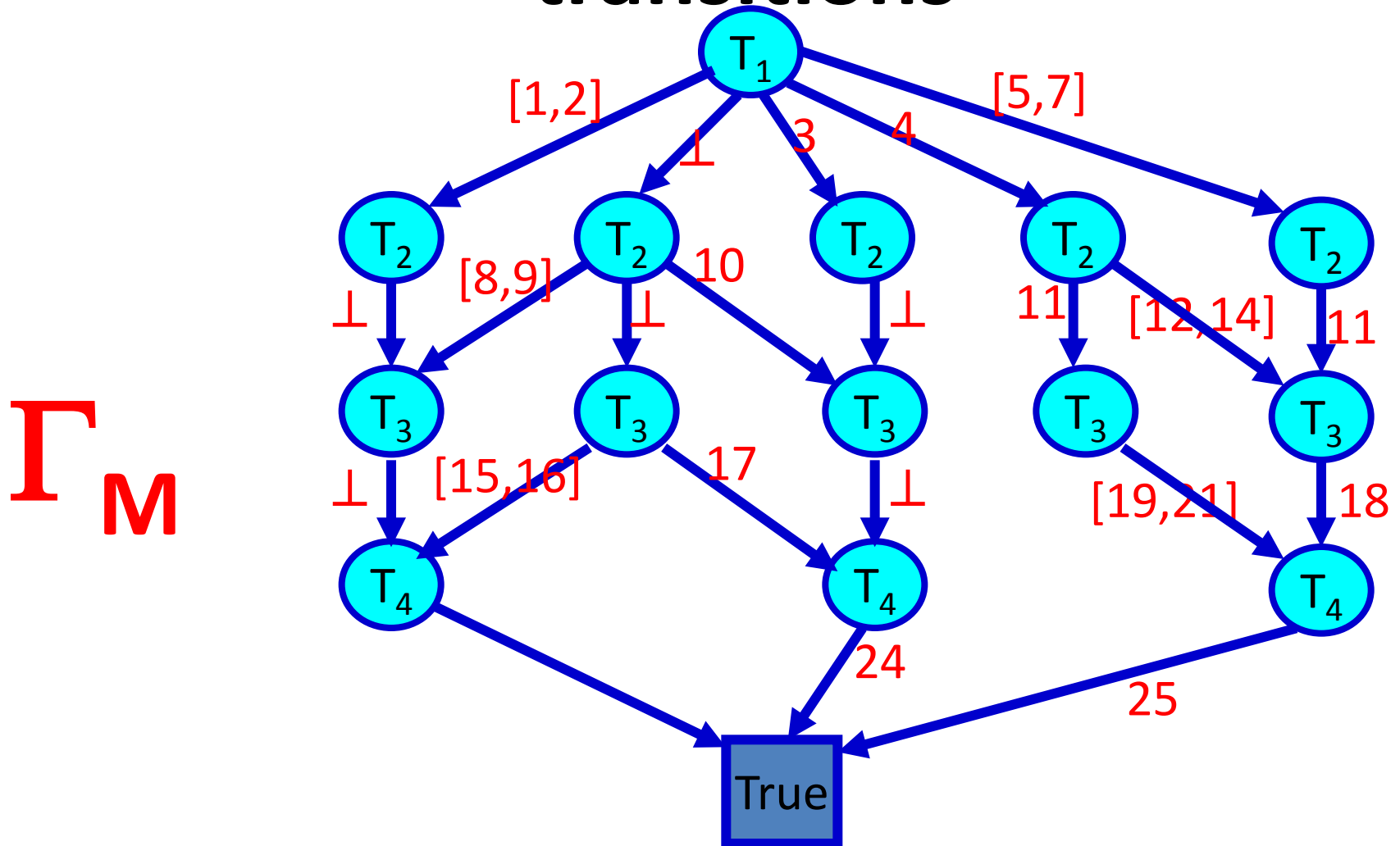
Legitimate global transitions with n senders in the traditional style



$n(n-1)3$
global trans

**We cannot even
enumerate the
global transitions!**

Efficient representation for global transitions



Xplans_bck(η)

```
Let  $\eta := \eta \wedge \Gamma_M$ ;  
for  $p:=1$  to  $m$  {  
   $\psi := \eta \wedge T_p = \perp$ ;  
  for each  $e \in E_p$  with  $\gamma(e)=(q,q')$  {  
     $\phi := \eta \wedge T_p = e \wedge (\bigwedge_{x \in \pi p(e)} x=0) \wedge \text{mode}_p = q'$ ;  
     $\psi := \psi \vee \text{FM\_elim}(\phi, \pi_p(e) \cup \{\text{mode}_p\})$ ;  
  }  
   $\eta := \psi$ ;  
}
```

Add in all the triggering conditions of the participating process transitions to η .

return $\text{FM_elim}(\eta, \{T_1, \dots, T_m\})$;

An observation in the experiments

- Simple synchronizations
 - 2 or 3 processes involved
 - Perform well with the traditional style
- Complex synchronizations
 - Perform well with the new style
- Strategy, β : a parameter
Synchronization
 - $< \beta \rightarrow$ traditional style
 - $\geq \beta \rightarrow$ new style

Performance data

spec.	m	$\beta = 0$	medium β values	$\beta = \#$ procs
CSMA/CD medium β values = 2	2	0.01s/47k	0.00s/28k	0.00s/21k
	3	0.05s/86k	0.03s/54k	0.06s/43k
	4	0.20s/134k	0.11s/89k	0.26s/93k
	5	0.42s/192k	0.40s/138k	1.73s/208k
	6	0.84s/304k	0.78s/299k	12.9s/499k
	7	1.70s/681k	1.76s/674k	132s/1262k
	8	3.37s/1551k	3.79s/1546k	2572s/3316k
	9	7.56s/3548k	7.76s/3541k	N/A
	10	18.4s/8075k	18.5s/8072k	
	11	54.2s/18272k	51.5s/18274k	
	12	144s/41105k	146s/41083k	
	13	385s/91826k	397s/91873k	
SAM medium β values = 2	2	0.18s/92k	0.17s/45k	0.10s/45k
	3	1.29s/188k	0.75s/132k	0.80s/130k
	4	6.01s/387k	4.03s/352k	4.60s/400k
	5	26.5s/899k	17.3s/752k	23.6s/931k
	6	99.4s/1763k	61.5s/1344k	144s/1959k
	7	284s/3195k	185s/2205k	750s/5703k
	8	734s/5204k	537s/3384k	N/A
FIFO medium β values = 4	2	0.04s/72k	0.02s/51k	0.02s/51k
	3	0.22s/172k	0.15s/103k	0.17s/152k
	4	0.59s/346k	0.31s/231k	0.79s/428k
	5	1.46s/620k	1.27s/471k	4.97s/1230k
	6	5.07s/1023k	4.32s/872k	84.9s/3728k
	7	24.0s/1665k	18.2s/1540k	938s/11734k
	8	90.0s/3853k	76.7s/3372k	N/A
	9	304s/9035k	290s/9894k	
ARP medium β values = 2	2	0.55s/186k	0.40s/149k	0.40s/141k
	3	5.59s/526k	3.21s/460k	3.92s/615k
	4	72.0s/1578k	33.0s/1105k	58.7s/2709k
	5	872s/7318k	435s/5837k	703s/13494k
	6	8575s/84086k	4194s/84087k	N/A

data collected on a Pentium 4 Mobile 1.6GHz with 256MB memory running LINUX
s: seconds; k: kilobytes of memory in data-structure; N/A: not available;

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Other features of RED technology

- Full TCTLF model-checking
 - also with event extensions in TCTLF
 - early termination techniques in greatest fixpoint evaluation.
- Fair simulation for communicating timed automatas
 - model vs. spec TAs in an environment
- Time progress evaluation speed-up
 - [ATVA 2008, RTSS 2008, RTSJ 2011]
 - TCXTL for fast time progress evaluation
 - fast approximation in timed inevitabilities
- Abstraction based on game concepts

REDLIB

library for shared CRD+MDD+FDD

- Support modeling C data-structures
 - multi-dimensional arrays.
 - structures
 - dynamic memory allocation
 - must first declare the size of memory
 - address arithmetics and indirection
- For model/simulation-checking,
 - a forward untimed reachability analysis is performed.
 - Then a backward timed model/simulation checking is performed
 - to avoid blow-up of the backward state-space.

REDLIB

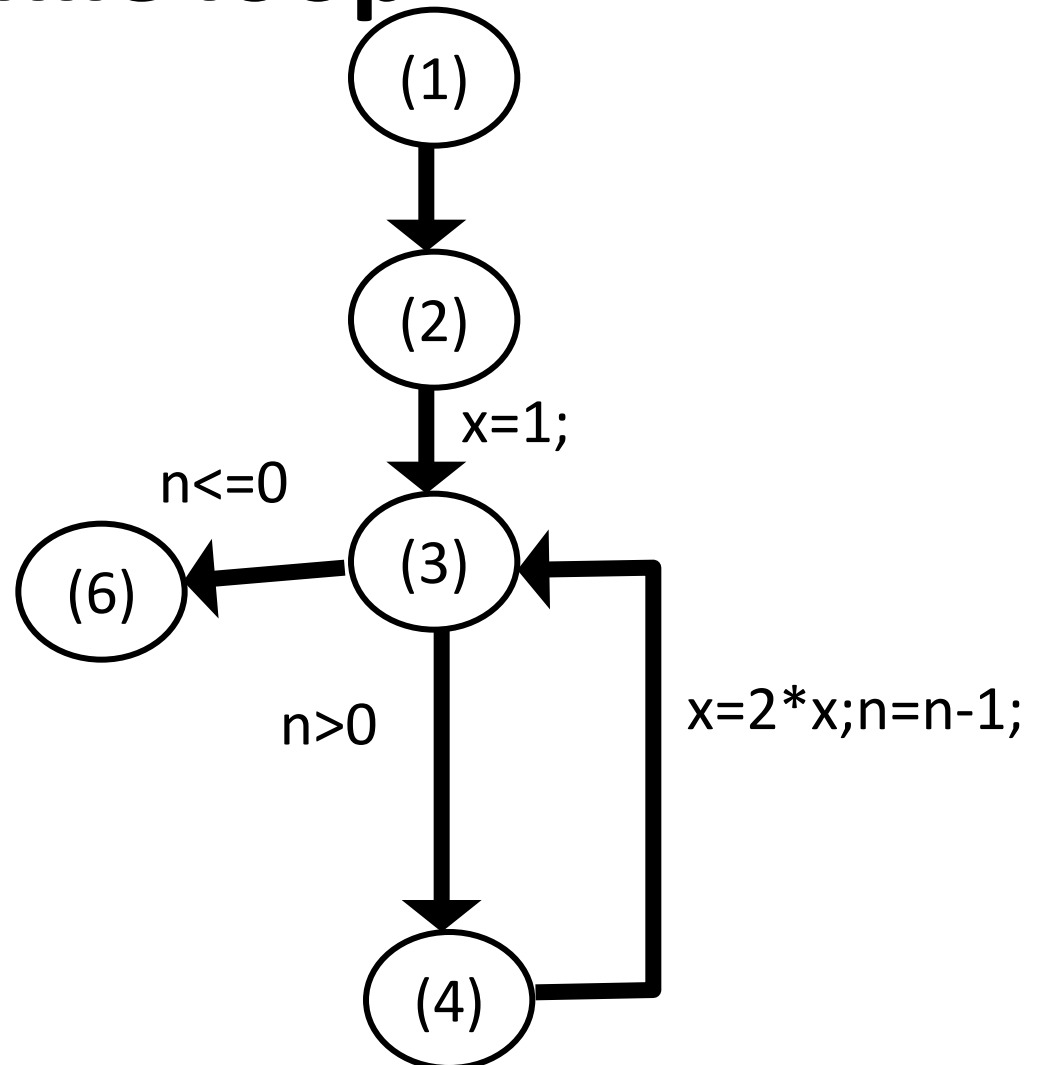
API

- Input
 - parsing, table construction
- Low-level
 - true, false, \vee , \wedge , \neg , ...
- Mid-level
 - discrete pre/post-condition,
 - time pre/post-condition,
 - normalization, abstraction
 - garbage-collection (GC), protection from GC
- High-level
 - fwd/bck reachability,
 - TCTLF model-checking,
 - simulation-checking

Model construction

A while loop

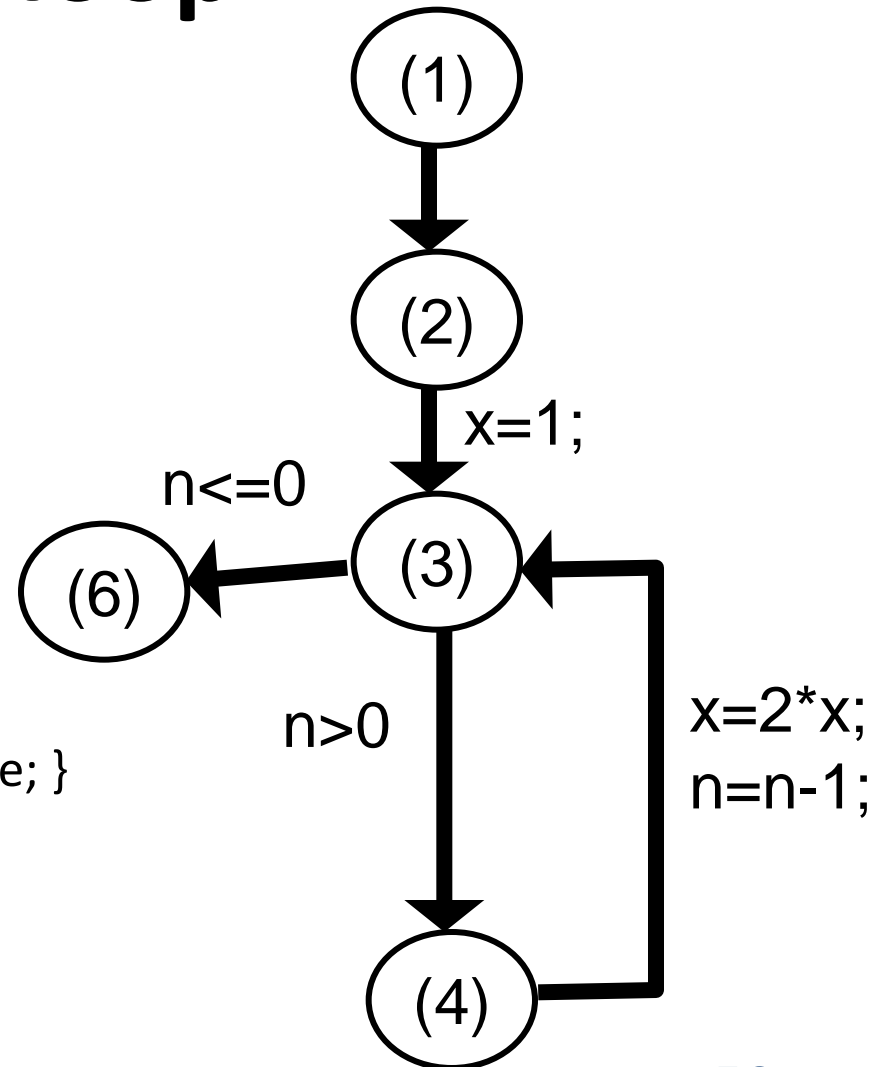
```
(1) f(n) {  
(2)  x = 1;  
(3)  while n > 0, do {  
(4)    x = x*2; n=n-1;  
(5)  }  
(6)  return x;  
(7) }
```



Model construction

A while loop

```
process count=1;  
global discrete n:0..5;  
global discrete x:0..32;  
mode one (true) {  
  when (true) may goto two; }  
mode two (true) {  
  when (true) may x=1; goto three; }  
mode three (true) {  
  when (n>0) may goto four;  
  when (n<=0) may goto six; }  
mode four (true) {  
  when (true) may x=2*x; n--1; goto three; }  
mode six (true) { }  
  
initially one@(1);
```



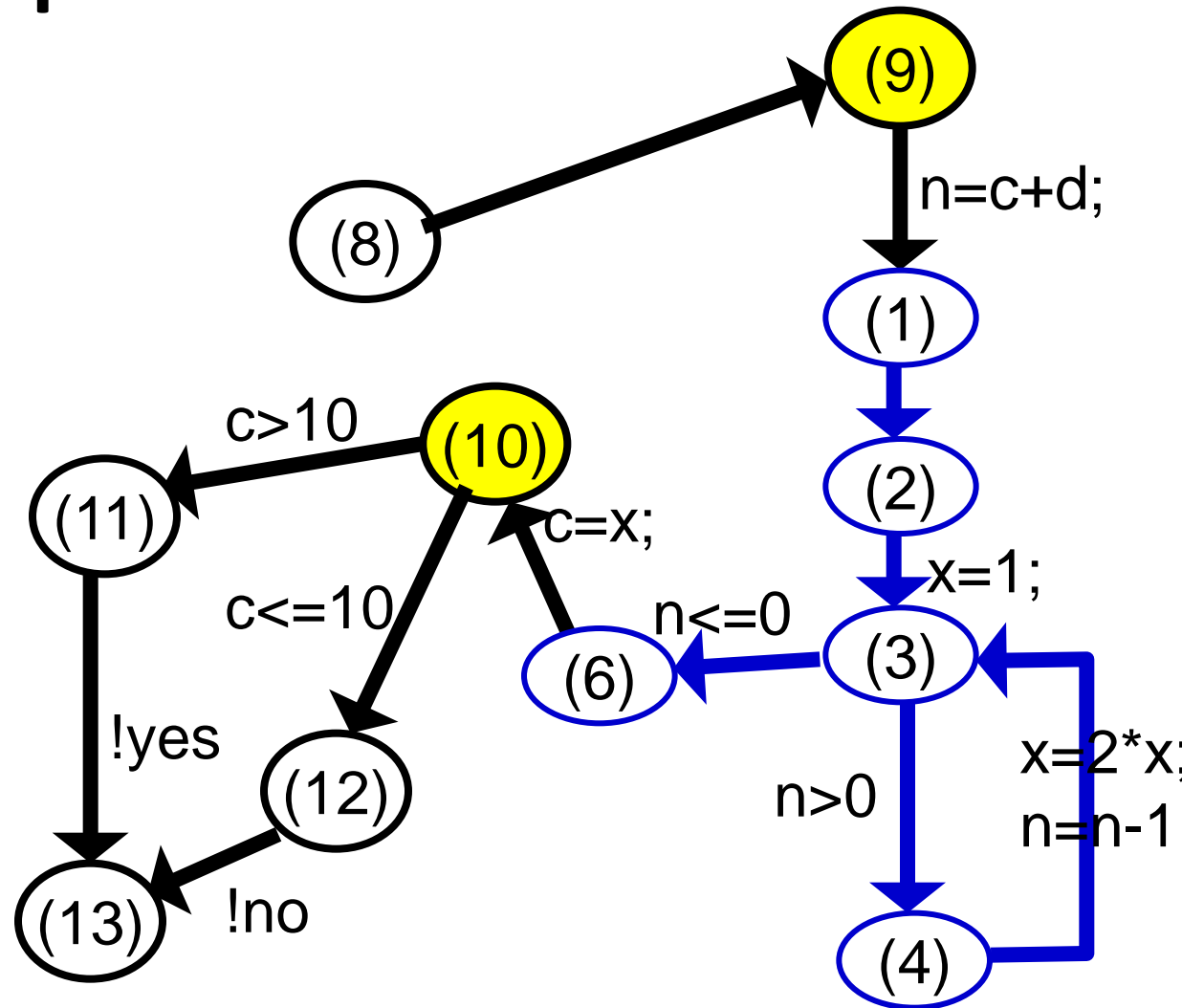
Model construction

A procedure call

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(5)   }
(6)   return x;
(7) }
(8) main (c,d) {
(9)   c = f(c+d);
(10)  if (c > 10)
(11)    print "yes".
(12)  else print "no".
(13) }

```



Model construction

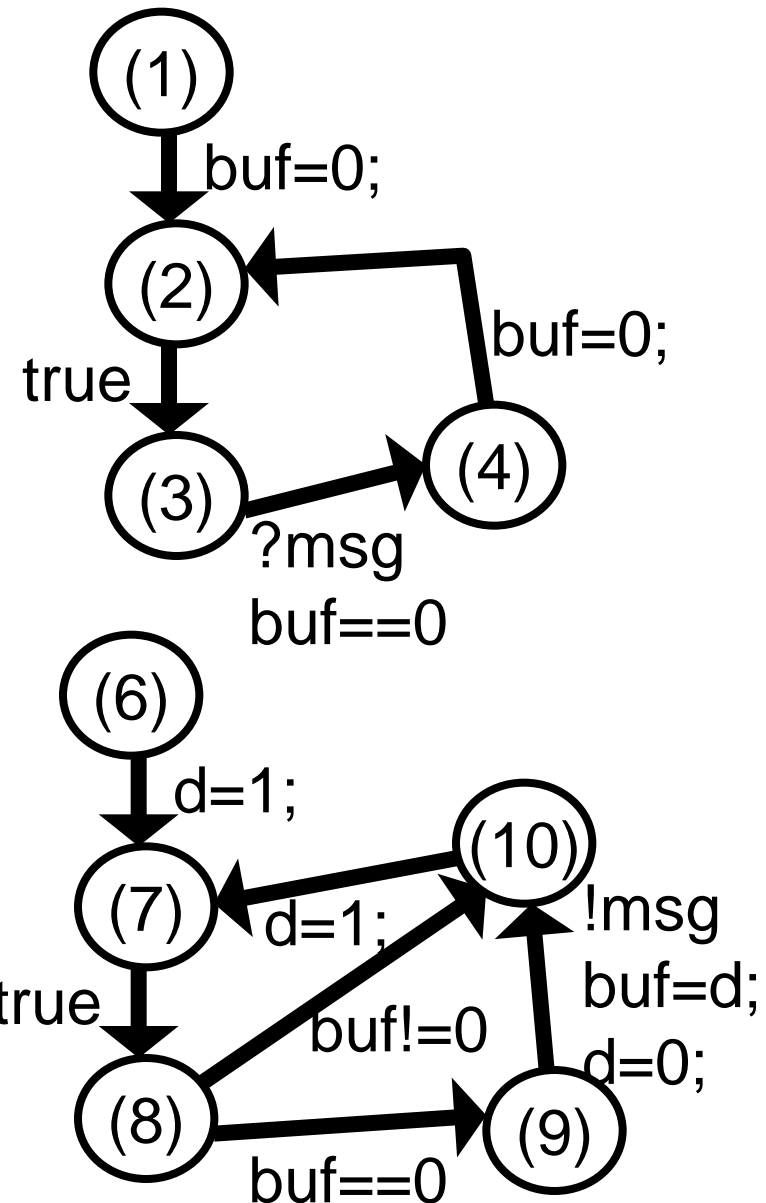
Synchronization

The reader process

```
(1)  buf = 0;  
(2)  while true, do {  
(3)    if (buf == 0), read;  
(4)    buf = 0;  
(5) }
```

The writer process

```
(6)  d = 1;  
(7)  while true, do {  
(8)    if (buf == 0),  
(9)      write d to buf; d=0;  
(10)   d = 1;  
(11) }
```



CSMA/CD protocol (1/2)

#define A 26

#define B 52

#define LAMBDA 808

process count = 3; /* 1 is for bus, the others for senders. */

local clock x;

global synchronizer begin, end, cd, busy;

/* The following 3 modes are for the bus. */

mode idle (true) {

when ?begin (true) may x= 0; goto busy;

}

mode busy (true) {

when ?end (true) may x= 0; goto idle;

when ?begin (x < A) may x= 0; goto collision;

}

mode collision (x < A) {

when !(#PS-1)cd (x < A) may x= 0; goto idle;

}

constants

thread count

variables

oval,
mode,
location

arrow,
transition

CSMA/CD protocol (2/2)

```
/* The following 3 modes are for the senders. */
mode wait (true) {
  when !begin (true) may x= 0; goto send;
  when ?cd (true) may x= 0;
  when ?cd (true) may x= 0; goto retry;
}
mode send (x <= LAMBDA) {
  when !end (x==LAMBDA) may x= 0; goto wait;
  when ?cd (x<B) may x= 0; goto retry;
}
mode retry (x < B) {
  when !begin (x < B) may x= 0; goto send;
  when ?cd (x < B) may x= 0;
}
initially   idle@(1)&& x@(1) == 0
           && forall i:2..#PS, (wait@(i)&& x@(i) == 0);

risk send@(2) && send@(3) && (x@(2) >= B || x@(3) >= B);
```

parameterized
declaration

REDLIB application examples

Sudoku (1/2)

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include "redlib.h"
#include "redlib.e"
char *s[9][9]; int c[9][9]; int count_print = 0;
redgram slot_constraint(d, i, j) redgram d; int i, j; {
    int value, h, k, nc, ac, gs; redgram conj;
    for(value = 1; value <= 9; value++) /* To enumerate the value of s[i][j]. */ {
        for (h = 0; h < 9; h++){
            if (h != i) {
                // regulation for s[i][j] != s[h][j] in the same column.
                conj = red_diagram("!(%s==%d && %s==%d)", s[i][j], value, s[h][j], value);
                if ((++count_print) < 100 && (gs = red_diagram_size(d, &nc, &ac)) < 30) {
                    fprintf(RED_OUT, "\nMutual exclusion to value:%1d at %s and %s:\nconstraint:\n",
                        value, s[i][j], s[h][j]
                    );
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

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REDLIB application examples

Sudoku (2/2)

```
red_print_line(conj); fprintf(RED_OUT, "\n"); red_print_diagram(conj);
fprintf(RED_OUT, "input diagram:\n"); red_print_line(d);
fprintf(RED_OUT, "\n"); red_print_diagram(d);
}
d = red_and(d, conj);
if ((h/3) == (i/3)) {
    for (k = 0; k < 9; k++) {
        if ((k/3) == (j/3) && (k != j)) {
            d = red_and(d, red_diagram("!(%s==%d && %s==%d)", s[i][j], value, s[h][k], value) );
        } } }
if (h != j) {
    d = red_and(d, red_diagram("!(%s==%d && %s==%d)", s[i][j], value, s[i][h], value) );
} } }
h = red_push(d); red_garbage_collect(RED_GARBAGE_SILENT); red_pop(h); return(d);
}
/* slot_constraint() */
```

REDLIB application examples

red (1/4)

```
main(argc, argv) int argc; char **argv; {
    redgram sub, conj; char *spec;
    if (!my_process_command_line(argc, argv) /* the number of files */)
        fprintf(RED_OUT, "Use a line beginning with \"%%end\" to end the formula input.\n\n");
    red_begin_session(flag_my_system_type, model_fname, my_proc_count);
    switch (task_type) {
        case SIM_CHECK: case BISIM_CHECK:
            red_input_model(model_fname, RED_NO_REFINED_GLOBAL_INVARIANCE); break;
        default:
            if (flag_analysis_direction == FLAG_ANALYSIS_FORWARD)
                red_input_model(model_fname, RED_NO_REFINED_GLOBAL_INVARIANCE);
            else
                red_input_model(model_fname, RED_REFINE_GLOBAL_INVARIANCE);
    }
}
```

REDLIB application examples

red (2/4)

```
spec = red_file_to_string(spec_fname);  
my_verifier(task_type, spec);  
red_end_session(model_fname);  
} /* main() */
```

REDLIB application examples

red (3/4)

```
int my_verifier(tt, s) int tt/*task type */; char *s/* string for the spec.*/ ; {  
    int NEGATED_SPEC, assume, pi, xi, deadlock, wreach;  
    struct reachable_return_type      *rr;  
    struct sim_check_return_type      *sr;  
    struct model_check_return_type    *mr;  
    redgram                          result, ds;
```

REDLIB application examples

red (4/4)

```
switch (tt) {  
case SIM_CHECK:  
    sr = red_sim_check(  
        red_query_diagram_initial(), red_query_diagram_global_invariance(),  
        RED_FULL_REACHABILITY, RED_NO_REACHABILITY_DEPTH_BOUND,  
        flag_counter_example, RED_TIME_PROGRESS,  
        flag_normality, flag_action_approx,  
        flag_reduction, flag_approx, flag_symmetry, flag_zeno,  
        flag_tconvexity_shared_partitions | flag_time_progress_options  
        | flag_gfp_on_the_fly | flag_fairness_assumptions_eval  
        | flag_gfp_path,  
        flag_print, s  
    );  
    red_print_sim_check_return(sr); return (sr->iteration_count);  
break;
```

REDLIB application examples

some API (1/2)

A Procedure for calculating the precondition of synchronous transitions with fine-resolution control.

```
redgram red_sync_xtion_bck(  
    redgram          ddst,  
    redgram          dpath,  
    int              flag_sync_xtion_table_choice,  
    int              sxi,  
    int              flag_game_roles,  
    int              flag_time_progress,  
    int              flag_normality,  
    int              flag_action_approx,  
    int              flag_reduction,  
    int              flag_state_approx,  
    int              flag_symmetry,  
    int              flag_experiment  
);
```

REDLIB application examples

some API (2/2)

```
redgram red_norm(  
    redgram    d,  
    int        op  
);
```

A procedure for normalizing
decision diagrams.
op: option for normal forms.

```
redgram red_abstract(  
    redgram    d,  
    int        flag_oapprox,  
    char       *role_spec,  
    ...  
);
```

A procedure for abstracting
decision diagrams.
op: abstraction resolution
based on roles.
three roles: model, spec, envr.

Potential research issues

- PAT input → REDLIB input
 - What is the best translation for verification performance ? Broadcasting semantics ?
 - Pre-analysis of event models ?
- REDLIB output → PAT output
- Garbage-collection for CRD+MDD ?
- Probabilistic model-checking with REDLIB
 - how to outperform prism (DBM+BDD) ?
- Bound analysis ?