



Strategy Computation for Robotic Missions using Possibilistic Approaches

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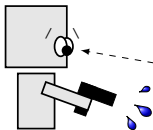
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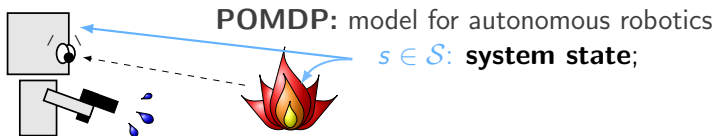


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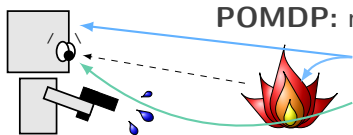
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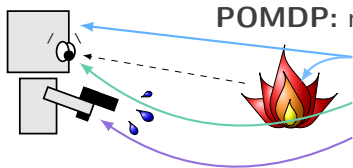
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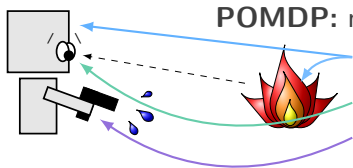
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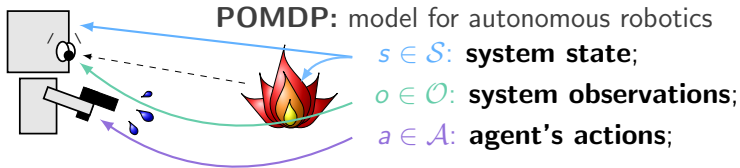
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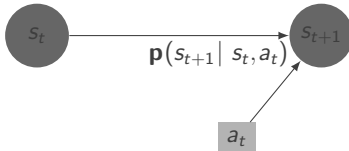
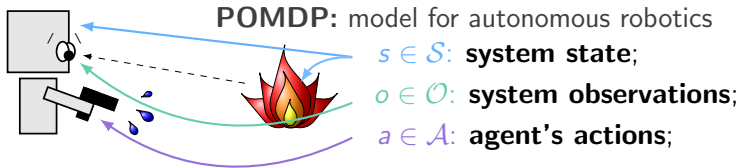


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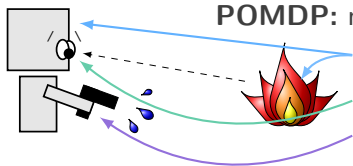
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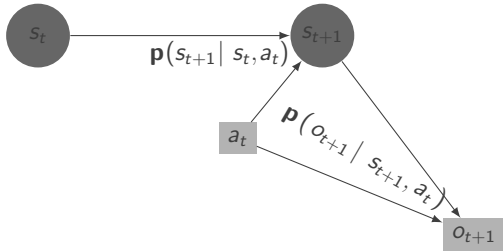


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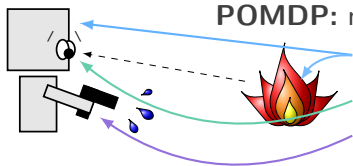
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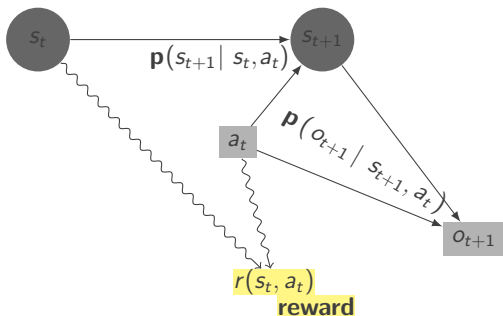


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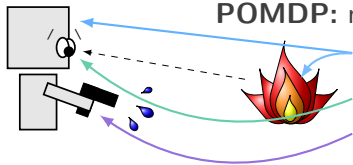
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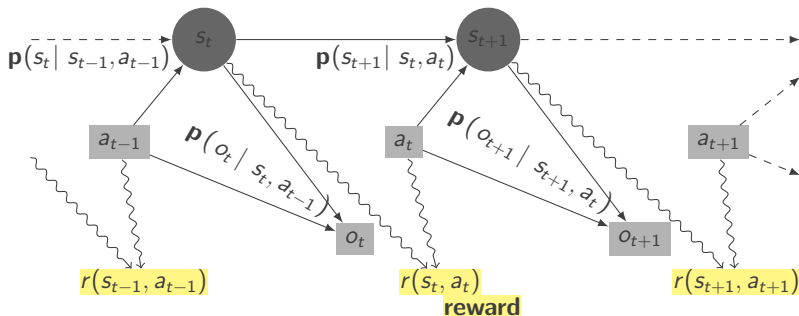


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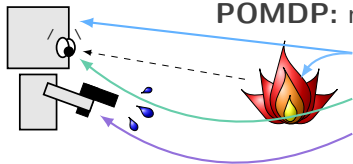
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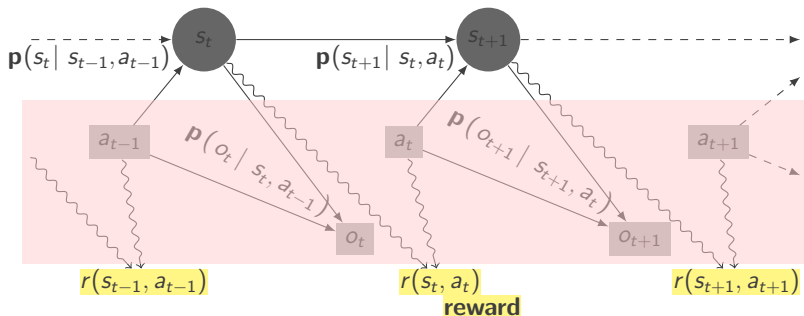


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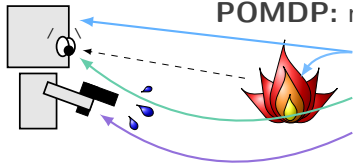
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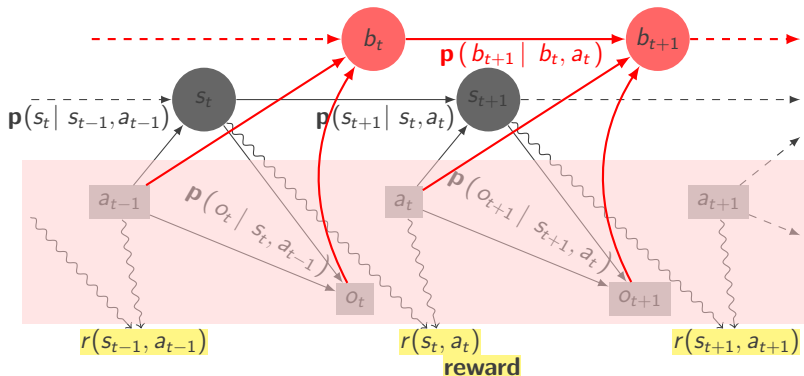
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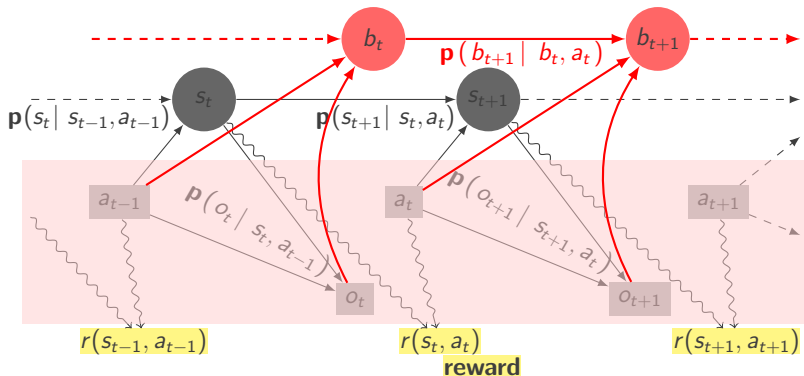
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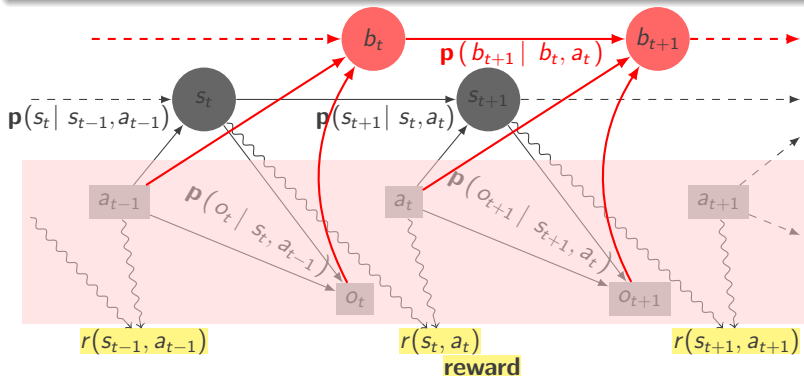
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Actions choice: strategy $\delta(b_t) = a_t \in \mathcal{A}$

maximizing $\mathbb{E}[\sum_{t=0}^{+\infty} \gamma^t r(s_t, \delta(b_t)) | b_0], 0 < \gamma < 1.$



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- simplification, ignorance and imprecision modeling.

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Probability (\mathbb{P}) / Possibility (Π):

e_1 or e_2	$\mathbf{p}(e_1) + \mathbf{p}(e_2 \cap \overline{e_1})$	$\max \{ \pi(e_1), \pi(e_2) \}$
e_1 and e_2	$\mathbf{p}(e_1) \cdot \mathbf{p}(e_2 \mid e_1)$	$\min \{ \pi(e_1), \pi(e_2 \mid e_1) \}$

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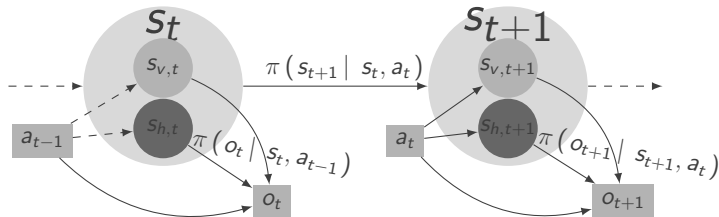
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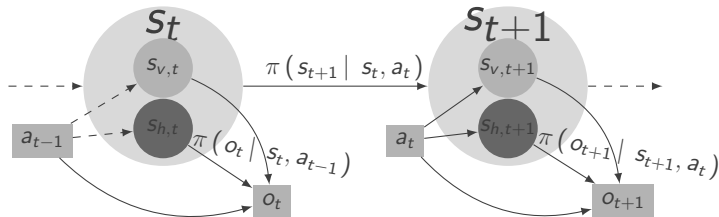
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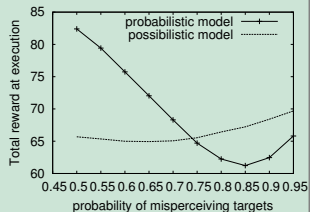
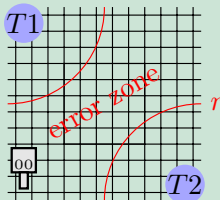
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Recognition mission: robot on a grid $g \times g$, 2 targets $T1$, $T2$.

- **goal:** reach the object $A = T1$ or $T2$;
- noisy observations of the targets natures: $\mathbf{p}(o' | s', a)$.

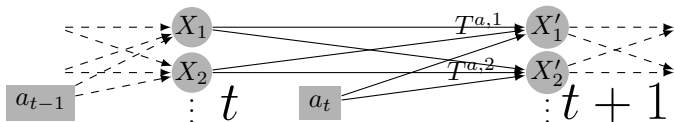


Actually, misperception in the error zone is: $P_{bad} > \frac{1}{2}$.

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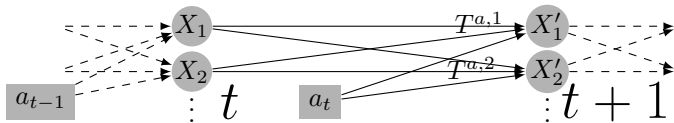
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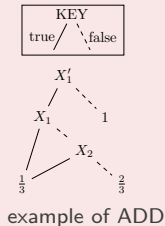


■ transition functions

$$T_i^a = \pi(X'_i \mid \text{parents}(X'_i), a)$$

represented by **Algebraic Decision Diagrams (ADD)**.

(SPUDD – Hoey et al., UAI-99).



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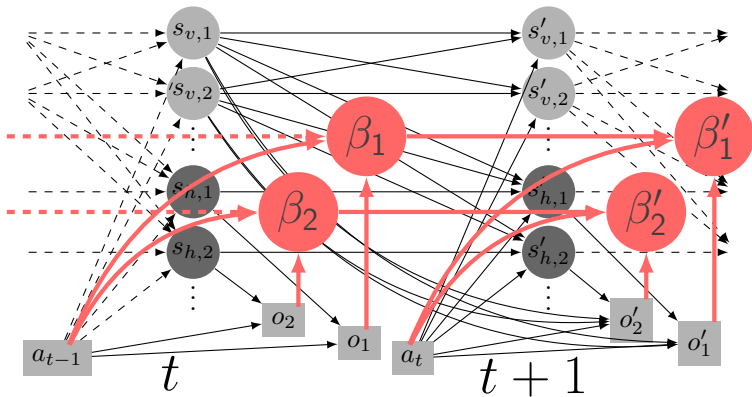
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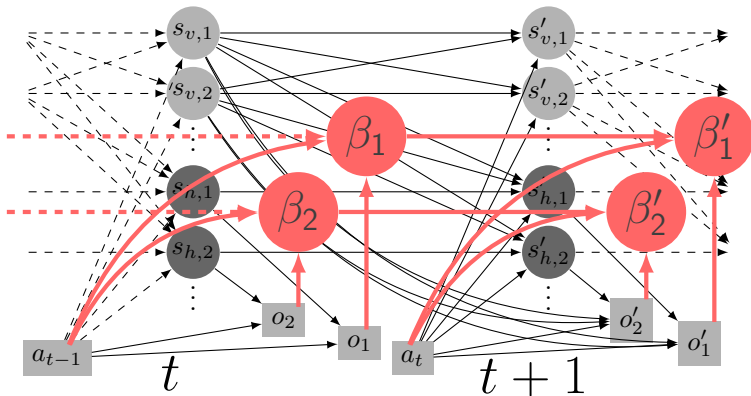


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assumptions: independent captors, hidden states...



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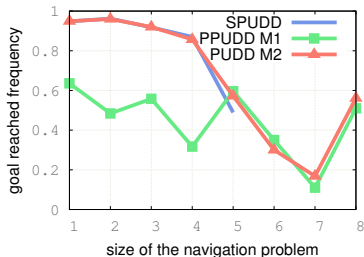
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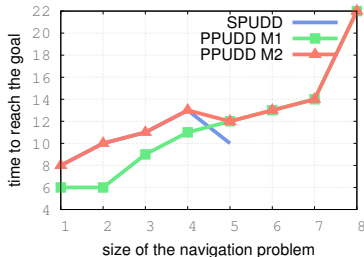
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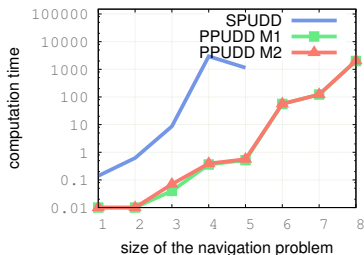


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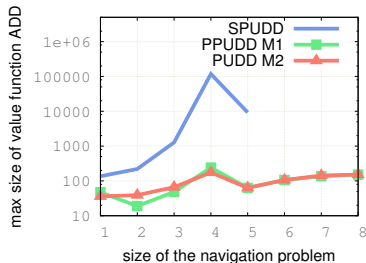


Experiments: Navigation problem – agent = robot.

computation time



max size of ADDs



- PPUDD + M2 (pessimistic translation) **faster and same performances** as SPUDD;
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- verified intuition: ADDs are smaller.

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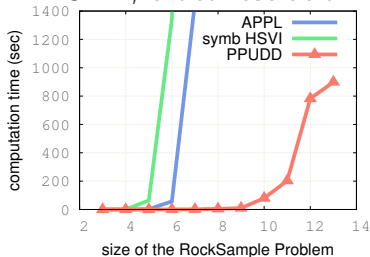
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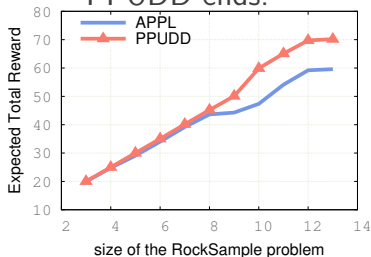
computation time:

probabilistic solvers, prec. 1;
PPUDD, exact resolution.



average of rewards

APPL stopped when
PPUDD ends.



- **approximate model + exact resolution solver**
→ can improve of computation time and performances.

IPPC 2014 – MDP track. ADDs-based approaches: PPUDD vs symbolic LRTDP (*Bonet et al.*)

PPUDD + BDD mask over reachable states.

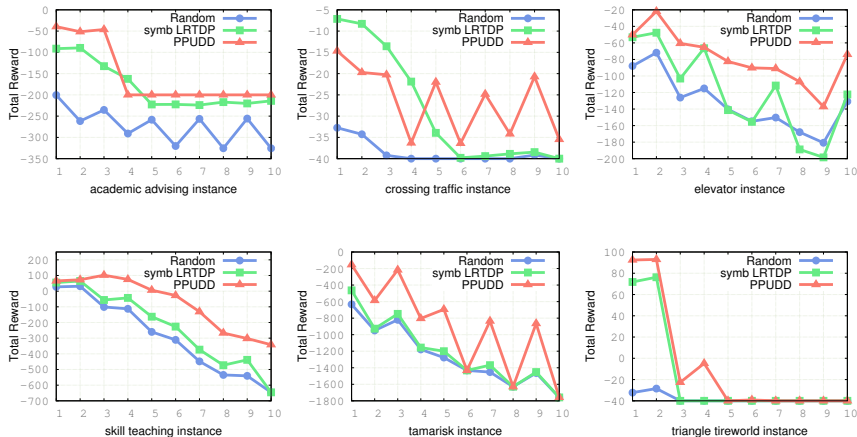


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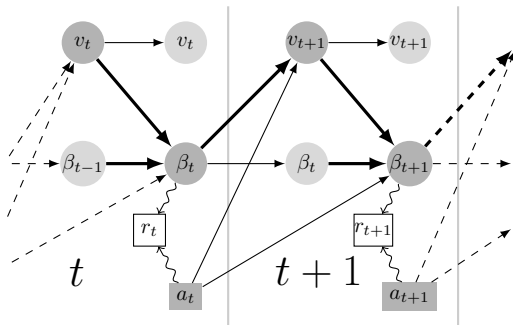
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 - choice of the qualitative criterion (optimistic/pessimistic);
 - non additive utility degrees, from the same scale as possibility degrees.

Work in progress...

towards a hybrid POMDP



POMDP \rightarrow POMDP with possibilistic beliefs

- transition probability distributions over possibilistic beliefs;
- reward aggregation: Choquet integral;
- factored POMDPs leads to factorized MPDs;
- resolution with any MDP solver.

Thank you.