

Automatic Verification of Stochastic Processes: Certification of Building Automation Systems

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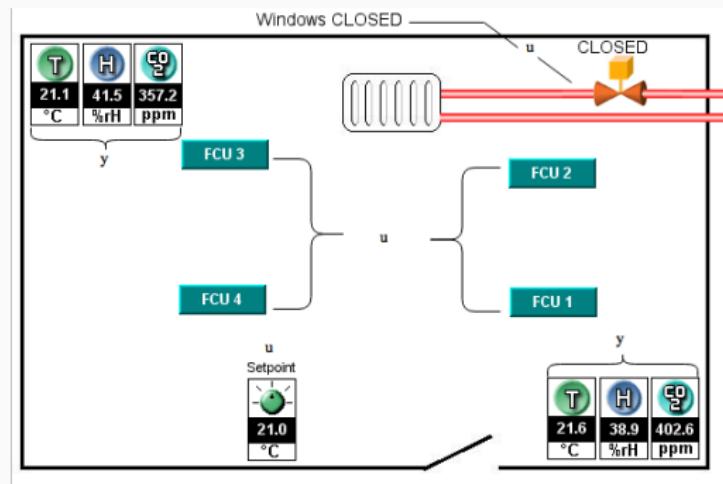
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Complex systems with a multitude of requirements

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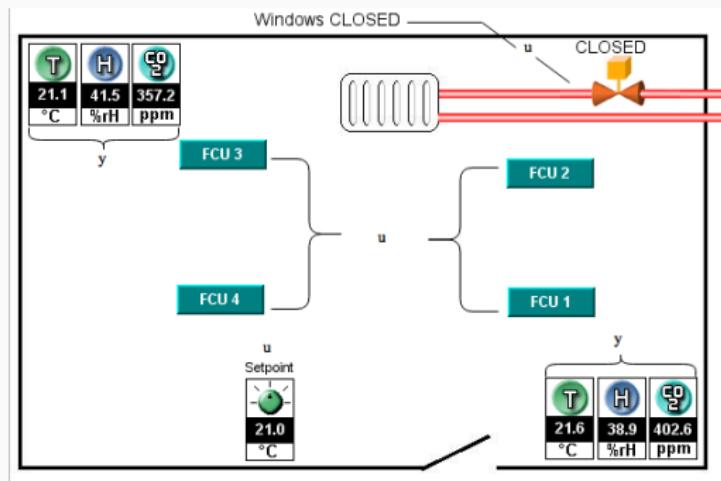
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modelling uncertainty

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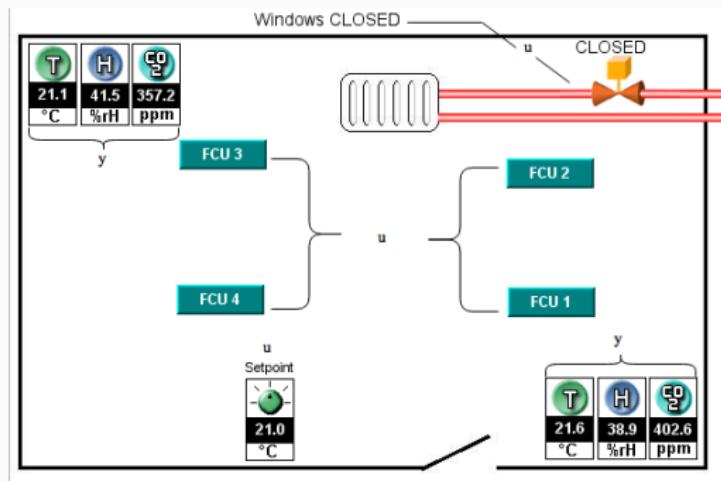
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digital controls & continuous processes

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both **theoretically sound & practical**

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System dynamics:

- complex continuous dynamics
- discrete modes
- uncertainty



Specifications:

- can be formally defined

stochastic hybrid systems + formal methods

Certification

From certification requirements into formal specifications?

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We split reasoning over different levels:

- **high-level**:
 - reasoning over the Building Automation System (BAS) as a **whole**
 - employ **key performance metrics**
- **low-level**
 - reasoning over **individual** subcomponents
 - probabilistic **reachability** based

High-level certification

High-level certification: maintenance application

- reason over the **whole structure** of BAS
- zoom into the **maintenance** application

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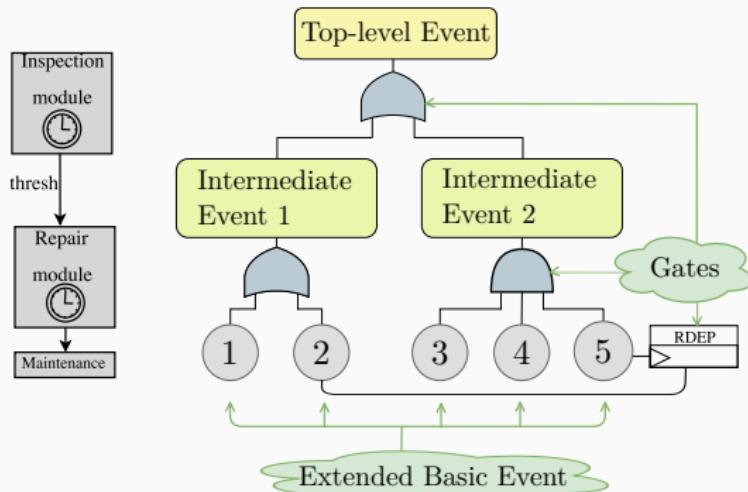
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- novel framework via fault maintenance trees

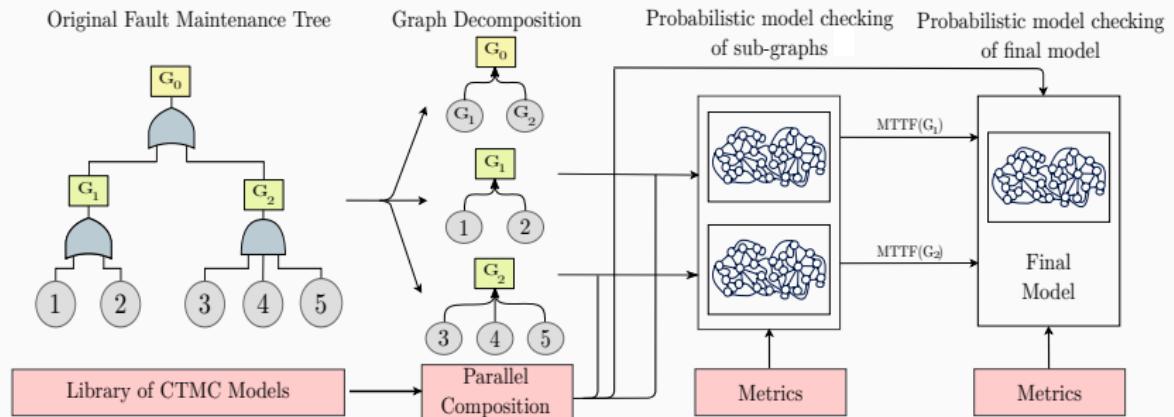
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- quantitative and qualitative reasoning
- encompass both degradation models and maintenance actions



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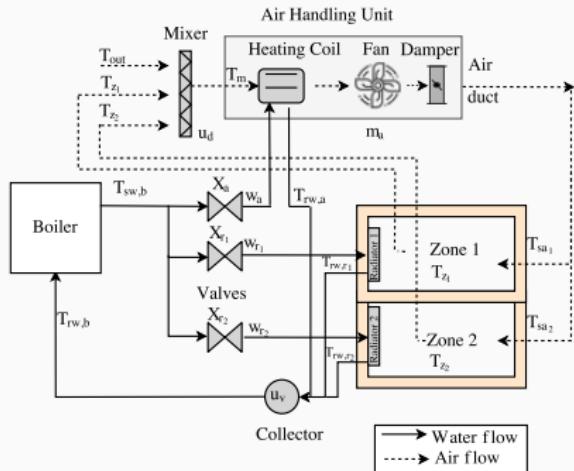
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How do we reason over fault maintenance trees?

1. **Reliability** - “probability of system not failing within a given time window”
2. **Availability** - “expected time fraction of time window that the system is functioning”
3. **Expected cost** - “ expected costs (operational + maintenance + inspection + failure cost)”
4. **Expected number of failures** - “expected failures over time window”

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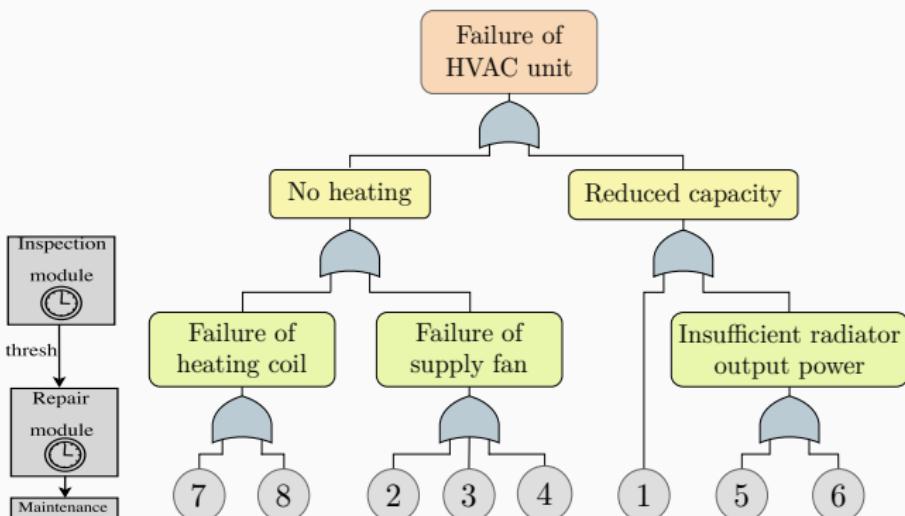
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ID	Component	N	MTTF
1	AHU damper broken	4	20
2	Fan motor failure	3	35
3	Supply fan obstructed	4	31
4	Fan bearing failure	6	17
5	Radiator failure	4	25
6	Radiator stuck valve	2	10
7	Heater stuck valve	2	10
8	Heat pump failure	4	20

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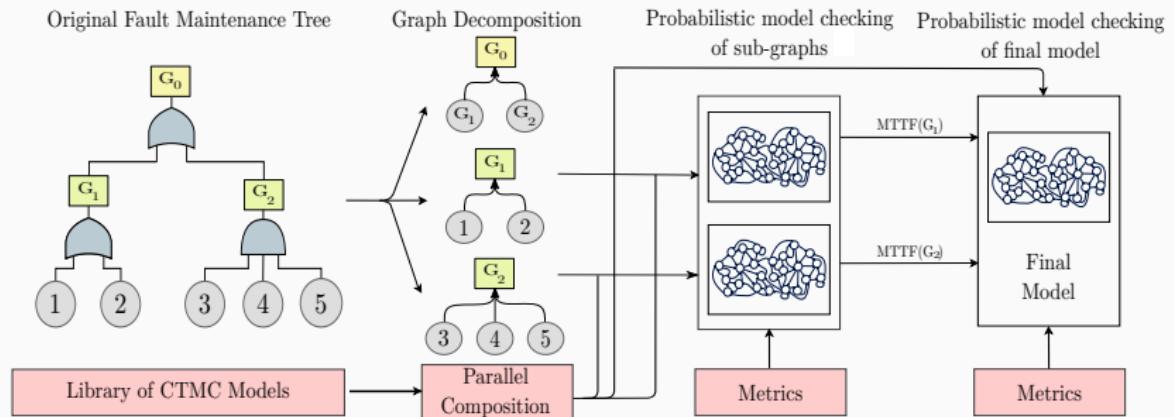
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- preventative maintenance strategies

Strategy index	T_{rep}	T_{oh}	T_{insp}
M_0	2 years	-	1 year
M_1	5 years	-	2 years
M_2	2 years	5 years	-
M_3	2 years	15 years	0.5 years
M_4	4 years	30 years	1 year

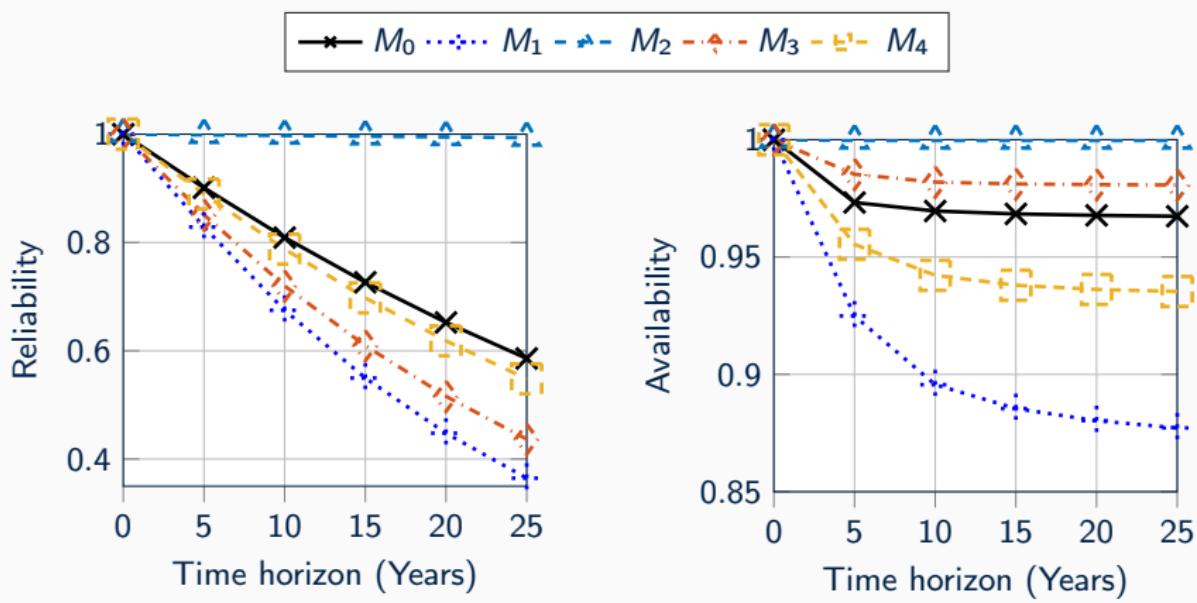
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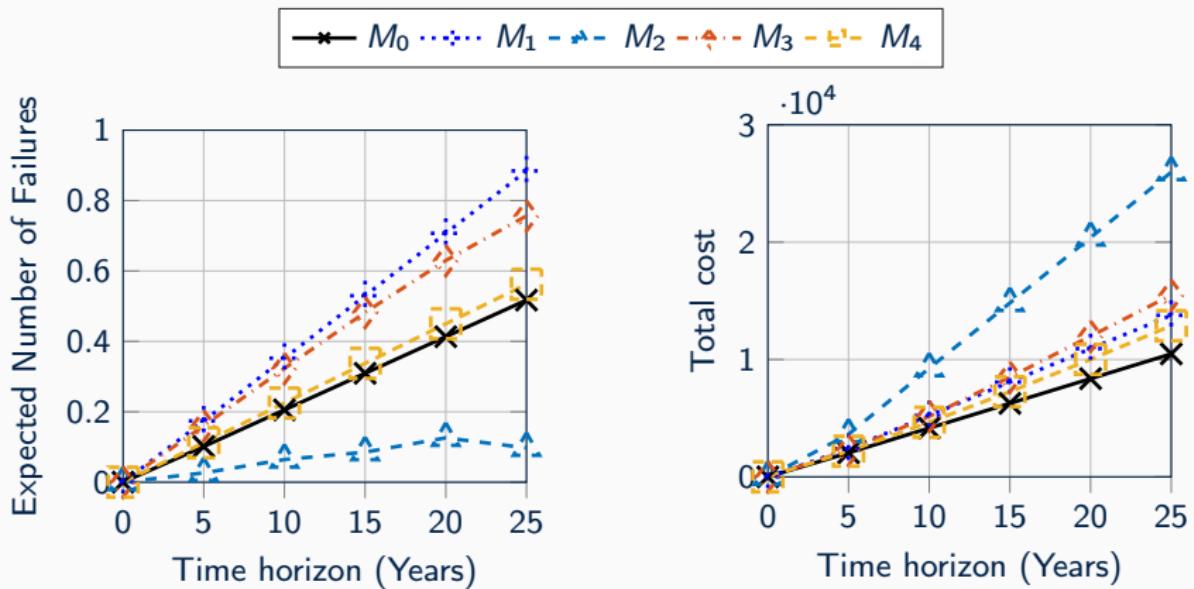
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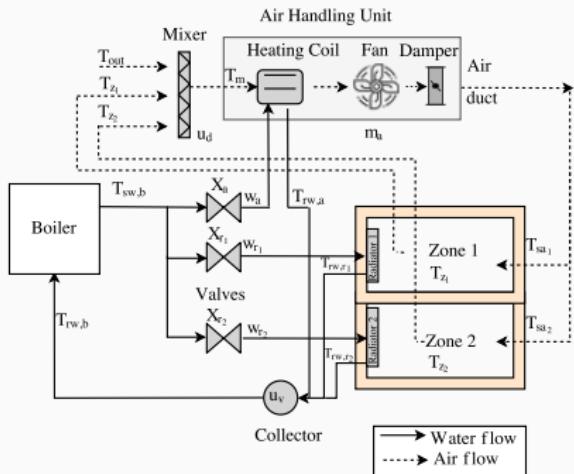
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- compare against statistical model checking

T	Metric	PMC		SMC		Metric	PMC		SMC	
		M_3	M_4	M_3	M_4		M_3	M_4	M_3	M_4
5	Reliability	0.6	0.8	6.3	6.1	Availability	1.0	1.1	7.9	13.1
10		1.6	1.2	14.4	17.0		2.3	2.1	15.5	25.4
15		2.0	1.7	17.4	29.0		3.2	3.5	24.9	35.8
20		2.3	2.9	19.5	38.6		4.4	4.1	31.2	43.2
25		3.0	3.2	17.9	46.2		5.5	3.4	31.6	52.2
5	ENF	1.1	1.2	7.9	12.9	Total costs	5.4	5.2	29.8	47.9
10		2.2	2.3	15.4	24.0		10.5	9.4	56.4	90.0
15		3.2	3.5	21.3	34.2		14.0	13.9	78.5	119.4
20		4.9	4.0	27.7	43.3		17.6	17.1	94.7	145.6
25		5.6	4.4	31.6	50.1		22.1	19.7	105.7	168.3

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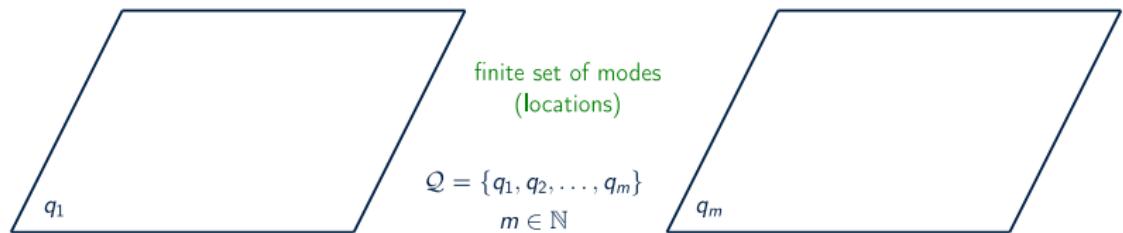
Low-level certification: setup



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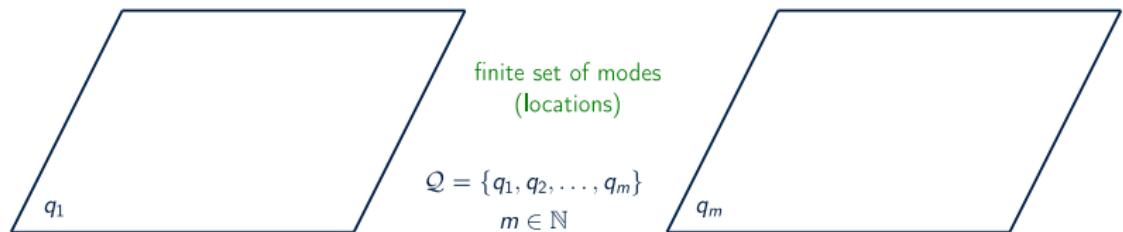
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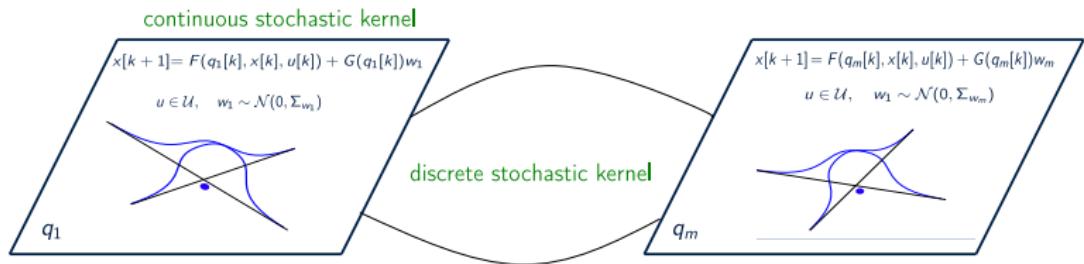


- $n \in \mathbb{N}$: dimension of the continuous space;
- $\mathcal{D} = \cup_{q \in \mathcal{Q}} \{q\} \times \mathbb{R}^n$: hybrid state space
- \mathcal{U} : a continuous set of actions

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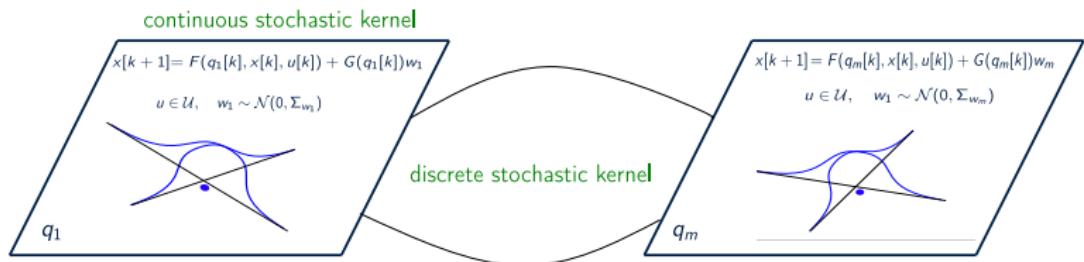


- $\mathcal{Q} : T_q(\cdot | d, u)$: discrete stochastic kernel
- $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)) : T_x(\cdot | d, u)$: continuous stochastic kernel

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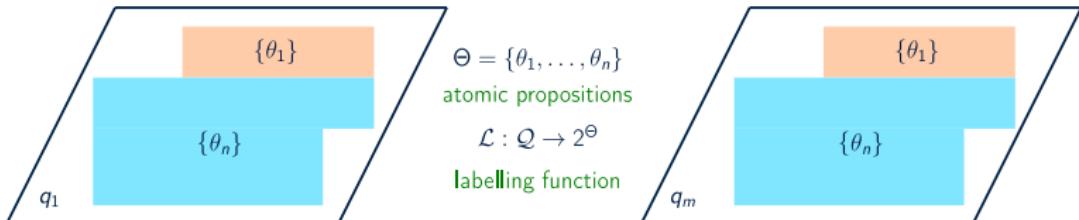


$$x[k+1] = F(q[k], x[k], u[k]) + G(q[k])w,$$
$$u \in \mathcal{U}, \quad w \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma_w),$$

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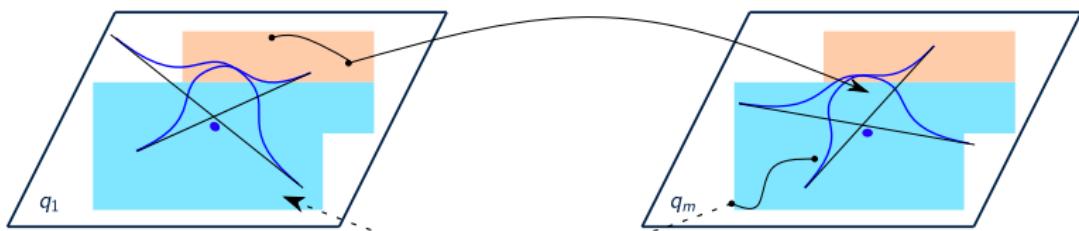
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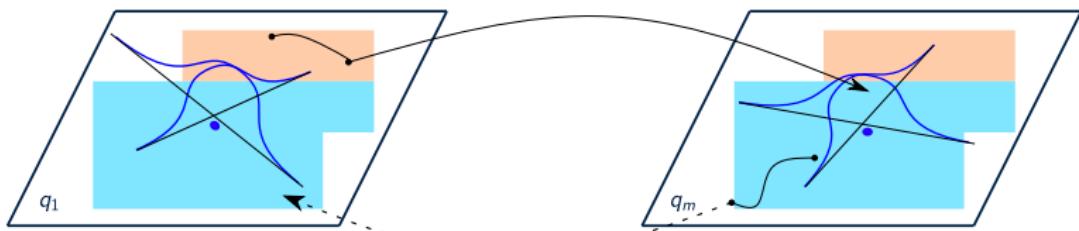
Stochastic process

- a hybrid state of \mathcal{H} is a pair $d = (q, x) \in \mathcal{D}$
- evolution of \mathcal{H} for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ is a stochastic process
 $d[k] = (q[k], x[k]) \in \mathcal{H}$

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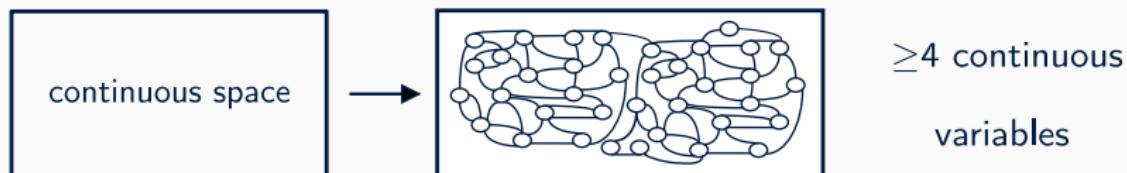
- SHS evolve over uncountable space
 - need to perform abstractions
- quantitative and finite abstractions into Markov processes

Low-level certification: MDP abstractions

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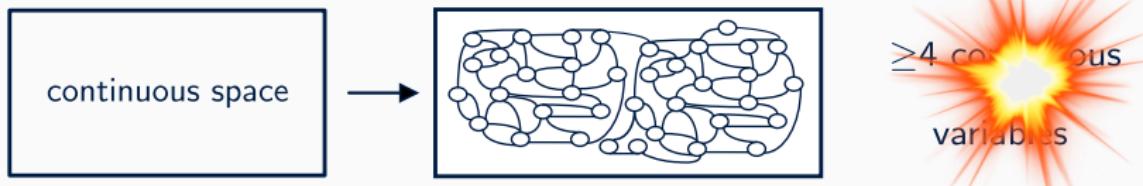
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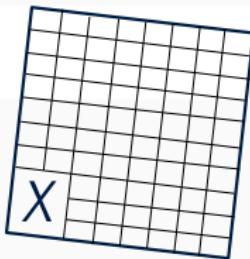


Low-level certification: IMDP abstractions

How do we embed uncertainty in abstraction?

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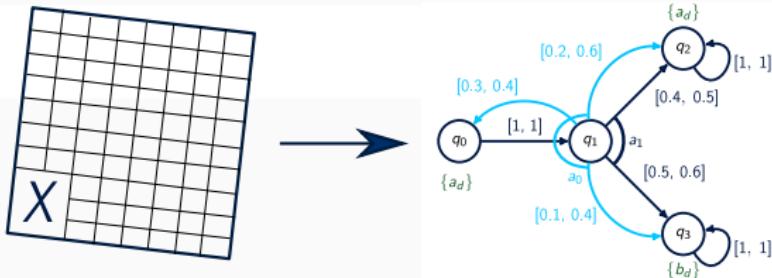
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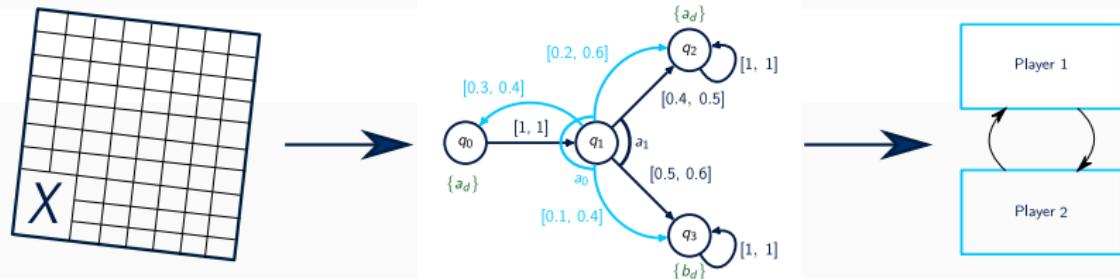
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3. perform **verification** or **synthesis** via stochastic games
4. refine **back** to SHS



Low-level certification: comparison

Model with varying dimensions

- 1 discrete mode, d continuous variables, no control action
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Model checking for different d dimensions

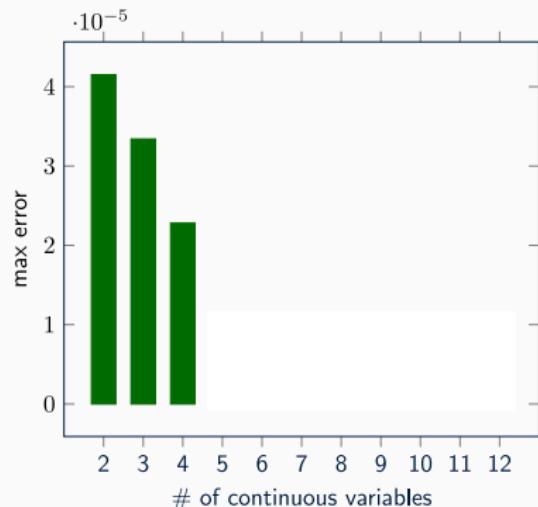
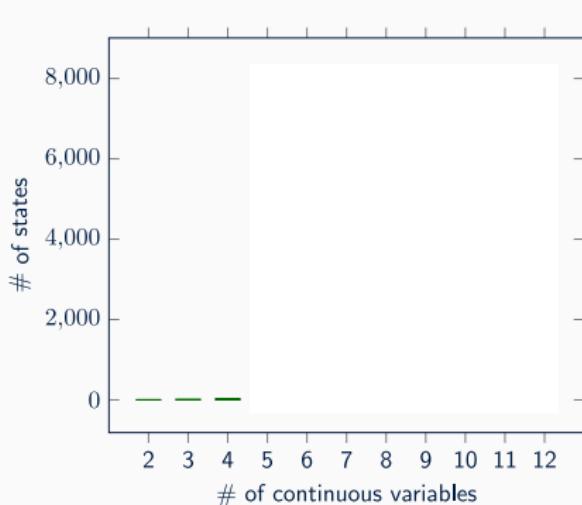
- safety requirement

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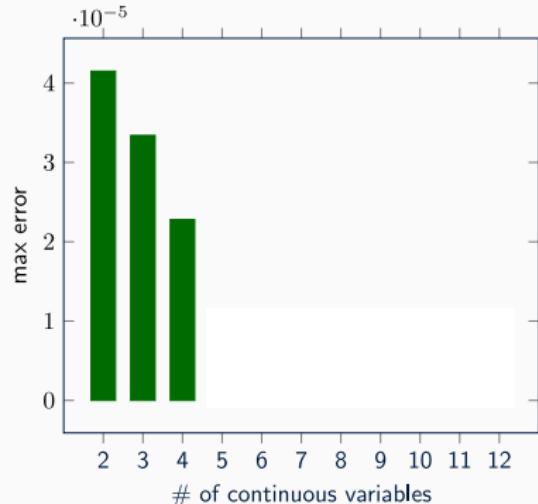
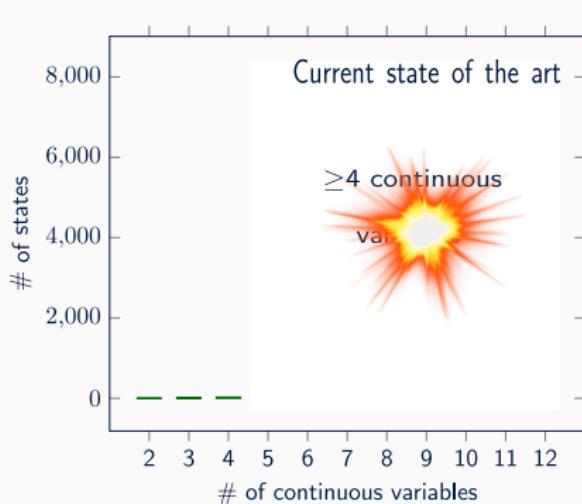
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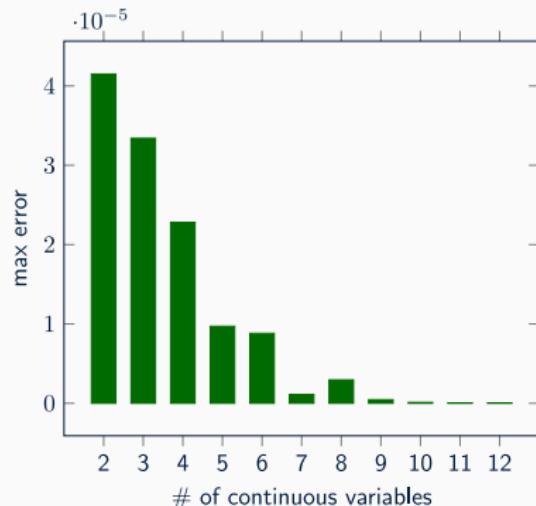
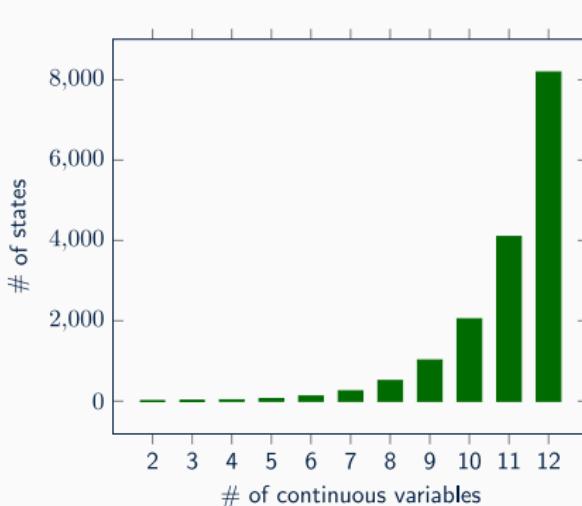
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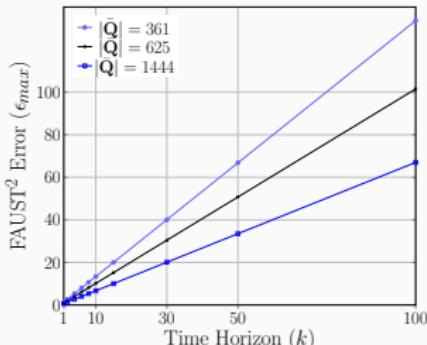
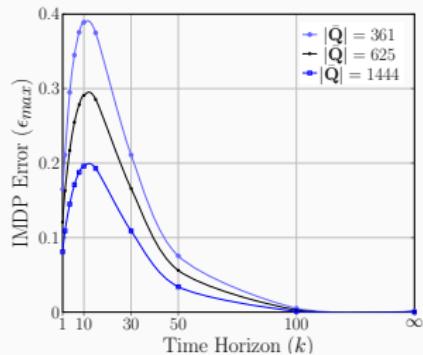
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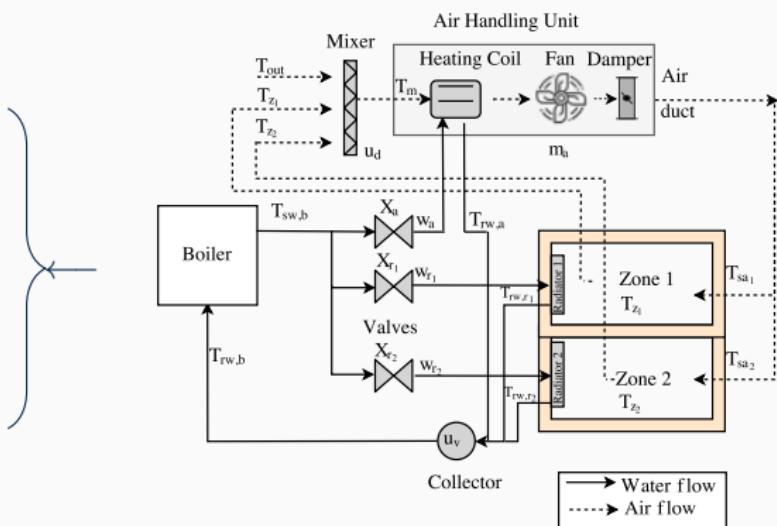


- error **embedded** within abstraction
- performs computations according to **feasible** transition probabilities
- abstraction errors **does not** explode with time
- significant **reduction** in computational time and effort

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- valve
- heating coil
- mixer
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Model description

- 1 discrete variable: B_{en}
- 1 continuous variable: $T_{sw,b}$
- 1 output: $T_{sw,b}$
- process noise: σ_{sw}
- constants: τ_{sw}, k_b

Model dynamics

$$dT_{sw,b}(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & B_{en}(t) = 0 \\ (\tau_{sw})^{-1} [(-T_{sw,b}(t) + k_b)dt] + \sigma_{sw}dW & B_{en}(t) = 1 \end{cases}$$

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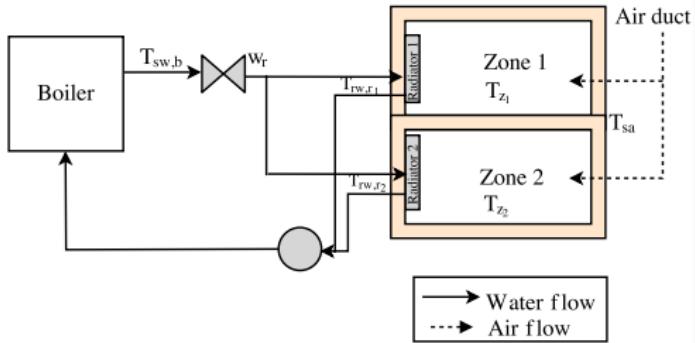
Types

- algebraic / differential
- non / linear
- continuous variables
- discrete modes
- noise

Coupling

- input-output
- control laws

Low-level certification: formal verification case study



Assuming slow air movement (less than 12.5m/min) and 50% indoor relative humidity, the operative temperatures recommended range from 20°C and 24°C in the winter

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- 1 discrete mode, 4 continuous variables, 1 control action

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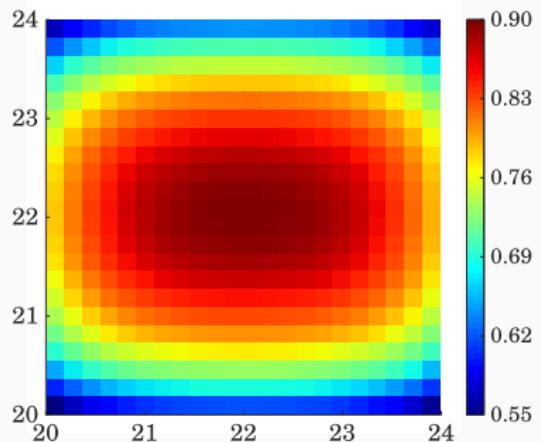
$$\varphi_2 := P_{=?} \left(G^{\leq K=6} X_{safe} \right)$$

- $K = 6 \times \Delta = 1.5$ hours

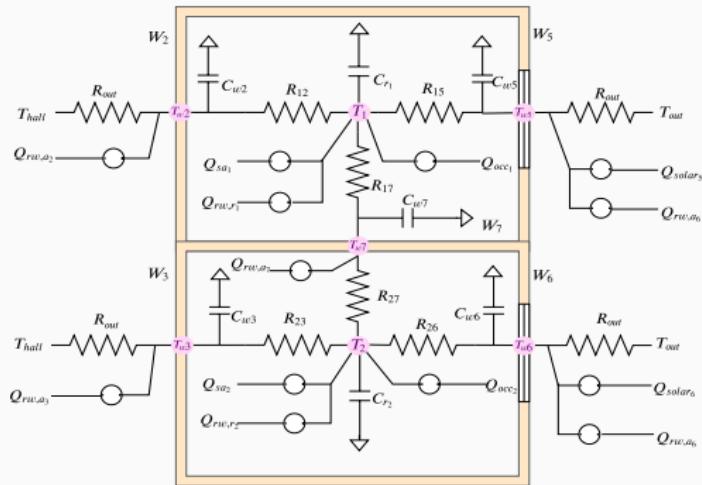
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Solving using IMDP abstractions

	$ \mathcal{S} $ [states]	Time taken [s]	$p_{\varphi_2}(s)$	Error ε_{max}
2D	484	56.9	≥ 0.55	0.16
4D	2132	1587.7	≥ 0.55	0.18



Low-level certification: synthesis case study



Temperature within zone 1 does not deviate from the setpoint ($T_{sp} = 22 [{}^{\circ}\text{C}]$) by more than $1 [{}^{\circ}\text{C}]$ over a time horizon equal to 2.25 hours (i.e $K = 9$).

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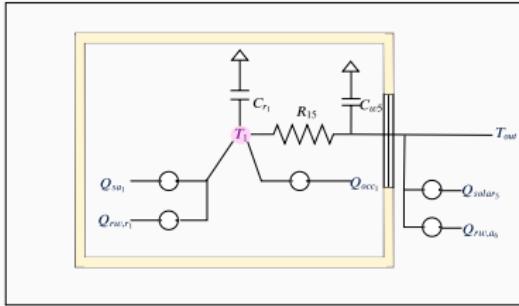
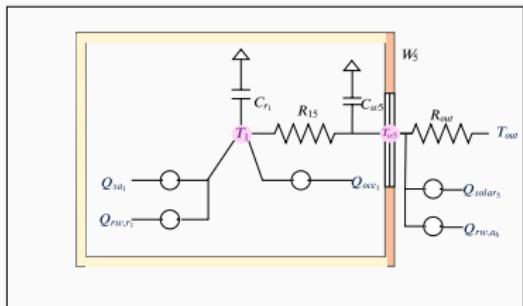
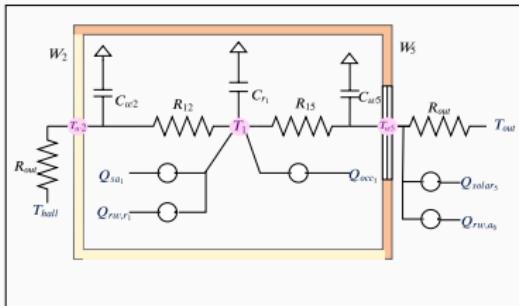
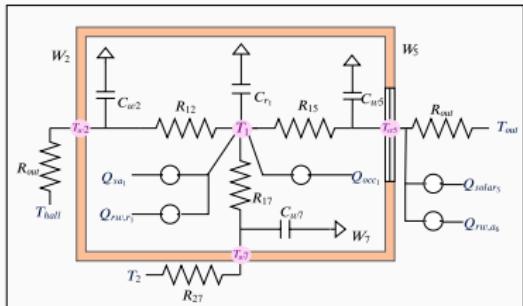
- synthesis requirement

$$\varphi_3 := P_{\geq p} \left(\mathbf{G}^{\leq K=9} [|T_{sp} - T_{z1}| \leq 1] \right)$$

- $K = 9 \times \Delta = 2.25$ hours

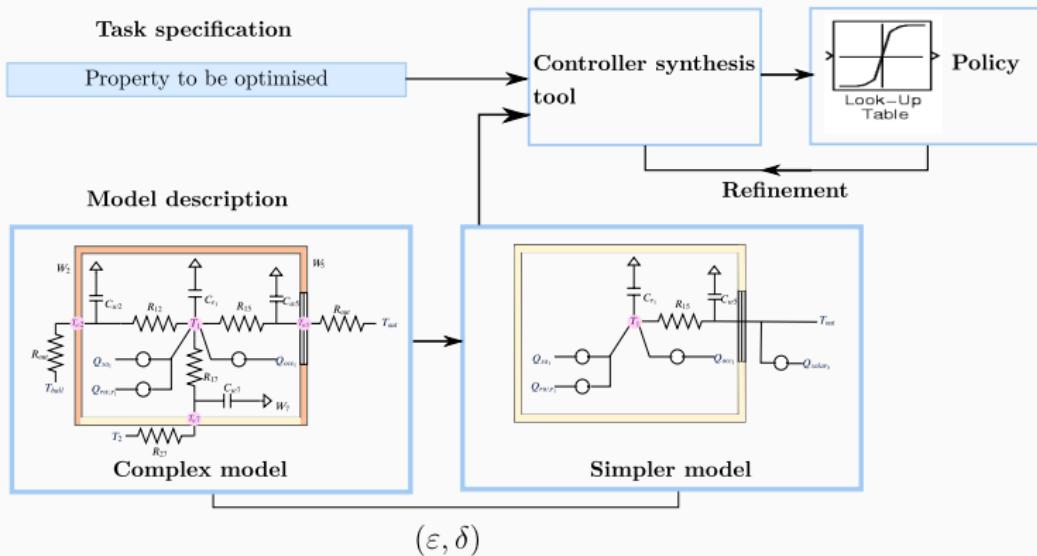
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Model order reduction



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Employ synthesis via (ϵ, δ) relations



resulting policy: safety probability of $p = 0.7657$

Software tool

StocHy: related work

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StocHy: contribution

verification

- abstraction based
- novel algorithm with tighter bounds and more scalability



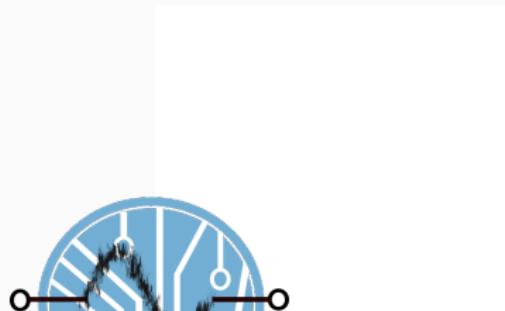
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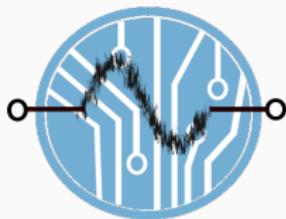
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features

- modular
- C++ implementation
- extendable
- multiple options

StocHy: formal verification

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- continuous variable evolve according to

$$x_1[k+1] = x_1[k] + \frac{\Delta}{V}(-\rho_m x_1[k] + \rho_c(C_{out} - x_1[k])) + \sigma_1 w_1[k]$$

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x_1 : zone CO_2 level

$\sigma(\cdot)$: variance of noise $w_{\cdot,k} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

C_{out} : outside CO_2 level

T_{out} : outside temperature

x_2 : zone temperature level

$\rho(\cdot)$: fixed air flow

T_{set} : set temperature

- 1 discrete mode, 2 continuous variables, no control action
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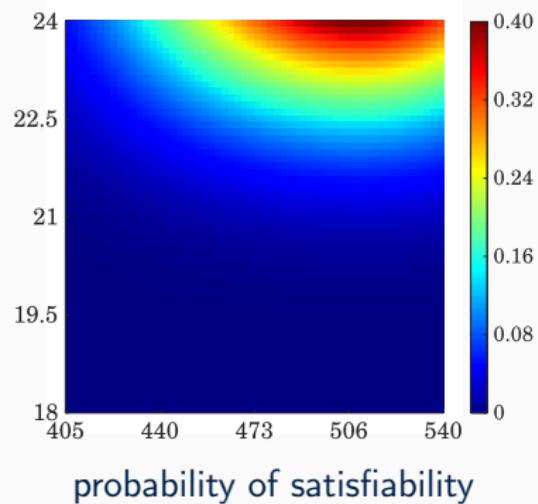
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- check if CO_2 and temperature levels remain within
- verification task via IMDP library

$$\varphi_4 := P_{=?} \left(\mathcal{G}^{\leq K} ([405, 540] \times [18, 24]) \right)$$

Results:

- maximal safety probability: 0.5
- total number of states: 3481
- computational time: 946.29 [s]



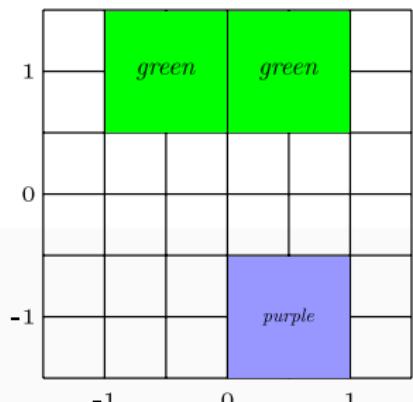
StocHy: strategy synthesis

- 2 discrete modes: $\mathcal{Q} = \{q_0, q_1\}$
- 2 continuous variables evolve according to:

$$X[k+1] = A_{q_i} X[k] + \Sigma_{q_i} W[k]$$

$$A_{q_0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.43 & 0.52 \\ 0.65 & 0.12 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma_{q_0} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.1 \\ 0 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{q_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.65 & 0.12 \\ 0.52 & 0.43 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma_{q_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

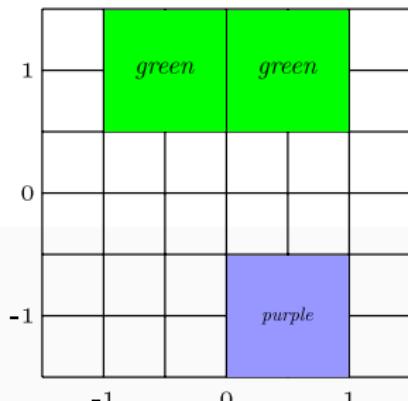


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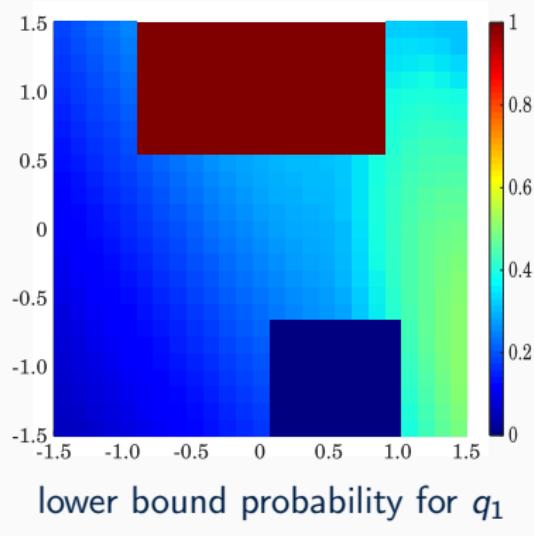
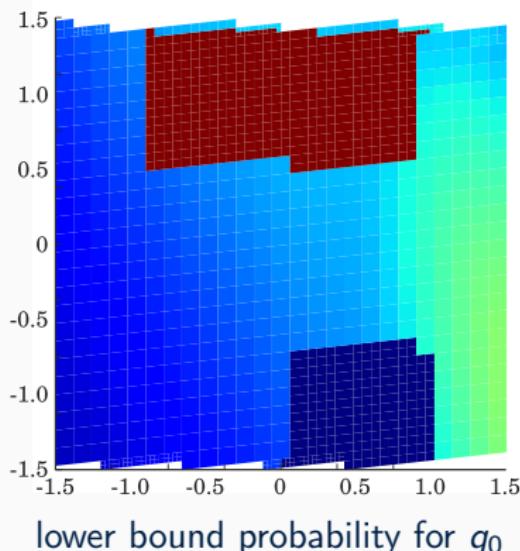
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- optimal strategy to satisfy
- $$\varphi_5 := P_{\geq p} [(\neg purple) \cup green]$$
- synthesis task via IMDP library



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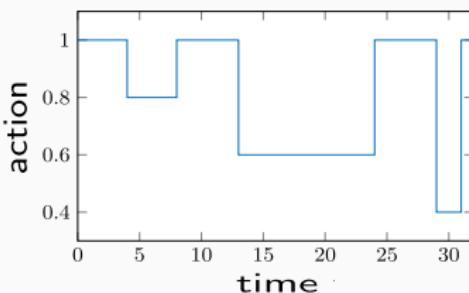
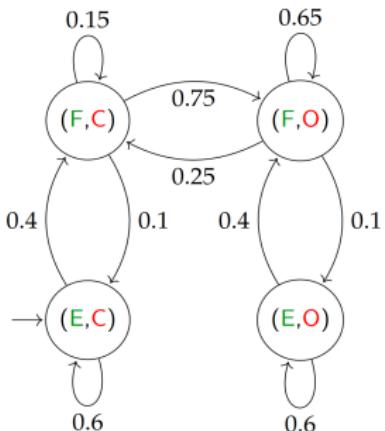
- maximal abstraction error: 0.21
- total number of states: 2410
- computational time: 1639.30 [s]



StocHy: simulations

- 4 discrete modes, 2 continuous variables

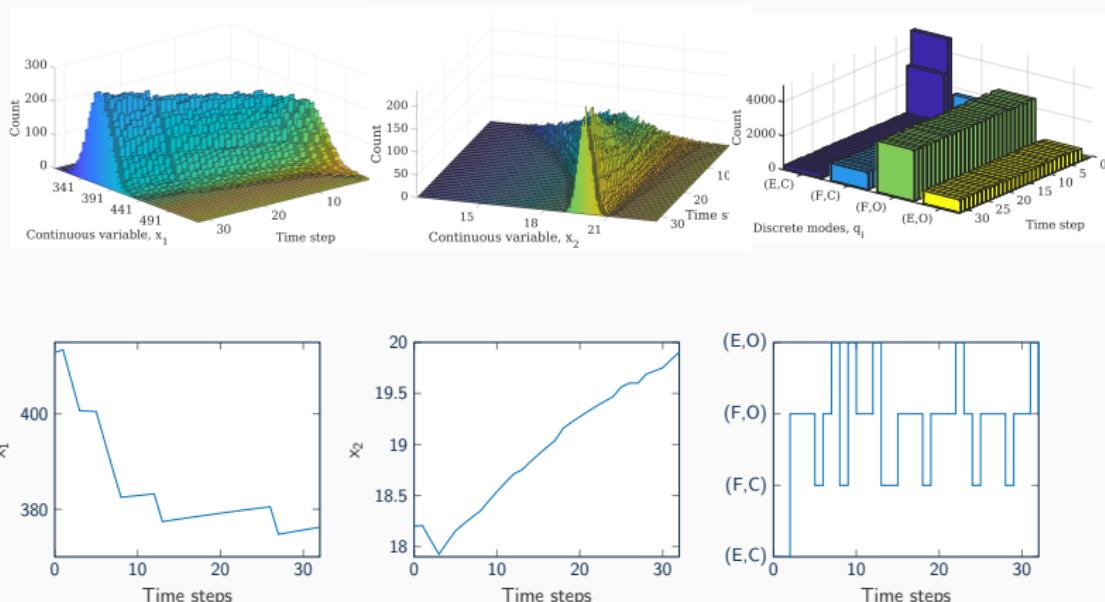
$$X[k+1] = A_{q_i} X[k] + B_{q_i} U[k] + X[k] \sum_{i=1}^V N_{q,i} U_{k,i} + Q_q + \Sigma_{q_i} W[k]$$



StocHy: simulations

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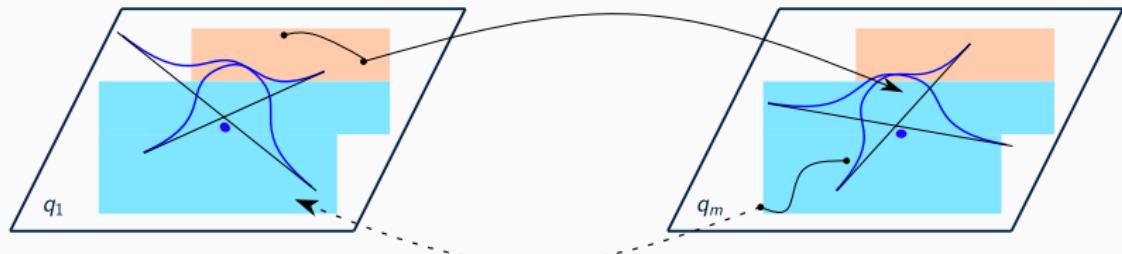
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Conclusions: highlights

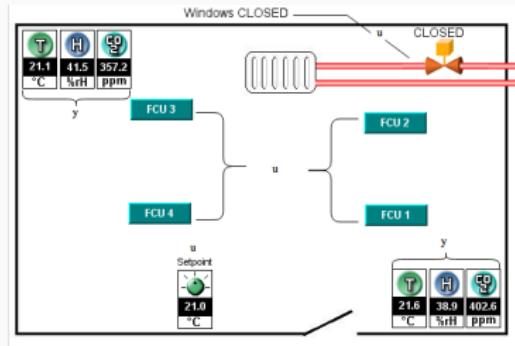
- integrated approach for certification of systems
- framework for computing guarantees and performance levels for BAS
- *StocHy*: aims to simplify complexity of modelling using SHS
- library of models for BAS: serve as benchmarks
- application of control policy refinement
- analysis of fault maintenance trees using probabilistic model checking

Recommendations for future research



- analysis of **continuous-time** stochastic hybrid systems
- **encoding** of the transition probabilities within the abstractions
- formal **modelling language** for stochastic hybrid systems

Recommendations for future research



- predictive maintenance via fault maintenance trees
- analysis of fault maintenance trees via StochHy
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- expand library of models for BAS

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Thank you!

Questions?

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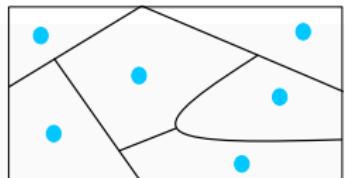
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abstraction into MDP

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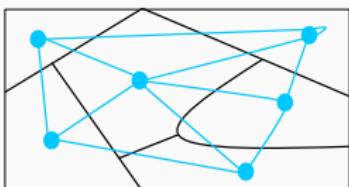
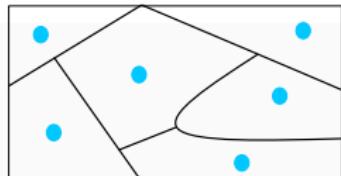
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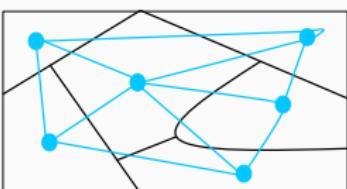
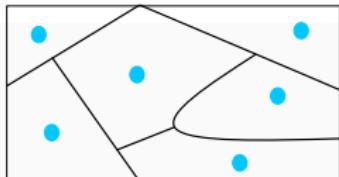
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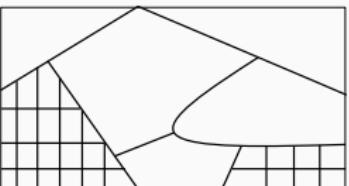
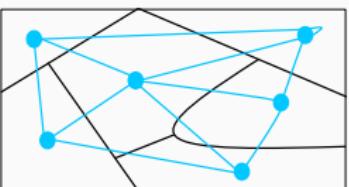
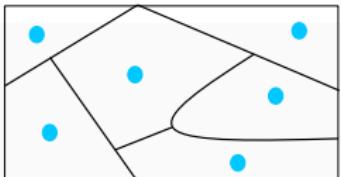
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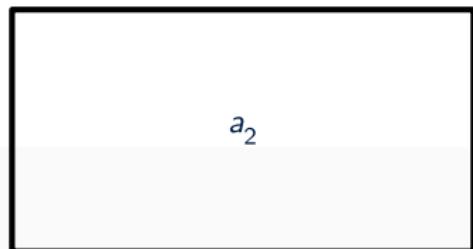
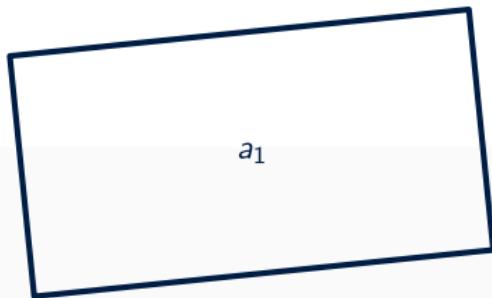
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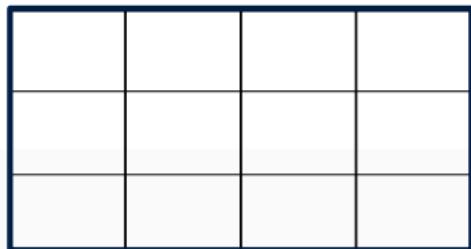
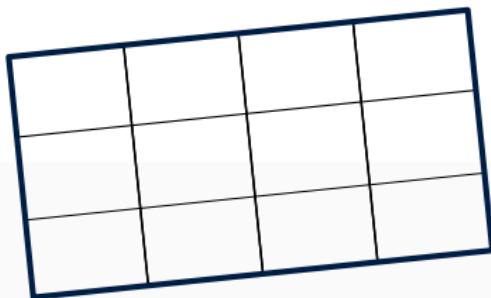
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 - **range** of feasible transition probabilities to region q
 - **bound** feasible transitions to get \check{T}_s, \hat{T}_s

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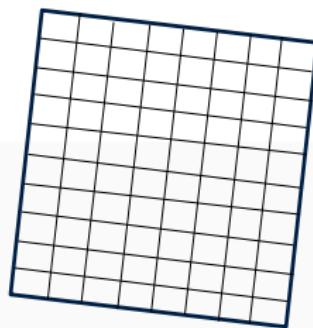
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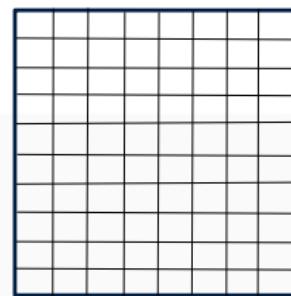
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Hyper rectangles

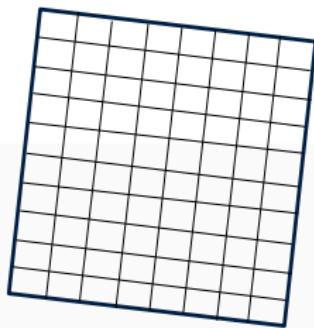
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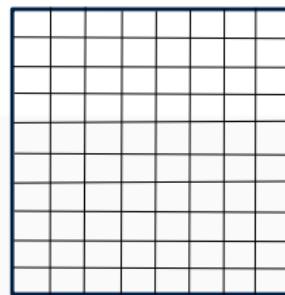
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Analytical solution

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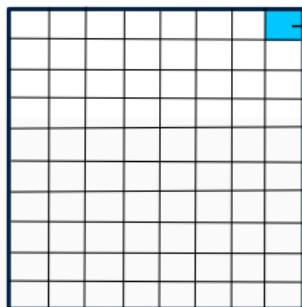
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$$\begin{aligned}\min_{x \in q_i} T(q_j | x, a) &= \min_{y \in Post(q'_j, T_a)} f(y), \\ \max_{x \in q_i} T(q_j | x, a) &= \max_{y \in Post(q'_j, T_a)} f(y).\end{aligned}$$
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Optimisation via KKT or Gradient descent

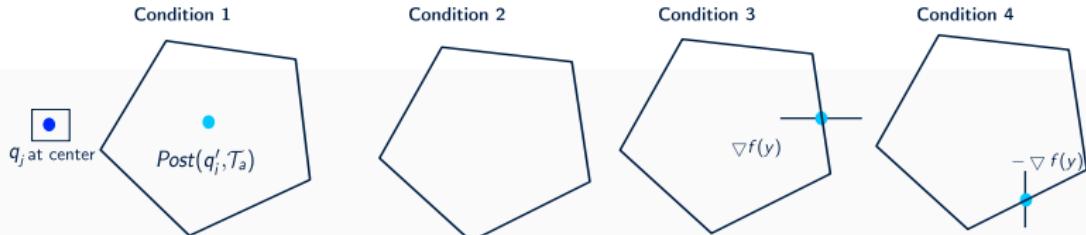
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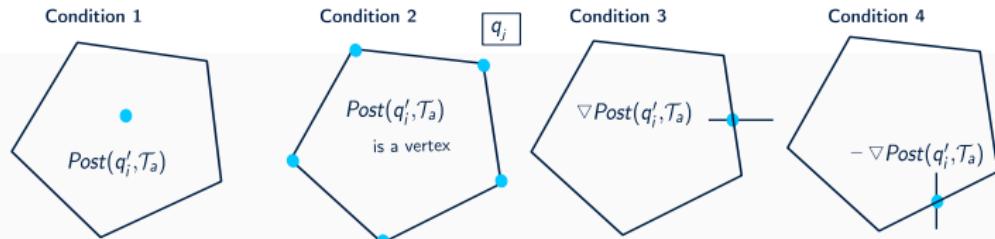
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Optimisation via **gradient descent** method

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Optimisation via gradient descent method

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- $f(y)$ has the property of being log-concave
- can use standard convex optimisation techniques
- allows for scaling to high dimensions

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$$\mathcal{I} = (\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}, \check{T}_s, \hat{T}_s, \Theta, L)$$

- associate **labels** with corresponding region R in X
- when discretisation **does not** respect R
 - add extra labels (**conservatively**)
 - converting φ into negation normal form (**NNF**)
 - associate labels with negation of propositions
 - under approximate this region

Labelling

- conservatively overapproximate discretizations of $\mathcal{A} \times X$ that do not respect regions in $R = \{r_1, \dots, r_n\}$
- represent each region by its complement relative to X
- Let $r_{n+i} = X \setminus r_i$ be the complement region of r_i with respect to X . We associate to each r_{n+i} a new atomic proposition p_{n+i} for $1 \leq i \leq n$.

$$\bar{\Theta} = \Theta \cup \{p_{n+1}, \dots, p_{2n}\}$$

Then, we design $L : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow 2^{\bar{\Theta}}$ of \mathcal{I} such that

$$p_i \in L(s) \iff q \subseteq r_i$$

for all $s \in \bar{\mathcal{S}}$ and $0 \leq i \leq 2n$, and $L(s_u) = \emptyset$