

Bounded Parametric Model Checking for Petri Nets

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- 2 Benchmark: Mutual exclusion (MUTEX)
- 3 Syntax and semantics of PRTCTL
- 4 Bounded semantics
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Standard

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a Kripke model

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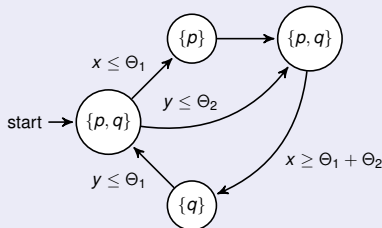
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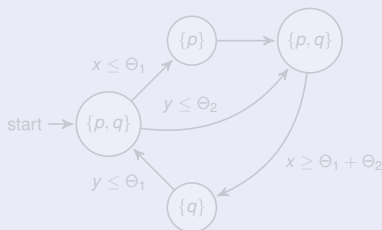
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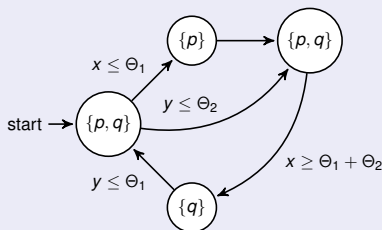
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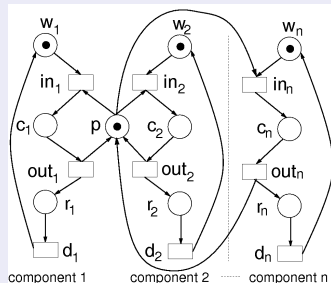
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Working example: mutual exclusion

Petri Net: MUTEX

Mutual exclusion:

- n processes compete for access to the shared resource
- token in:
 - ▶ w_i : the i -th process is waiting,
 - ▶ c_i : the i -th process in a critical section,
 - ▶ r_i : the i -th process is in an unguarded section,
 - ▶ p : the resource is available.



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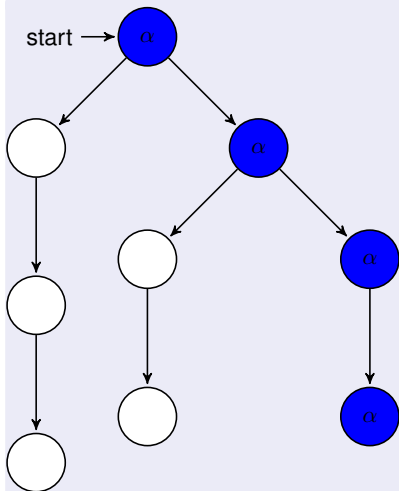
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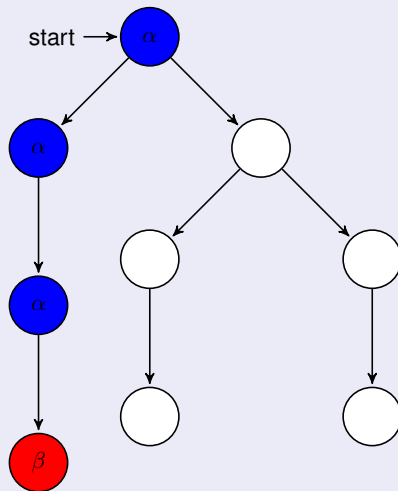
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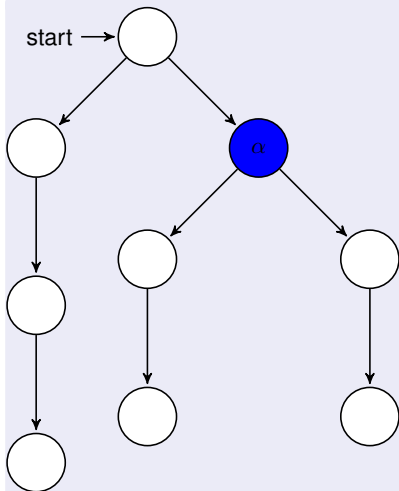


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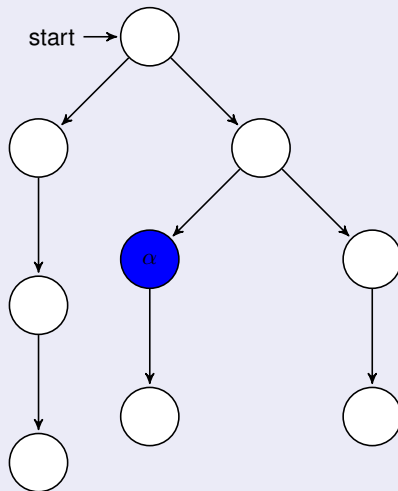


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Example of a PRTCTL formula

$$\forall_{\Theta}[AG(request \Rightarrow AF^{\leq \Theta} receive) \Rightarrow AG(request \Rightarrow AF^{\leq 2 \times \Theta} grant)]$$

expresses much more than the corresponding CTL formula

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Complexity of model checking

For CTL, ν RTCTL, and PRTCTL

- CTL and RTCTL can be model checked in time $O(|M| \cdot |\varphi|)$.
- PRTCTL can be model checked in time $O(|M|^{k+1} \cdot |\varphi|)$, where k is the number of parameters in φ .

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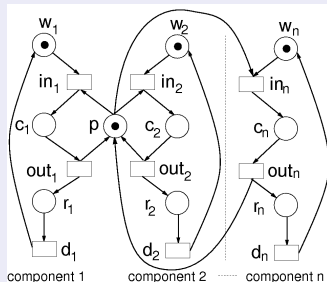
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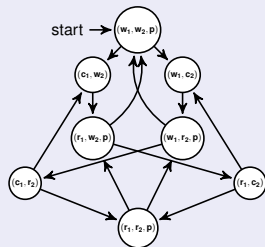
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Syntax and semantics – back to MUTEX

Petri Net for MUTEX



The marking graph



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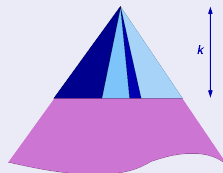
Intuitive meaning of $M, start \models \varphi_1^b$:

"There exists a future state, such that the resource is taken and the first process stays in the critical section for any time value bounded by b "

k -models

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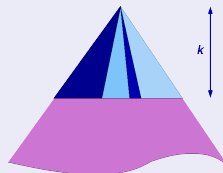
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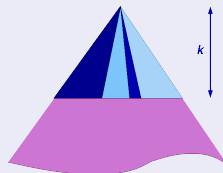
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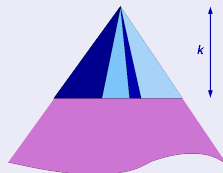
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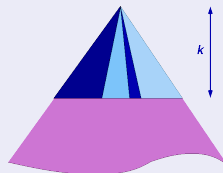
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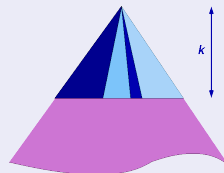
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SAT

- **Problem:** is a propositional formula satisfiable?
- **Theoretical complexity:** NP-complete (Cook, 1971)
- **Practical and efficient** realizations of SAT solvers: only in the last decade
- **A general idea:** search efficiently for a satisfying assignment

Details

- Efficient **data** representation
- **Heuristics** for deducing and learning information
- **Frequently** efficient in practice
- **CNF:** conjunctive normal form, conjunction of disjunctions of literals

$$\varphi = (a \vee b \vee \neg c) \wedge (\neg c) \wedge (a \vee \neg b)$$

Bounded semantics of νRTECTL

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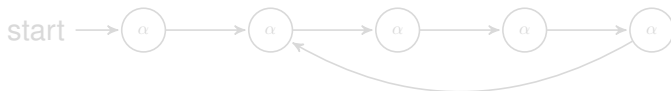
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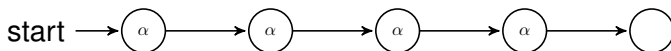
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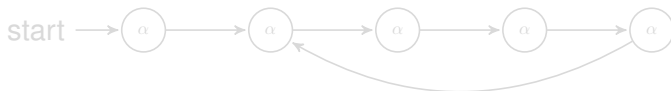
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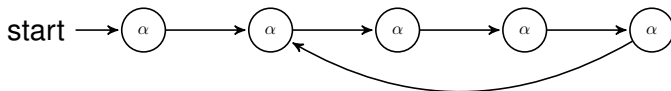
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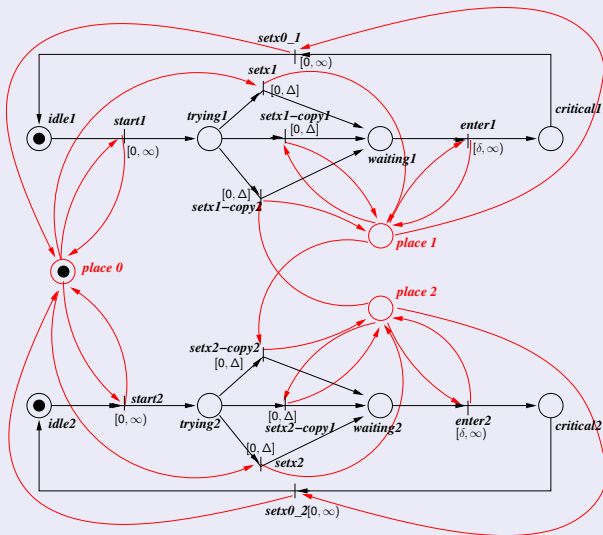
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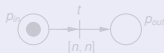
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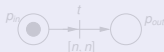
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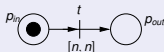
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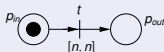
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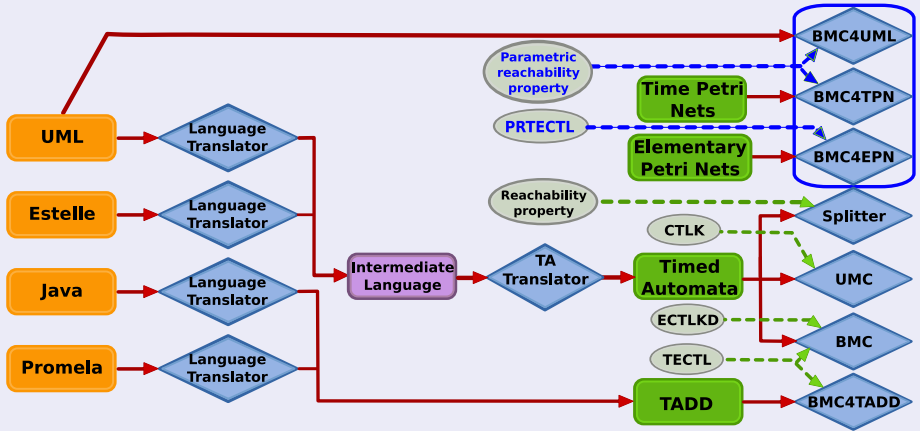
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VerICS: architecture



Input formalisms

- Elementary Net Systems (Elementary Petri Nets),
- (Distributed) Time Petri Nets,
- A subset of UML.

Experimental Results

EPNs: mutex of NoP processes; $\varphi_1^b = \forall_{\theta \leq b} EF(\neg p \wedge EG^{\leq \theta} c_1)$

formula	NoP	k	PBMC				MiniSAT	SAT?
			vars	clauses	sec	MB	sec	
φ_1^1	3	2	1063	2920	0.01	1.3	0.003	NO
φ_1^1	3	3	1505	4164	0.01	1.5	0.008	YES
φ_1^2	3	4	2930	8144	0.01	1.5	0.01	NO
φ_1^2	3	5	3593	10010	0.01	1.6	0.03	YES
φ_1^2	30	4	37825	108371	0.3	7.4	0.2	NO
φ_1^2	30	5	46688	133955	0.4	8.9	0.52	YES
φ_1^3	4	6	8001	22378	0.06	2.5	0.04	NO
φ_1^3	4	7	9244	25886	0.05	2.8	0.05	YES

DTPNs: Fischer's protocol of 25 processes; $\Delta = 2, \delta = 1$;
searching for minimal c s.t. $EF^{\leq c}p$,
where p - violation of mutual exclusion

		tpnBMC				RSat		
k	n	variables	clauses	sec	MB	sec	MB	sat
0	-	840	2194	0.0	3.2	0.0	1.4	NO
2	-	16263	47707	0.5	5.2	0.1	4.9	NO
4	-	33835	99739	1.0	7.3	0.6	9.1	NO
6	-	51406	151699	1.6	9.6	1.8	13.8	NO
8	-	72752	214853	2.4	12.3	20.6	27.7	NO
10	-	92629	273491	3.0	14.8	321.4	200.8	NO
12	-	113292	334357	3.7	17.5	14.3	39.0	YES
12	7	120042	354571	4.1	18.3	45.7	59.3	YES
12	6	120054	354613	4.0	18.3	312.7	206.8	YES
12	5	120102	354763	4.0	18.3	64.0	77.7	YES
12	4	120054	354601	4.1	18.3	8.8	35.0	YES
12	3	115475	340834	3.9	17.7	24.2	45.0	YES
12	2	115481	340852	3.9	17.8	138.7	100.8	YES
12	1	115529	341008	3.9	17.7	2355.4	433.4	NO
				40.1	18.3	3308.3	433.4	

Final Remarks and Next Lecture

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- **VerICS** - a model checker for high-level languages, real-time, and multi-agent systems,
- New modules are aimed at **SAT-based parametric verification** of Elementary Petri Nets, Distributed Time Petri Nets, and UML,
- Available at <http://pegaz.ipipan.waw.pl/verics/>

Next Lecture

Verification of Distributed Systems with the toolkit
VerICS

Thank You