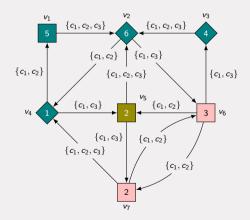
Verifying SPLs using parity games expressing variability



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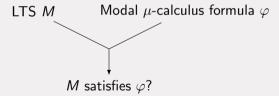


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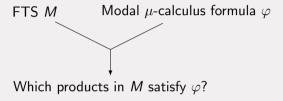
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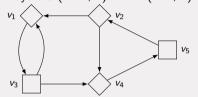
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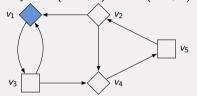
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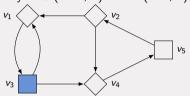


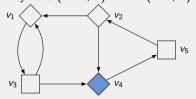
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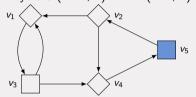


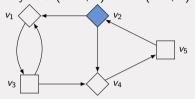


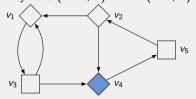


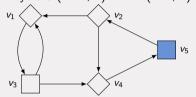


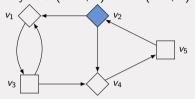




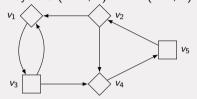




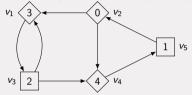




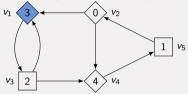
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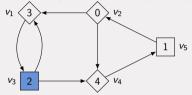
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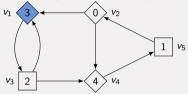
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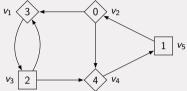
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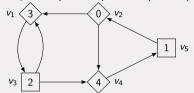
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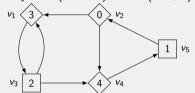
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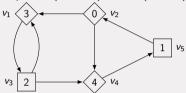
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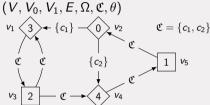
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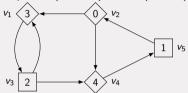


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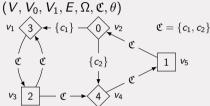


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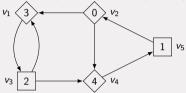
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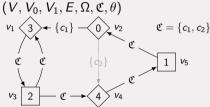
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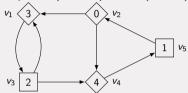


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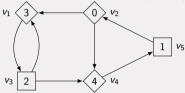
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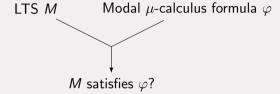
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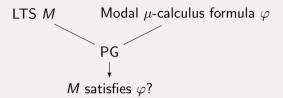
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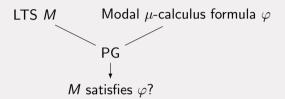




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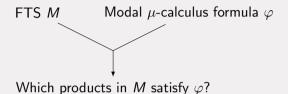
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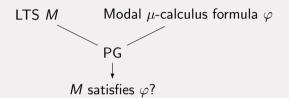




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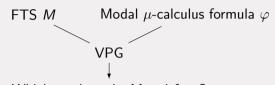
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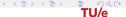
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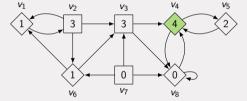
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- ► Existing parity game algorithm
- ► Spends most time performing the *attractor* calculation
- ► Introduce an efficient attractor calculation for VPGs

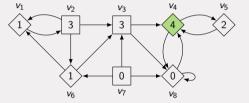


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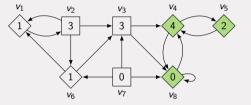


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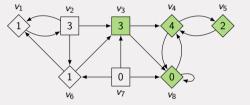
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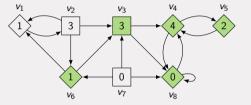
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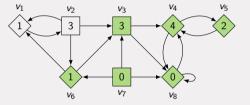
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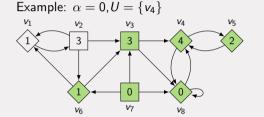
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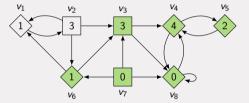
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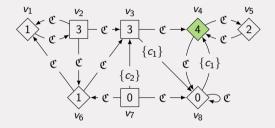
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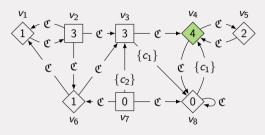
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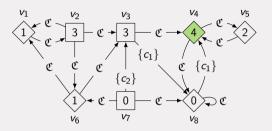
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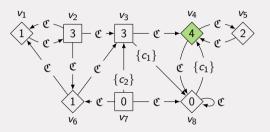
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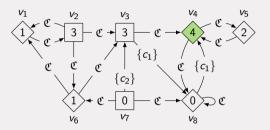
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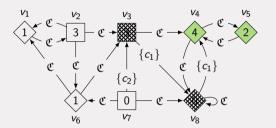
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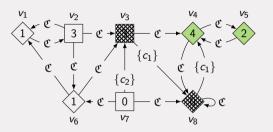
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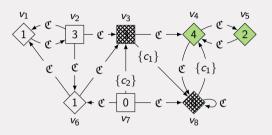
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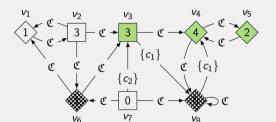
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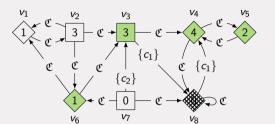


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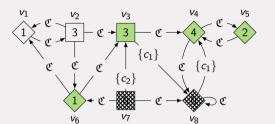


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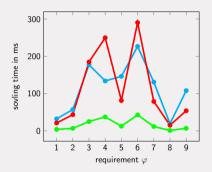


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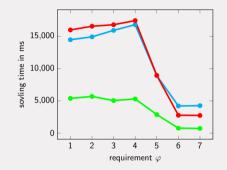


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Conclusions

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Extra - Incremental pre-solve

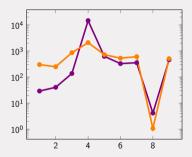


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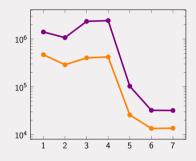


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