

# MODELING, MODEL LEARNING, AND MODEL BASED TESTING FOR VARIABILITY-INTENSIVE SYSTEMS

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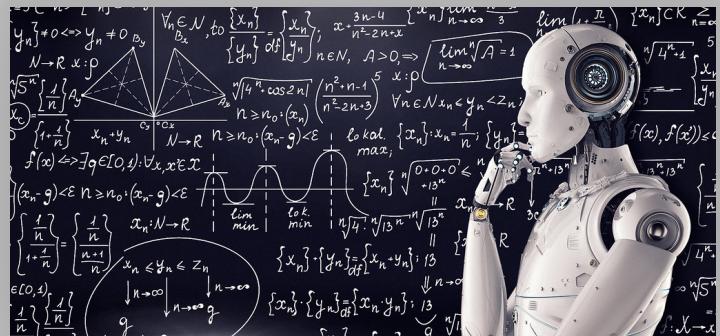
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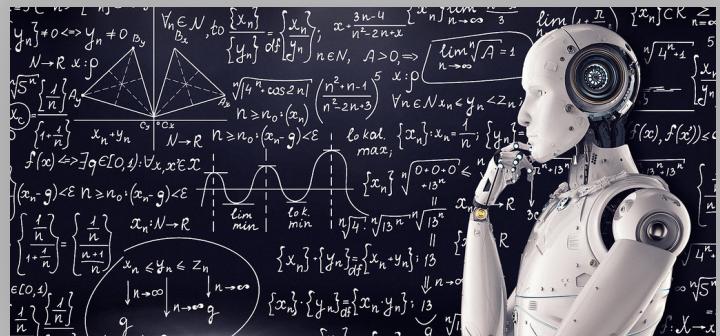
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# MODELING VARIABILITY

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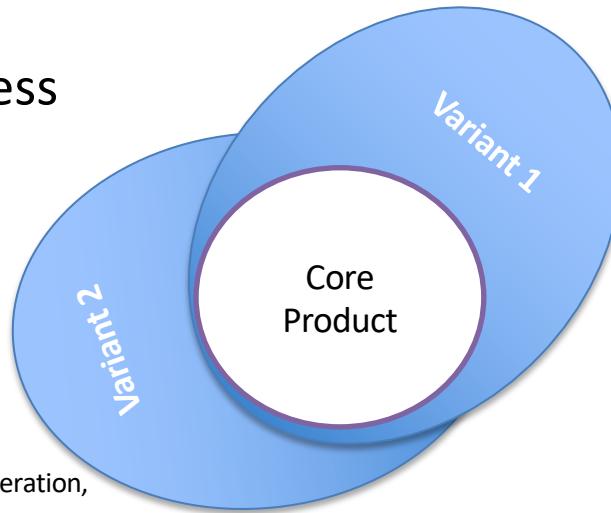
# Variability Modeling

- Common core
- Variability points
  - Various models of variability
  - Huge challenges in analysis



# Modeling Variability: Incremental

- Neat structure
- Limited expressiveness
- Reasonable analysis possibilities



[Simao and Petrenko,  
Fault Coverage-Driven Incremental Test Generation,  
The Computer J., 2010]

[Kästner, Apel, Kuhlemann.  
Granularity in Software Product Lines, ICSE 2008]

# Modeling Variability: Annotational

- Less clear structure
- More expressive:  
(space and time variability)
- Difficulties with analyzing deletion and modifications

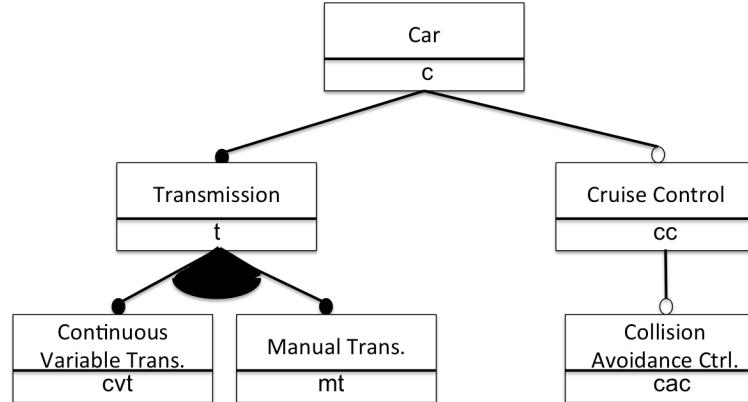


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Delta-Oriented FSM-Based Testing, ICFEM 2015]

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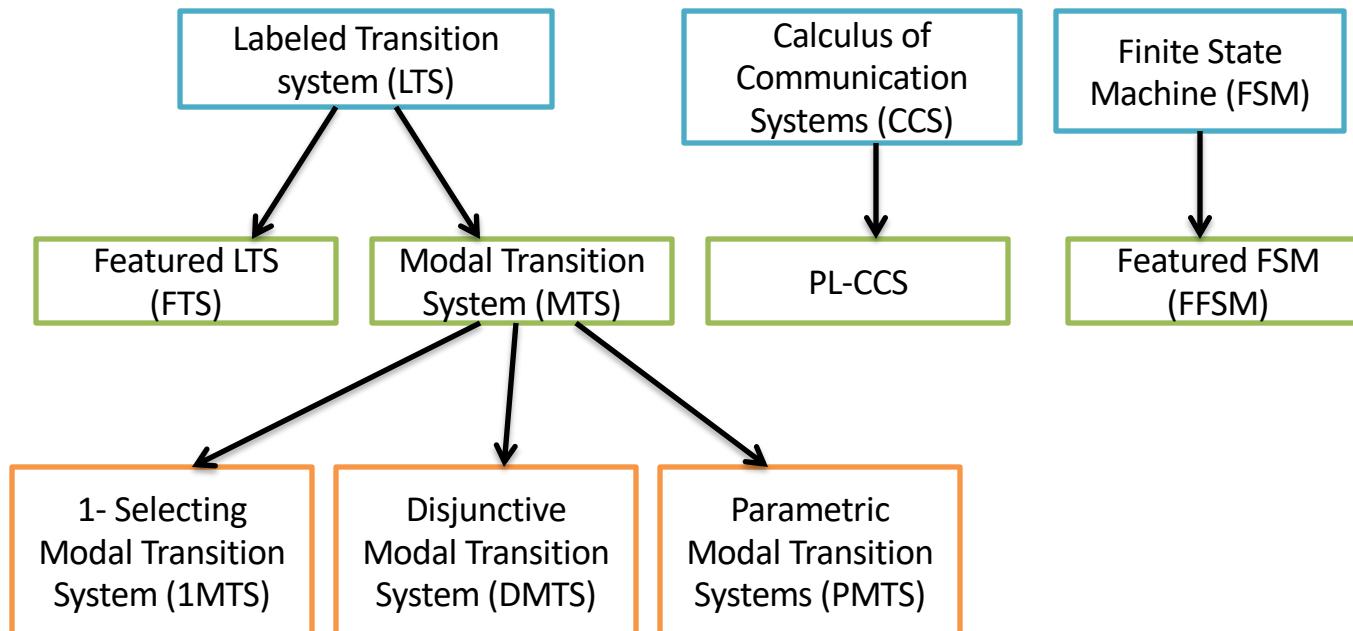
# Modeling Variability: Compositional

- Clear structure
- Very expressive
- Difficult to implement and analyze

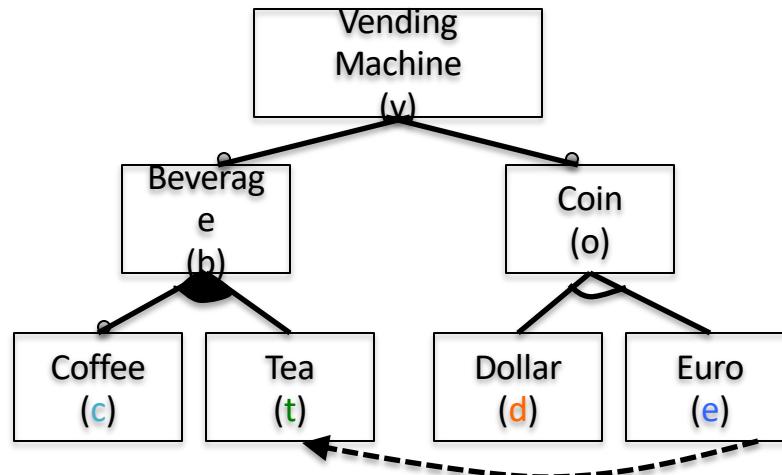


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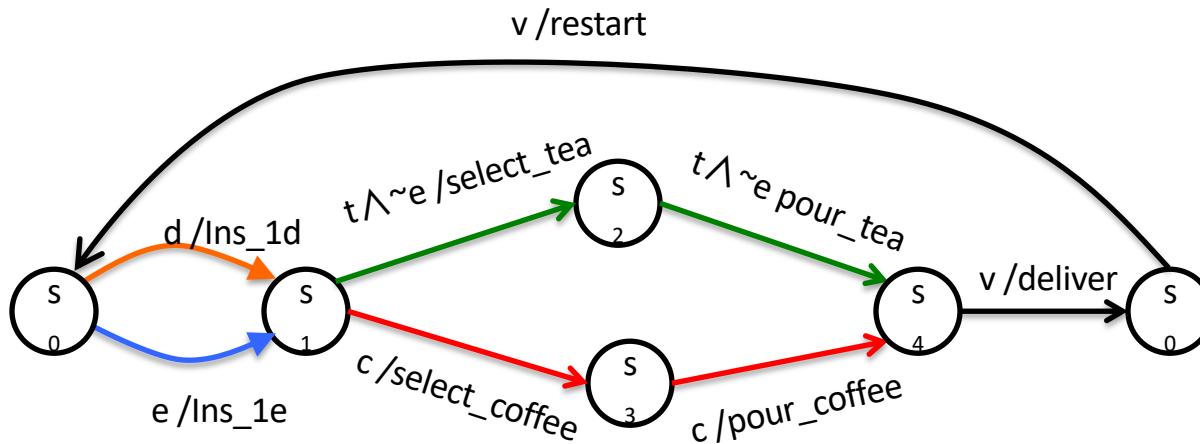
# Formalisms for (Behavioral) Variability Modeling



# Example: Vending Machine

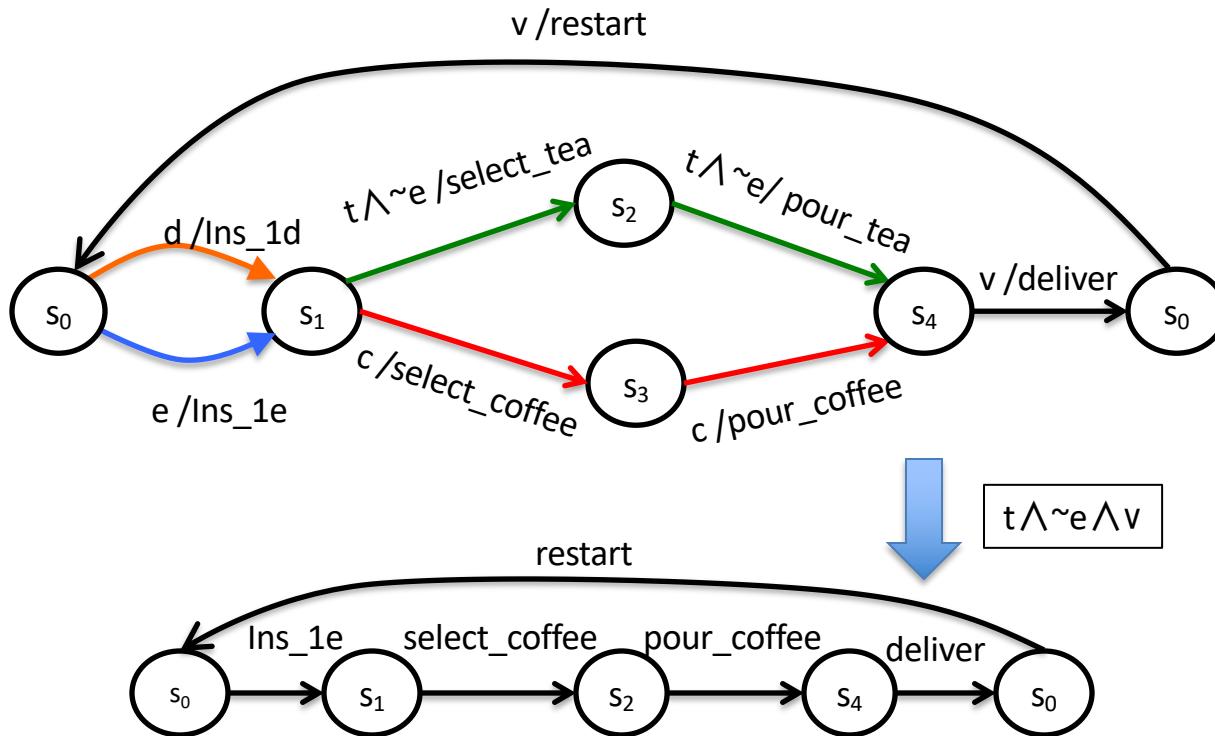


# Featured Transition Systems



[A. Classen, M. Cordy, P.-Y. Schobbens, P. Heymans, A. Legay, J.-F. Raskin,  
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# Featured Transition Systems



# PL-CCS

- An extension of CCS with binary variant operation
- Syntax

$$\text{Nil} \mid \alpha.e \mid e + e \mid e \oplus e \mid e \parallel e \mid e[f] \mid e \setminus L$$

[A. Gruler, M. Leucker, K. Scheidemann,  
Modeling and model checking software product lines]

[F. Ghassemi and MRM,  
Product line process theory]

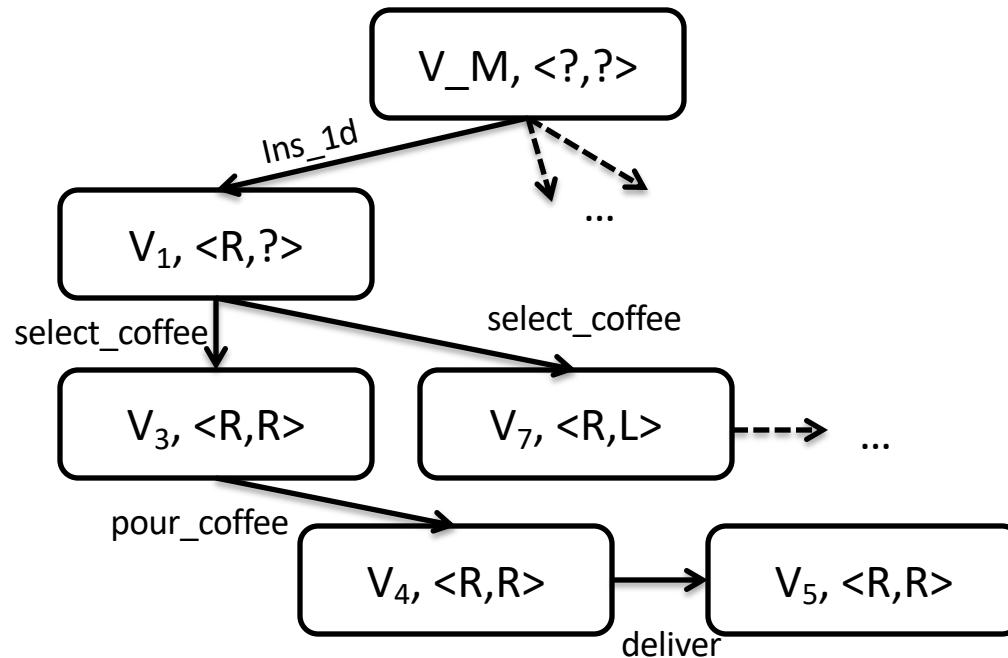
# PL-CCS

$\text{Vending\_Machine} = \text{Ins\_1e.V}_1 \oplus_1 \text{Ins\_1d.V}_2$

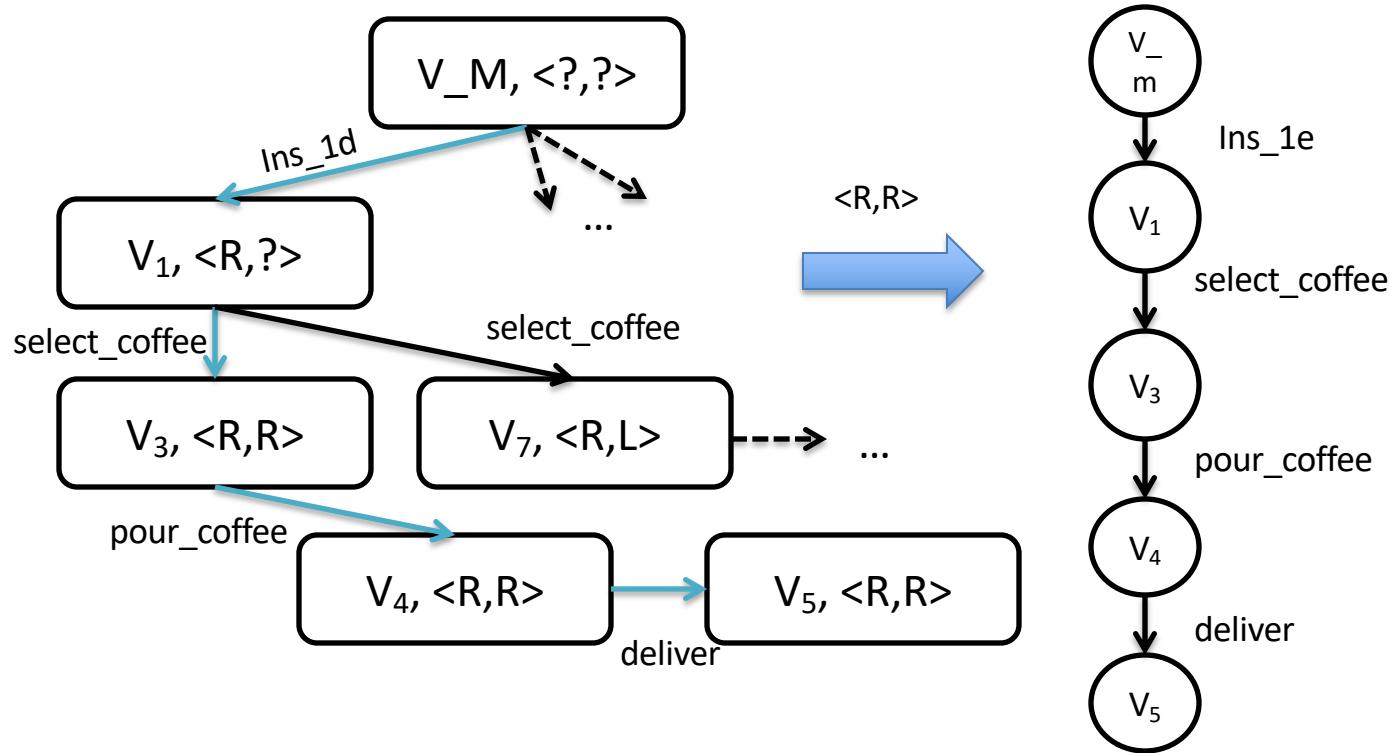
$V_1 = \text{select\_coffee.pour\_coffee.deliver.restart.}$   
 $\text{Vending\_Machine}$

$V_2 = (V_1 + \text{select\_tea.pour\_tea.deliver.restart.}$   
 $\text{Vending\_Machine}) \oplus_2 V1$

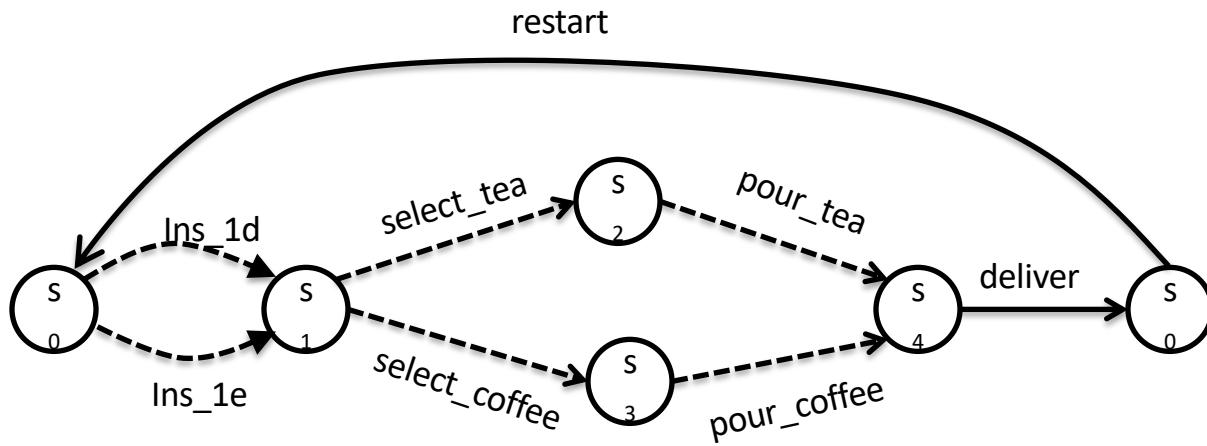
# PL-LTSS: Semantic Domain for PL-CCSs



# PL-LTSs: Semantic Domain for PL-CCS

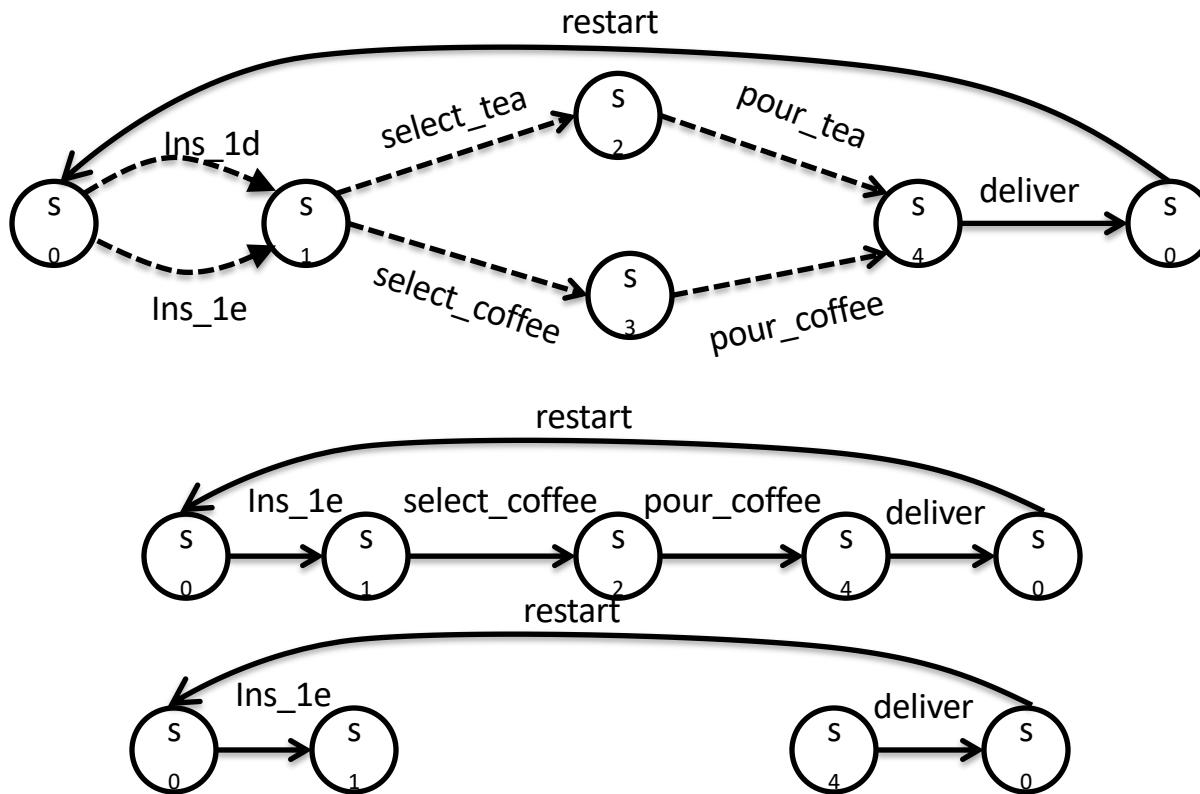


# Modal Transition Systems



[Larsen and Thomsen, A modal process logic]

# Modal Transition Systems



# Comparison of the basic models

- Expressiveness: can they specify the same class of product lines?
- Technical methods:
  - Specifying “difficult” patterns
  - Encodings
    - Fully abstraction
    - Compositionality

[Felleisen, On the expressive power of programming languages]

[Nestmann, Fzzati, Mero, Modeling consensus in a process calculus]

[Palamidessi, Comparing the expressive power of the synchronous and the asynchronous pi-calculus]

[Gorla and Nestmann, Full abstractions for expressiveness: history, myths and facts]

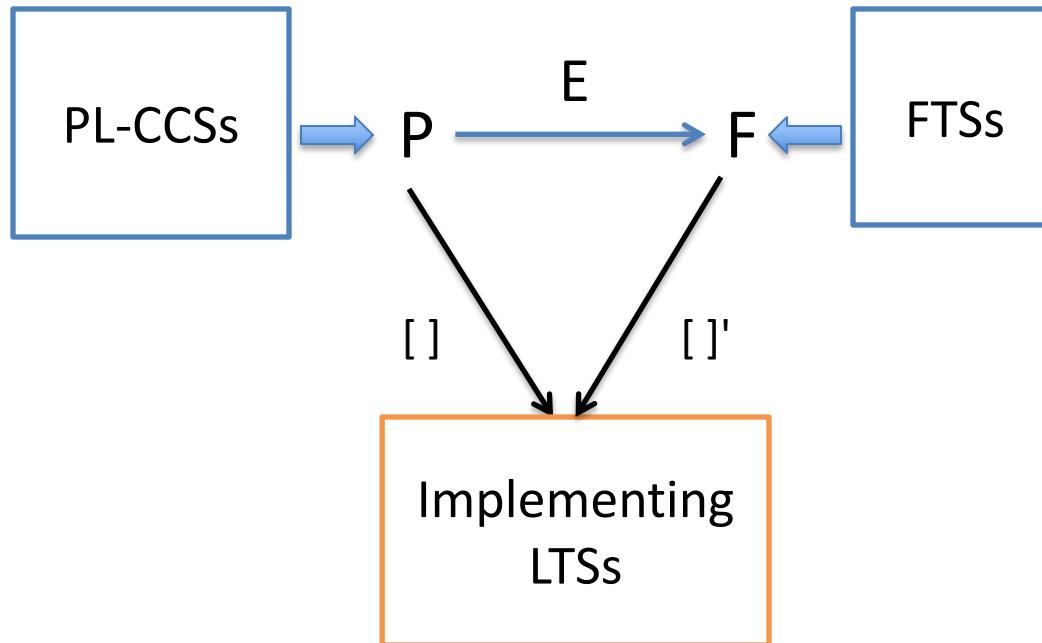
# Comparative Expressiveness

- Product line structure  $P = (M, [ ])$ , where
  - $M$ : the class of **product line models** or specifications:  
MTSs, 1-MTSs, FTSs, and PL-CCSs, and
  - $[ ]: M \rightarrow 2^{\text{LTS}}$  the **semantic function** from product line models to **sets LTSs**.

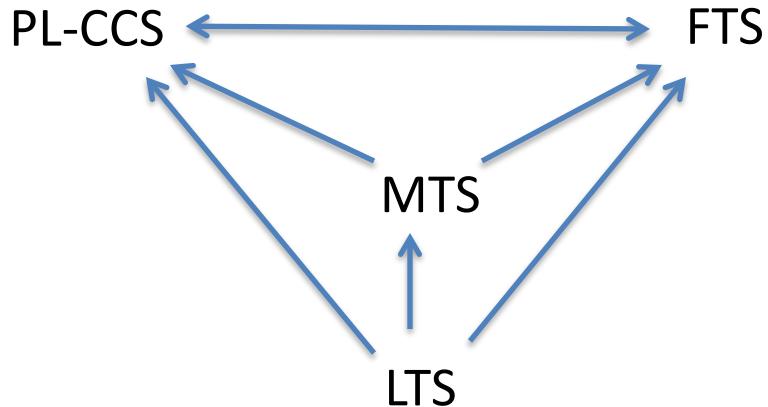
# Comparative Expressiveness (cont...)

- For  $M=(M,[ ])$  and  $M'=(M',[ ])'$ ,  
 $E: M \rightarrow M'$  is an **encoding** iff  $[ ] = [ ]' \circ E$
- $M$  is **at-least as expressive** as  $M'$  iff  
there exists an encoding  $E: M \rightarrow M'$

# Comparative Expressiveness (cont...)

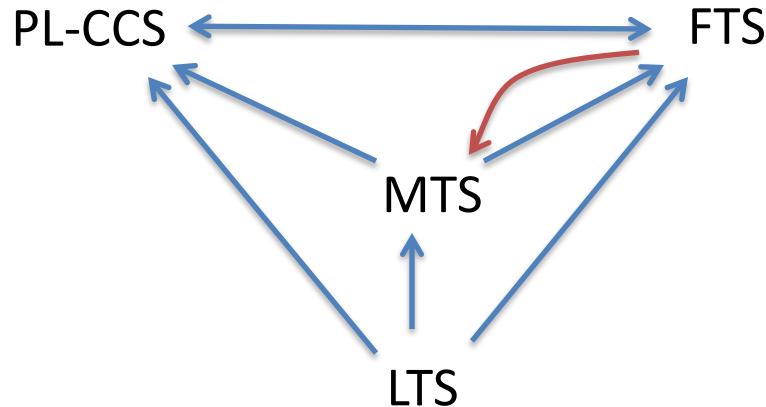


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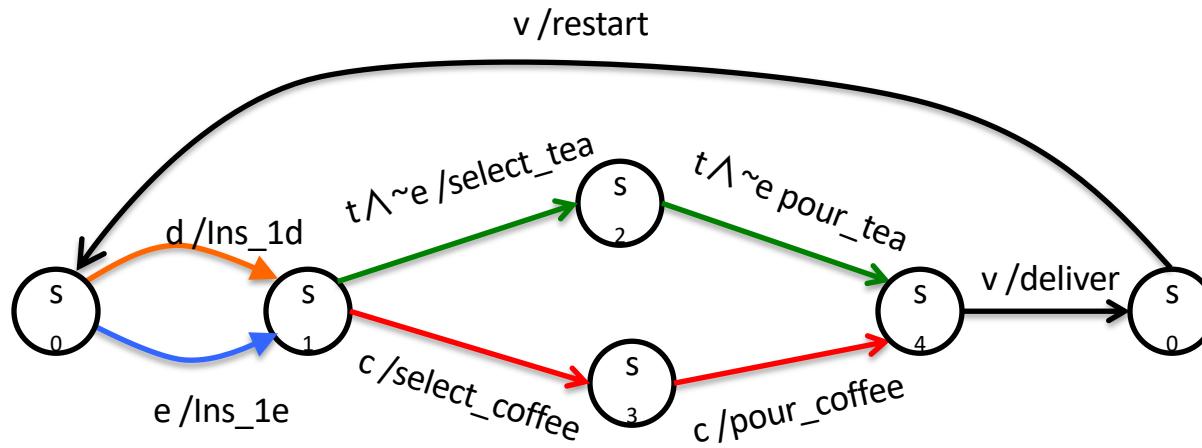
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# Comparative Expressiveness (cont...)



[M. Varshosaz, L. Lüthmann, P. Mohr, M. Lochau, M.R. Mousavi.  
Modal transition system encoding of featured transition systems. JLAMP 2019.]

# Featured Transition Systems: Case for Expressiveness



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# Succinctness

- Comparing the size of the models in terms of the number of states
- Comparison makes sense for formalisms with the same expressive power

# Succinctness (cont...)

- Considering PL-CCS and FTS
  - Proved there exist a class of FTSs  $F$  such that  $|E(F)|$  (independent from the choice of  $E$ ) is **exponential** in terms of  $|F|$
  - Proved for any PL-LTS  $P$  the size of  $|E'(P)|$  is **linear** in terms of  $|P|$  (we can always define an encoding  $E'$ )

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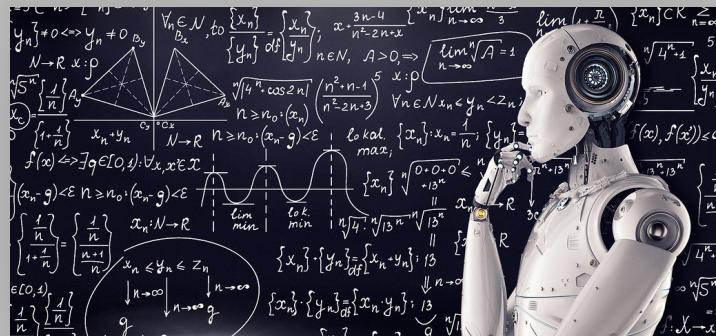
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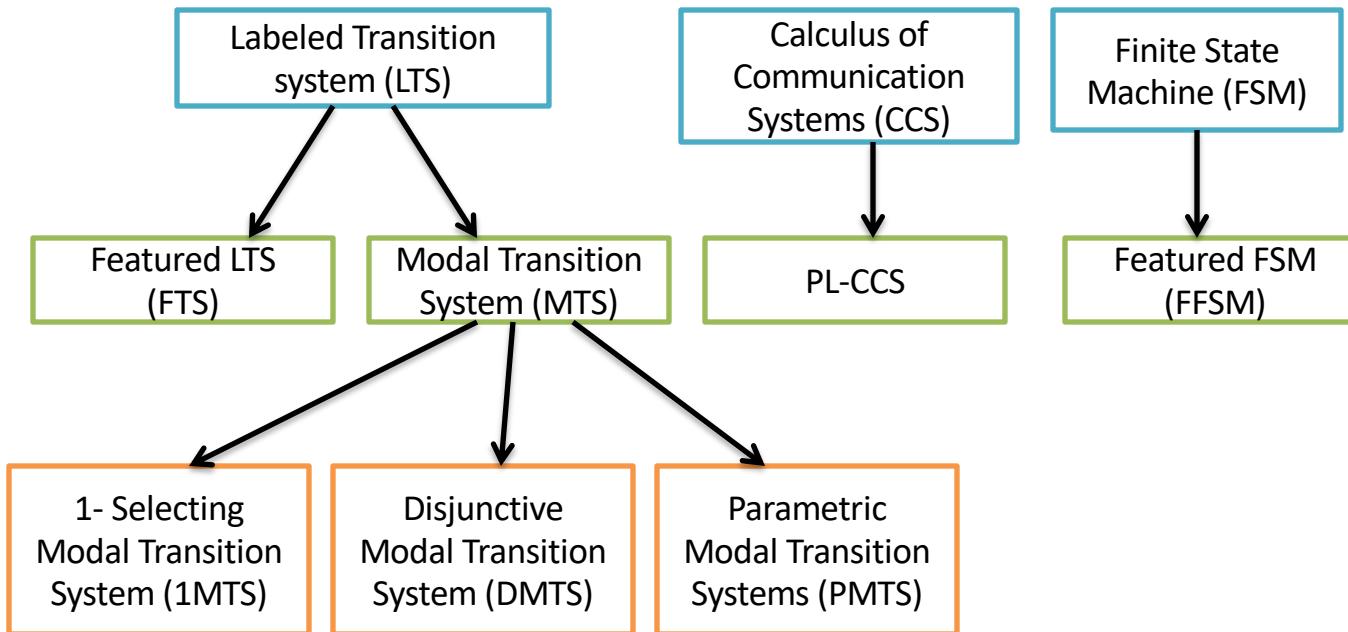
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# Formalisms for Variability

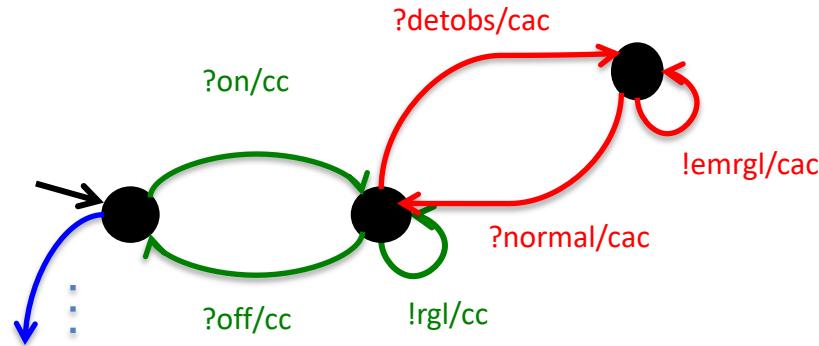


# MBT for Featured Transition Systems

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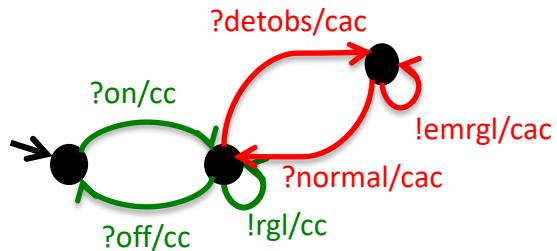
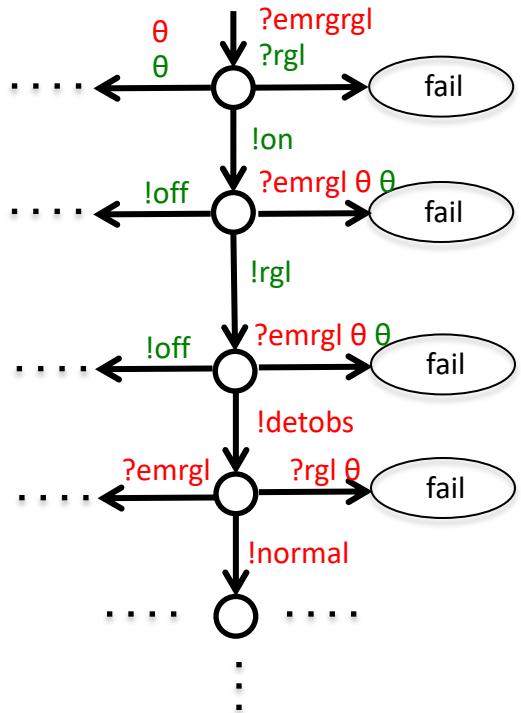
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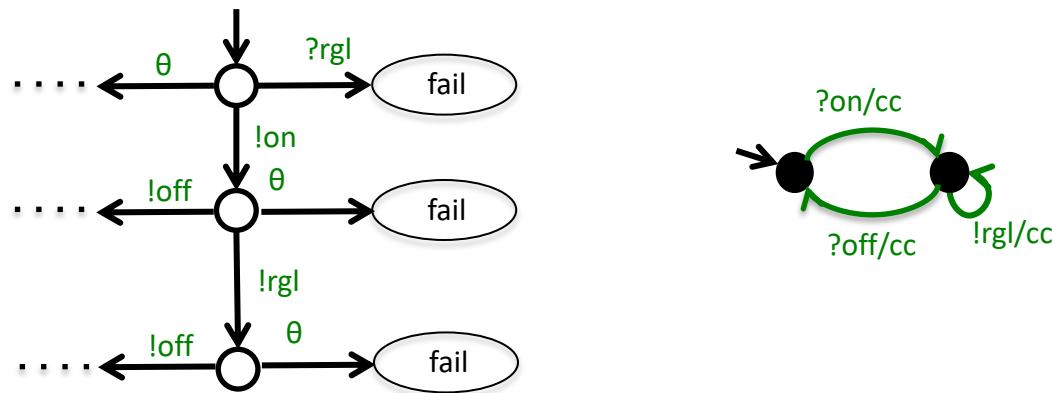


For a more serious model of cruise control, see:  
M.A. de Langen, Vehicle Function Correctness, Masters Thesis, TU/e, 2012.

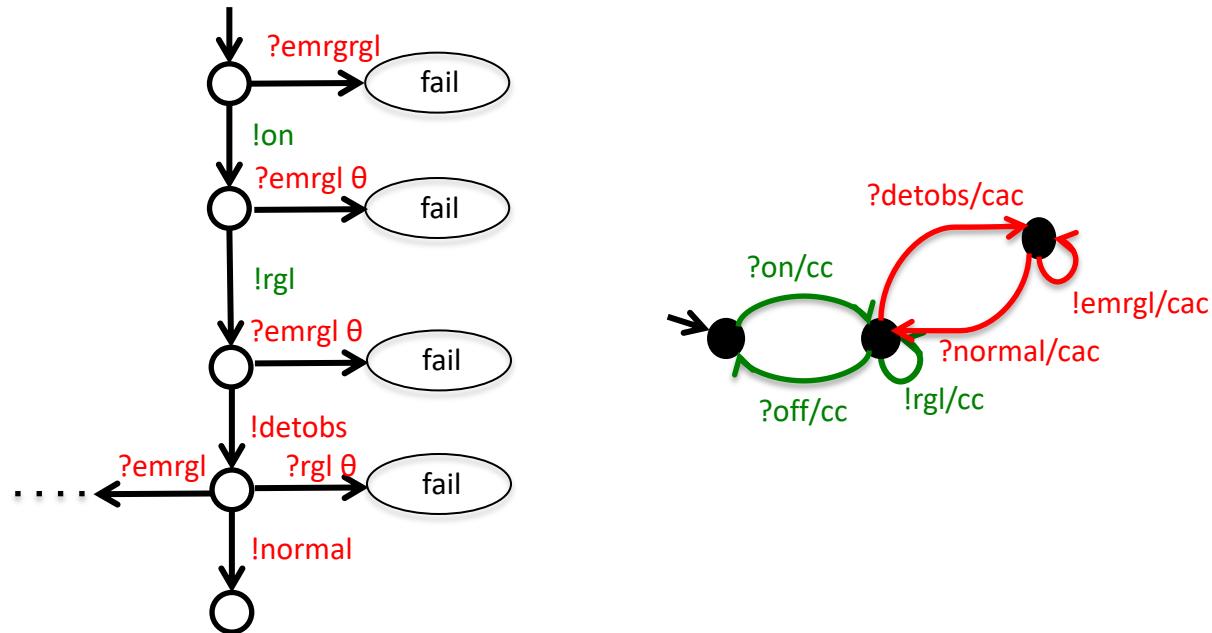
# Test Suite



# Test Suites: Projection

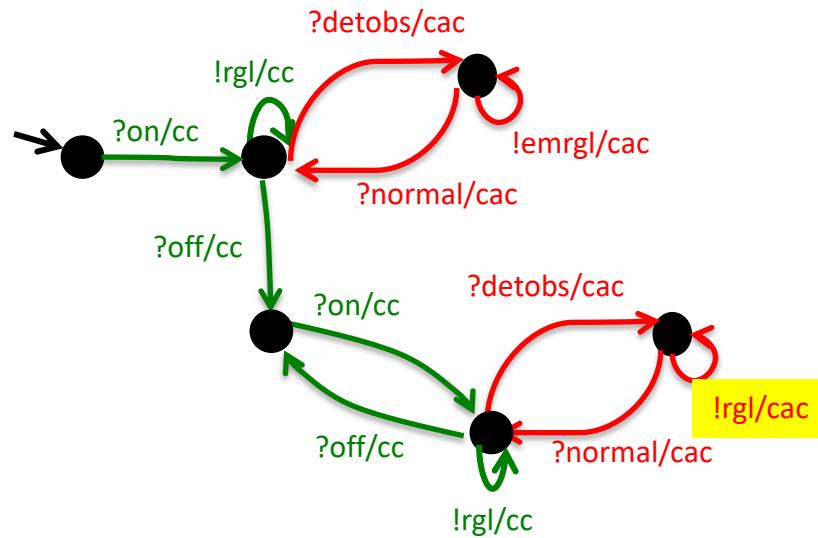


# Test Suites: Residual Testing



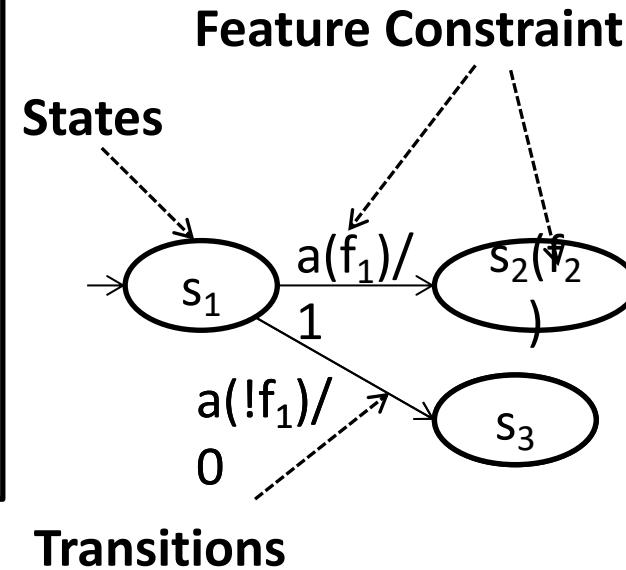
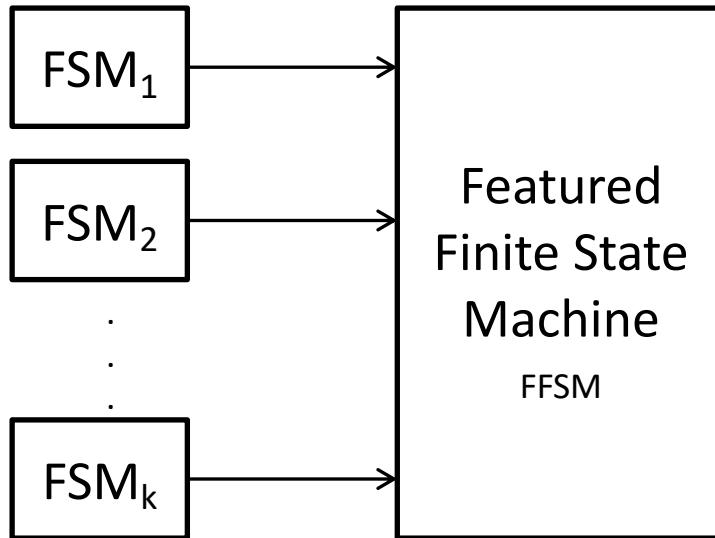
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# Feature Interaction



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# Featured FSM



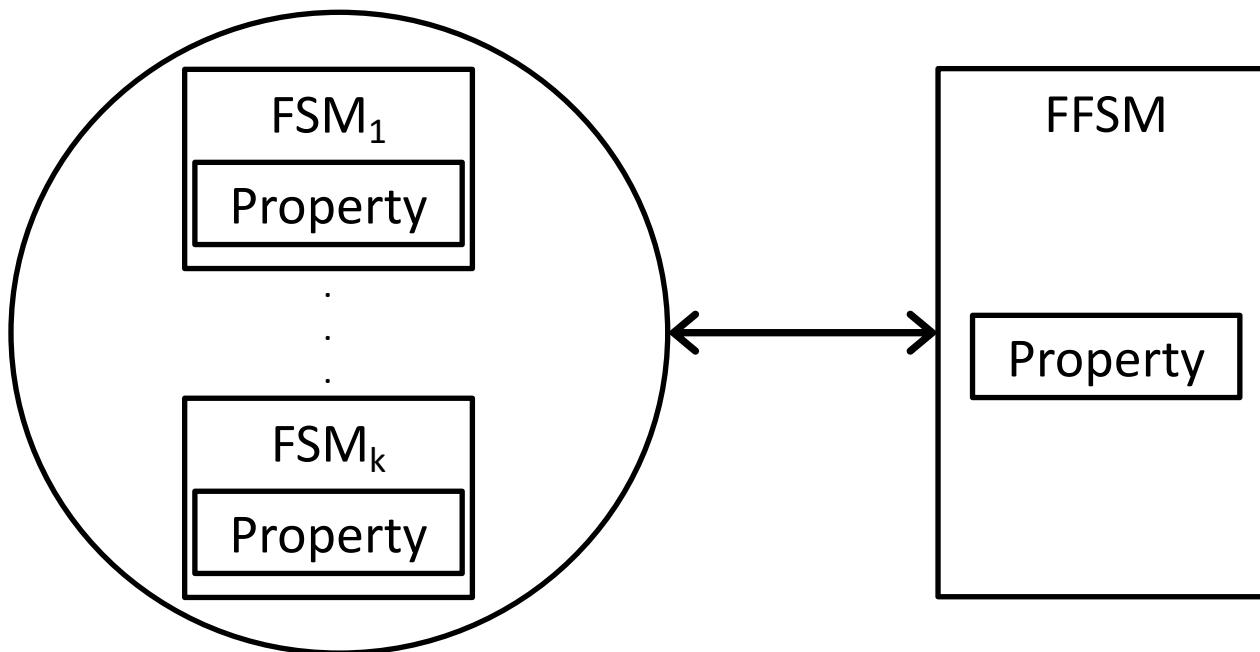
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[Hafemann, MRM, Simao, Hierarchical Featured Finite State Machines, SCP'18]

[Hafemann, MRM, Simao and Turker. Extending HSI for Featured Finite State Machines, Computer J'19]

# Model Validation

- Extend FSM properties to FFSM (hypothesis)
- Theorems - formal proofs



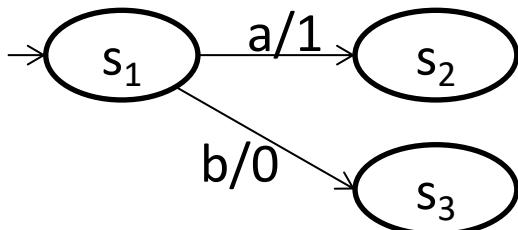
# Specification Properties

- Test gen. methods (Full Fault Coverage Criteria)
- FSM Properties
  - *Deterministic*
  - *Complete (for some methods)*
  - *Initially Connected*
  - *Minimal (reduced)*

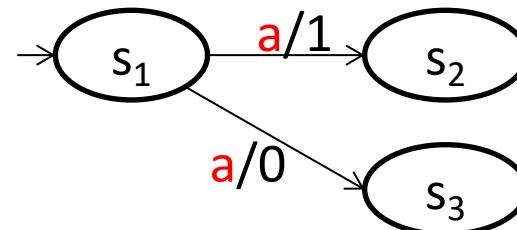
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- Extend FSM property to FFSM
  - *Deterministic FSM*

Deterministic



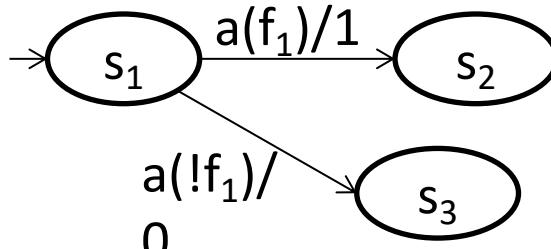
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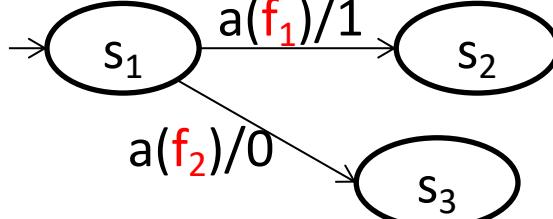
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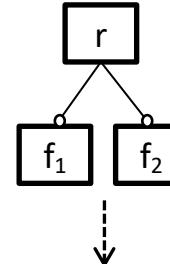


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Feature Model

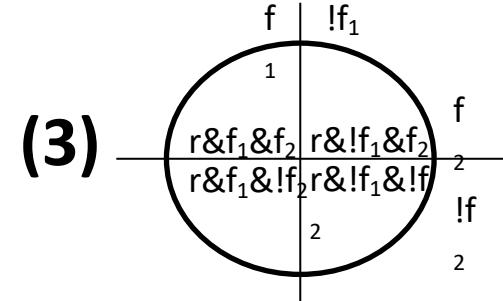
(1)



(2)

Feature Expression  
 $r \& (f_1 \Rightarrow r) \& (f_2 \Rightarrow r)$

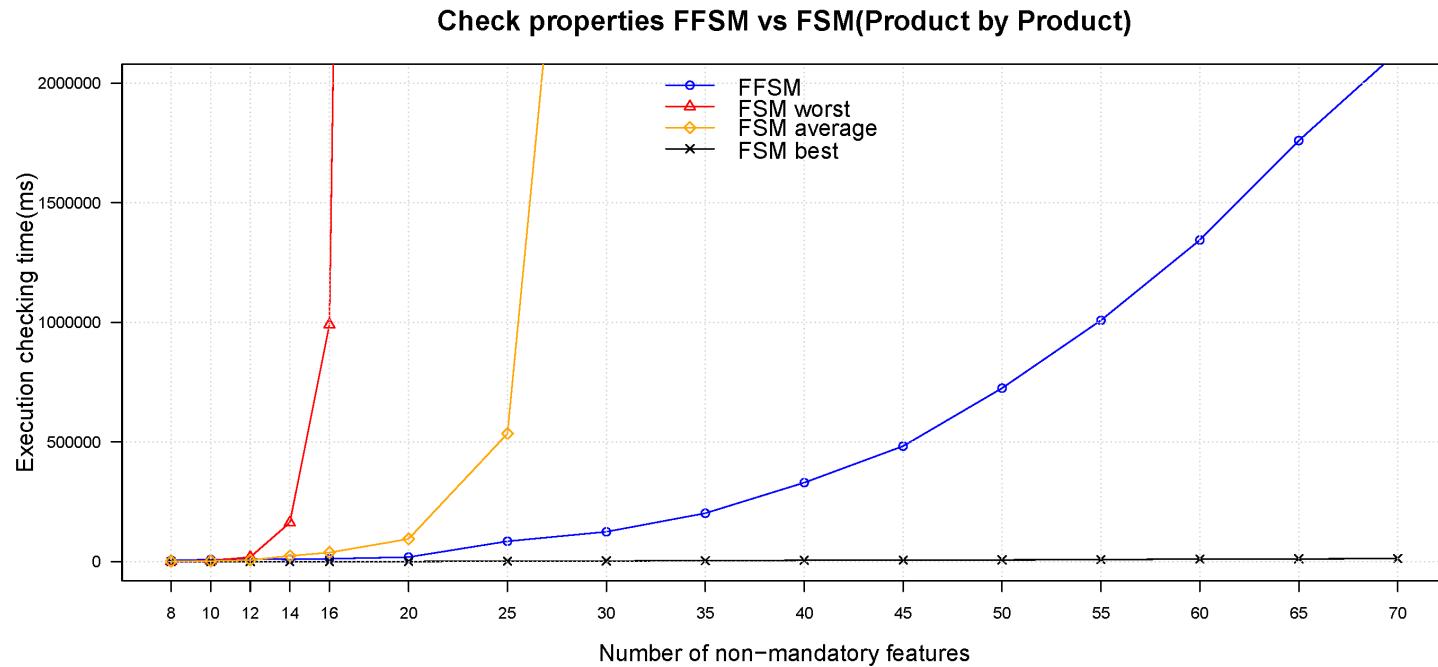
Product Configurations



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No product configuration should contain both transitions

# Experimental Results



# Experimental Results

- Case Study
  - Part of the Body Comfort System – BCS (State/Conf.)
  - 13 non mandatory features (8 are independent)
- Random feature models and FFSMs
  - 8 to 70 non-mandatory features
  - 8 to 70 conditional states/inputs
  - Map one conditional state per non-mandatory feature
- Execution time limit – 30 minutes
  - FFSM with 50 conditional states (approx. 8 minutes)
  - 384 FSMs (approx. 11 minutes)

# Experimental Results

- One FFSM
  - Exceed time limit over 68 conditional states
- FSM worst case ( $2^k$  FSMs)
  - Exceed time limit over 16 conditional states
- FSM average case ( $2^{k/2}$  FSMs)
  - Exceed time limit over 26 conditional states
- FSM best case ( $k+1$  FSMs)
  - Does not exceed time limit

# Modeling and MBT for Variability

- Modeling product lines
  - Comparative expressiveness for fundamental models : PL-CCS, FTS, MTS, 1MTS
  - Featured FSMS: efficient validation techniques
- Model-based testing of product lines
  - Delta oriented modification of FSM-based testing algorithms, minimizing concretization effort.
  - Input/output conformance testing of IOFTSS
    - Reducing test effort using residual test suits

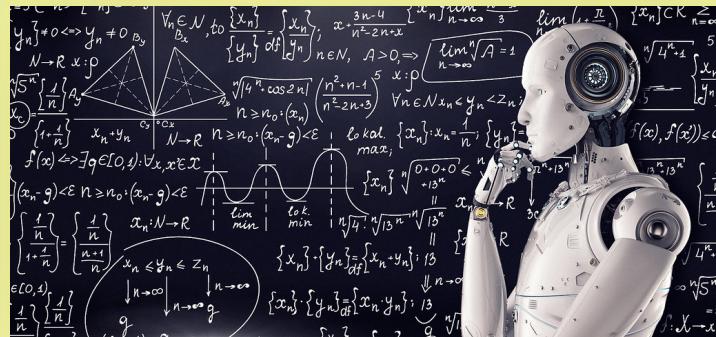
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# LEARNING VARIATION IN SPACE

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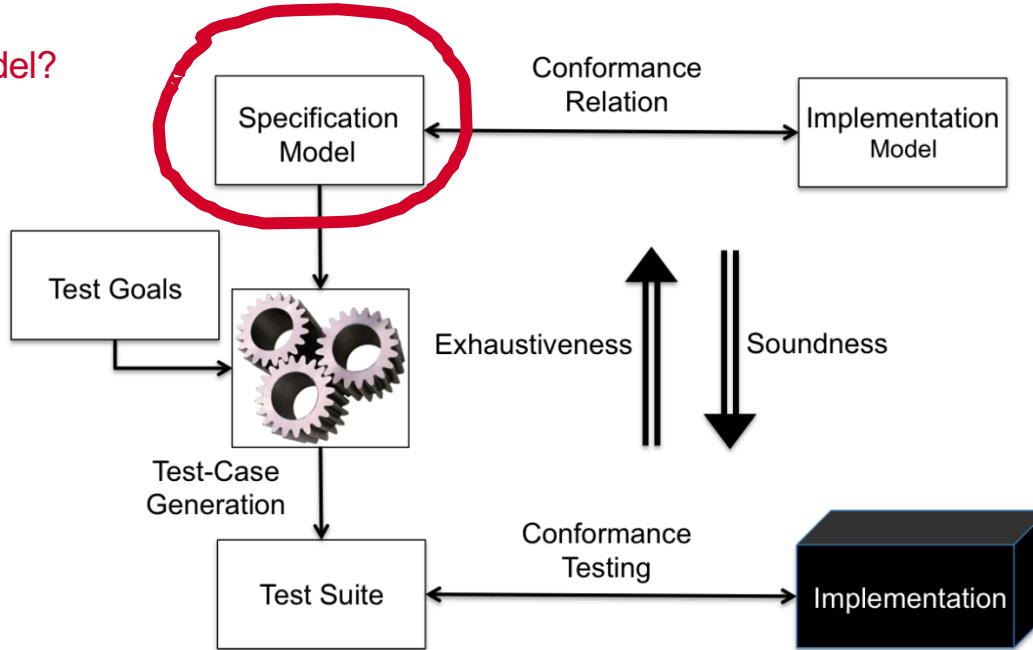


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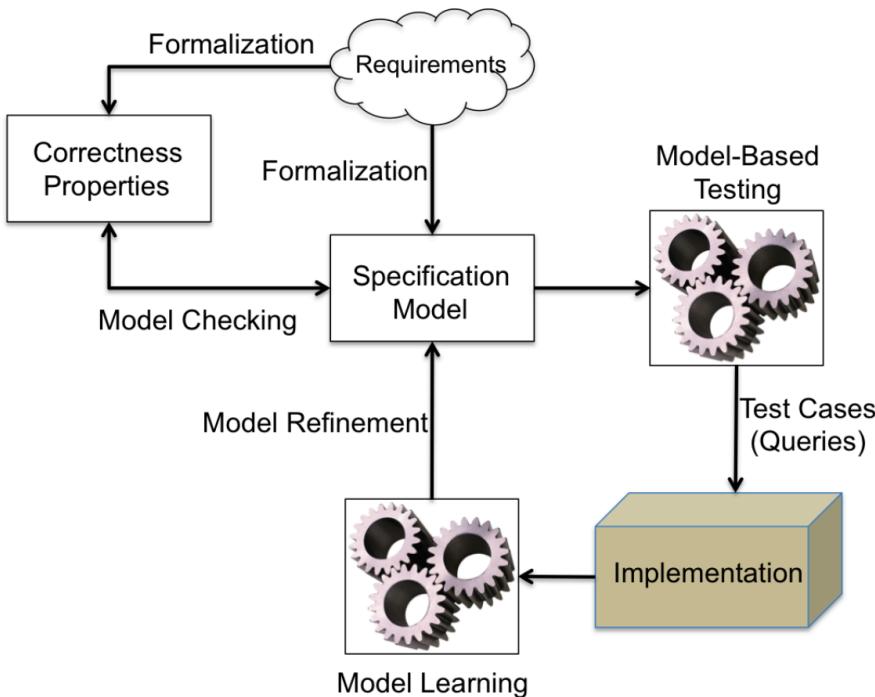
# Active Learning: Why?

Model? What model?



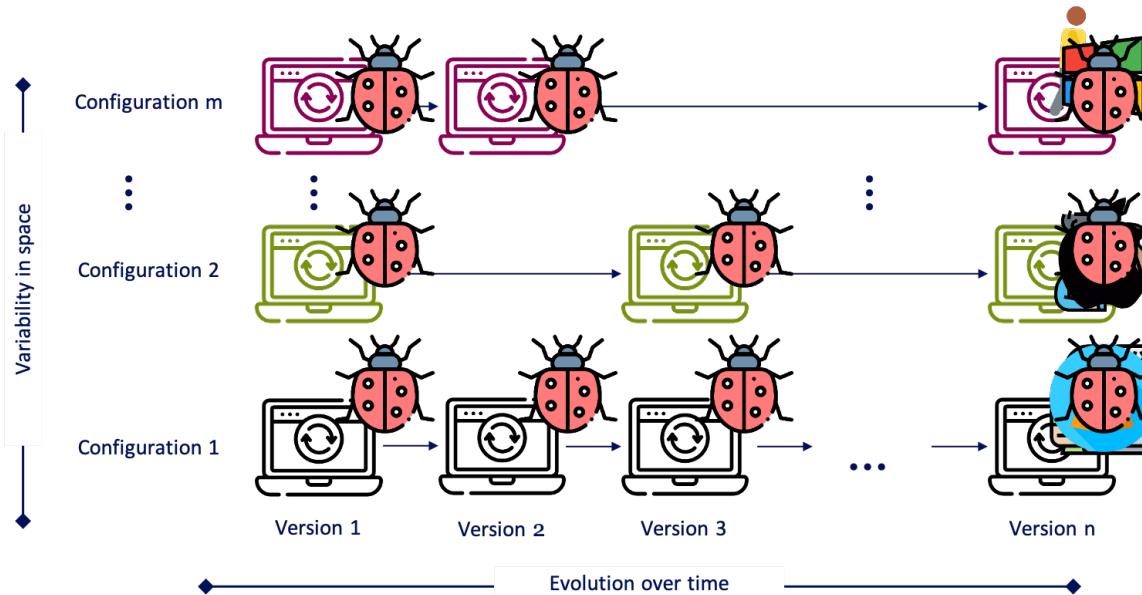
[Aichernig, Mostowski, Mousavi, Tappler and Taromiras,  
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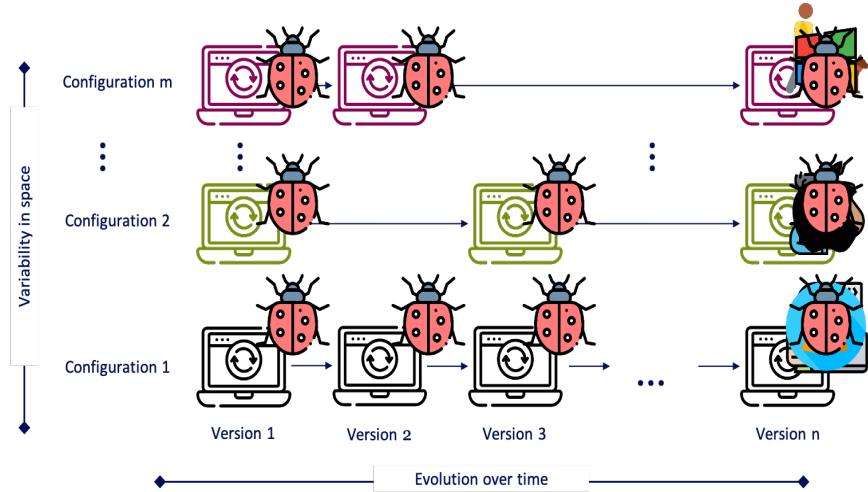
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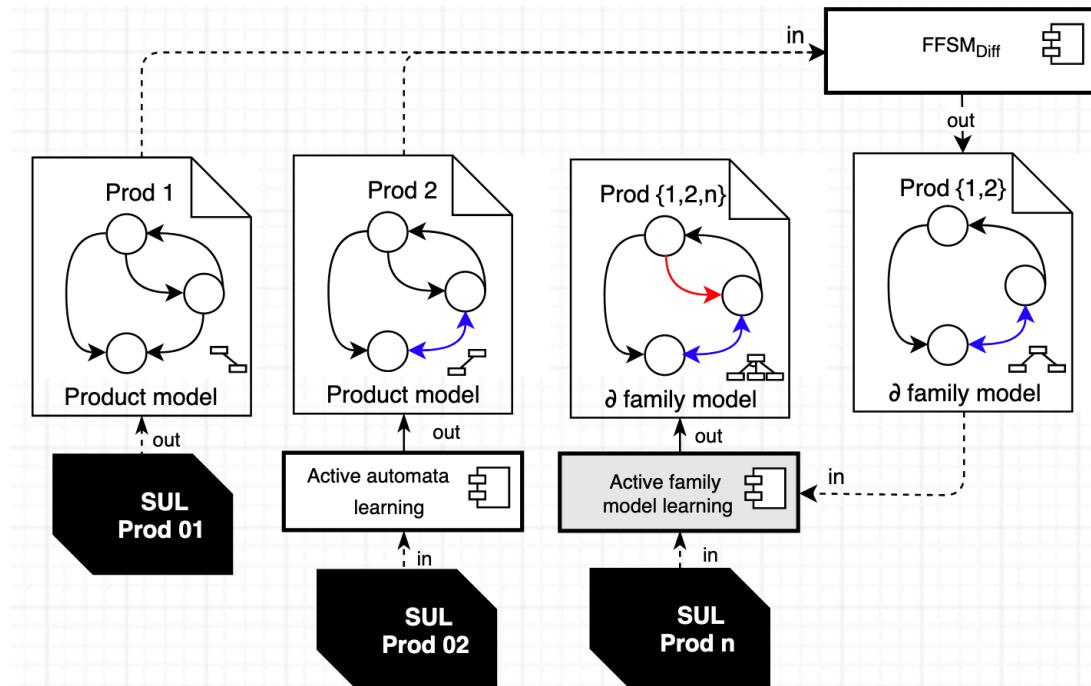
# Why?

How can we **succinctly** learn and summarise the **variability model**?

How **sensitive** is it to the number of configuration samples?



# What?



[Damasceno, Mousavi, Simao.

Learning by Sampling: Learning Behavioral Family Models from Software Product Lines. EMSE 21]

# HoW?

$$S_{Succ}^G(a, b) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sum_{(c,d,i,o) \in Succ_{a,b}} (1 + k \times S_{Succ}^G(c, d))}{|\sum_r^{out}(a) - \sum_u^{out}(b)| + |\sum_r^{out}(b) - \sum_u^{out}(a)| + |Succ_{a,b}|}$$

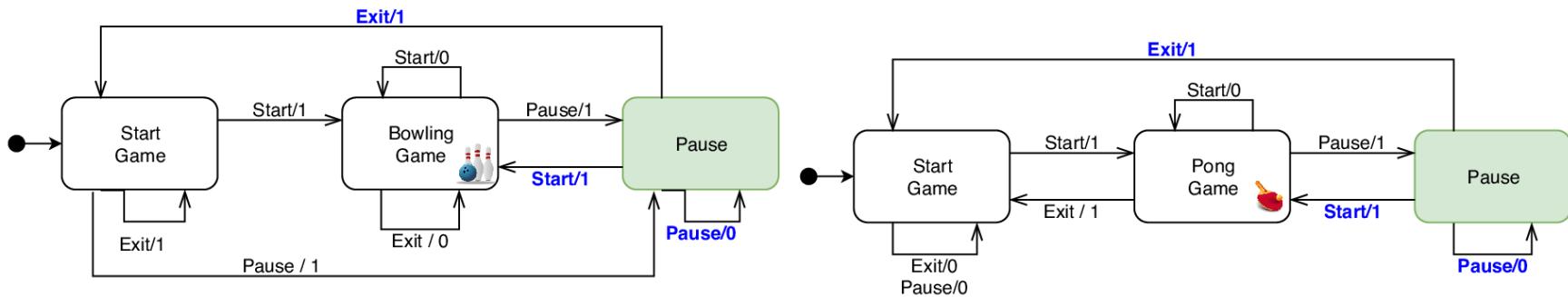
## Global similarity score (Outgoing and incoming transitions)

- Pairwise similarity based on surrounding matching transitions and connected state pairs.
- Attenuation ratio  $k$  gives precedence to the closest state pairs.
- **Matching transitions** and distinct transitions.

[N. Walkinshaw and K. Bogdanov,  
Automated Comparison of State-Based Software Models  
in Terms of Their Language and Structure.]

# How?

$$S_{Succ}^G(Pa, Pa) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3 + k \times [S_{Succ}^G(St, St) + S_{Succ}^G(Bo, Po) + S_{Succ}^G(Pa, Pa)]}{0 + 0 + 3} = 0.58$$



# The FFSM<sub>Diff</sub> algorithm

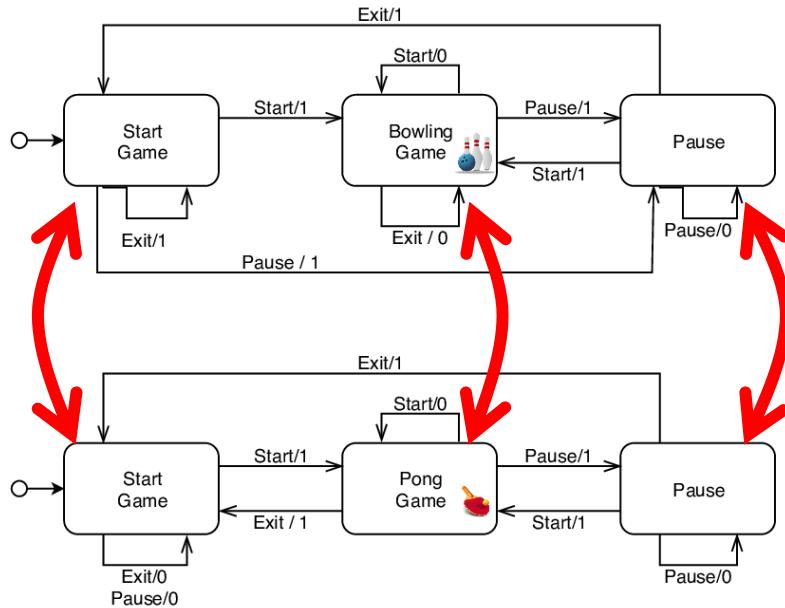


Figure: Two examples of product FSMs

$$\text{pair}(St, St) = 0.12$$

$$\text{pair}(St, Po) = 0.29$$

$$\text{pair}(St, Pa) = 0.28$$

$$\text{pair}(Bo, St) = 0.11$$

$$\text{pair}(Bo, Po) = 0.31$$

$$\text{pair}(Bo, Pa) = 0$$

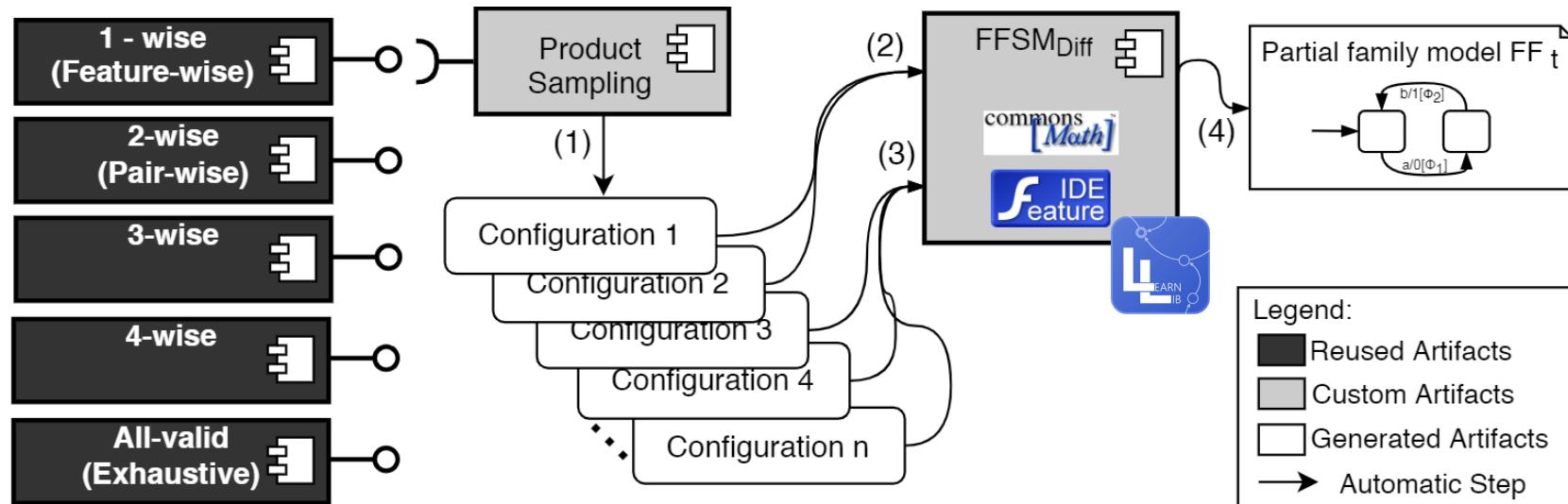
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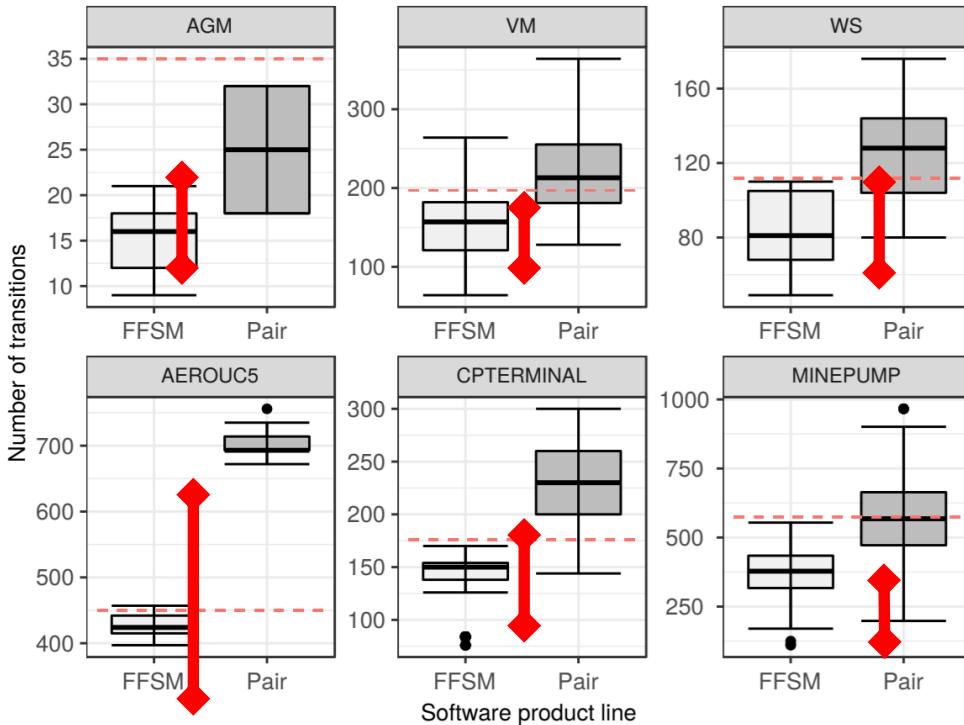
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Figure: Pairwise state similarity

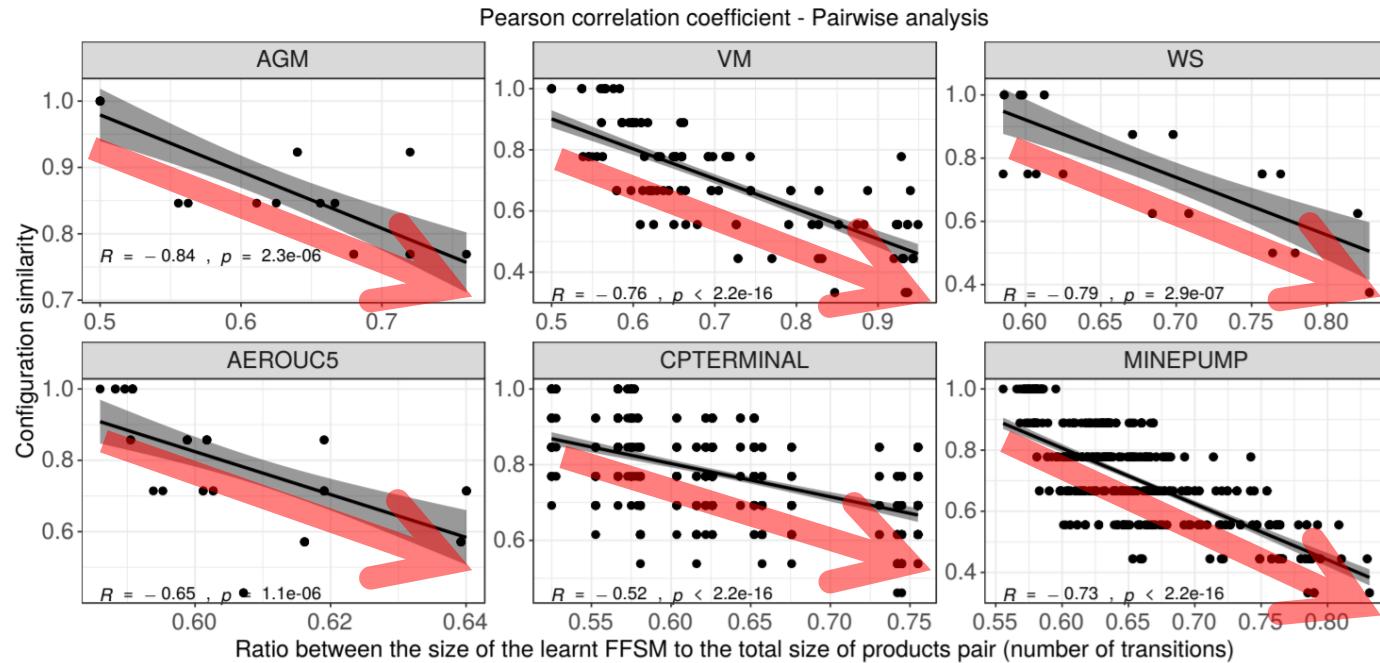
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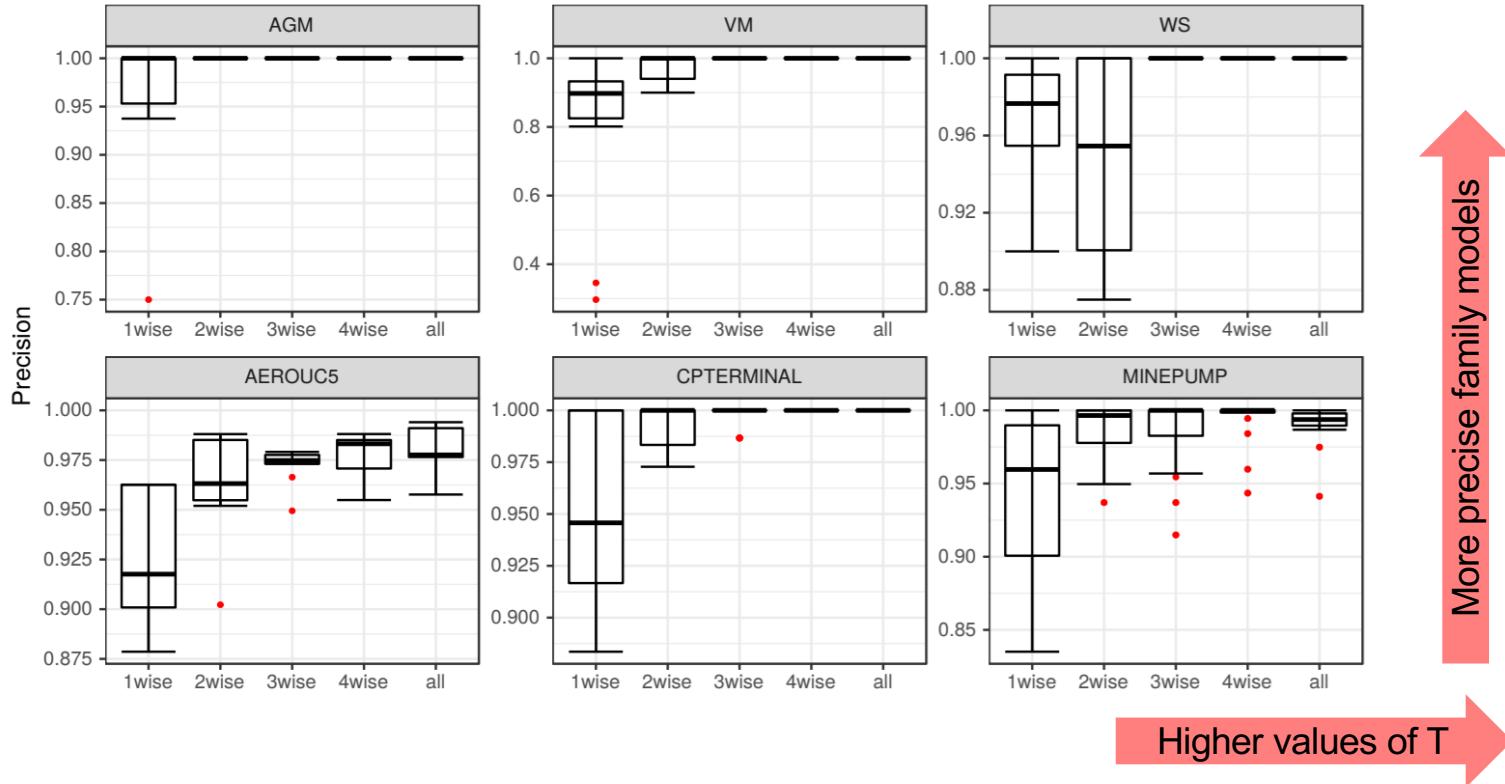
# Analysis of Results: Size



# Analysis of Results



# Analysis of Results: Sampling



# LEARNING VARIABILITY IN TIME

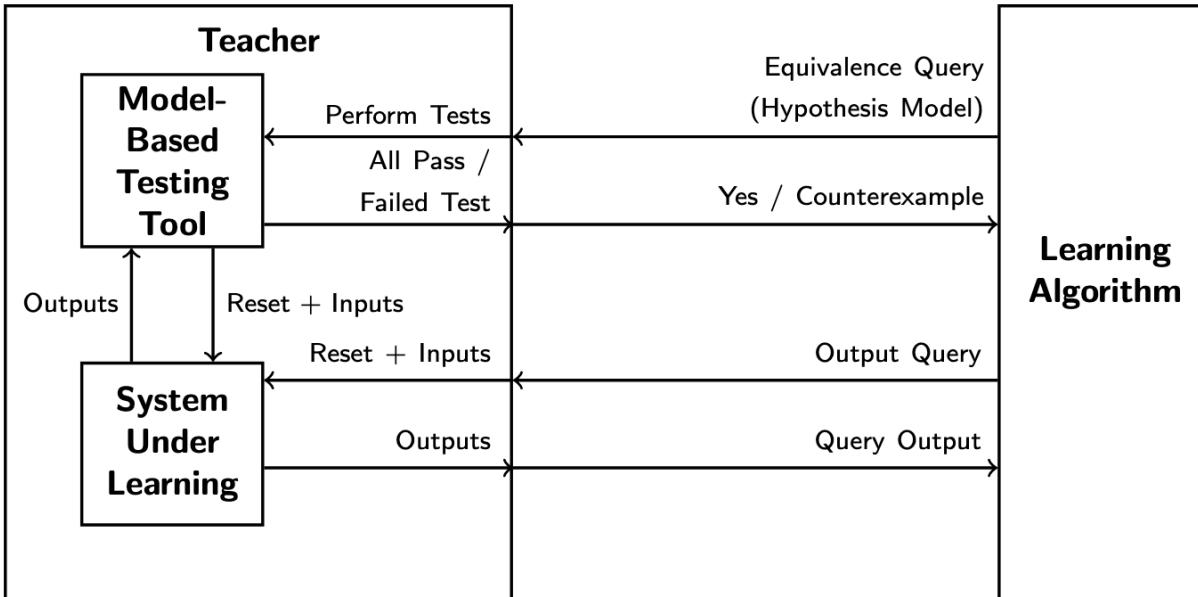
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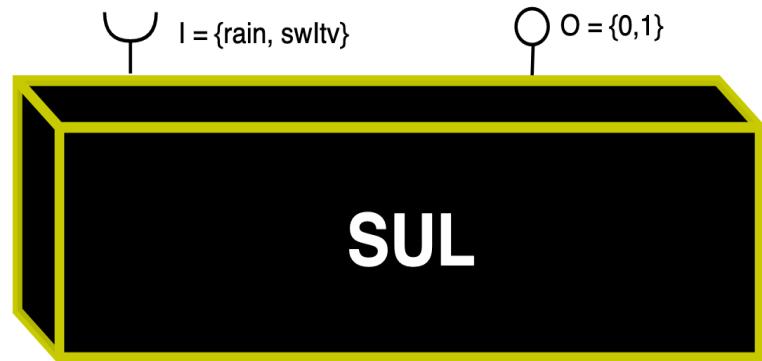
# ACTIVE LEARNING



[Dana Angluin. Learning regular sets from queries and counterexamples.]

# ACTIVE LEARNING: HOW?

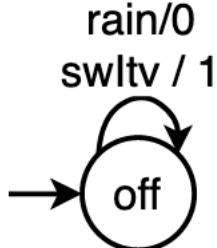
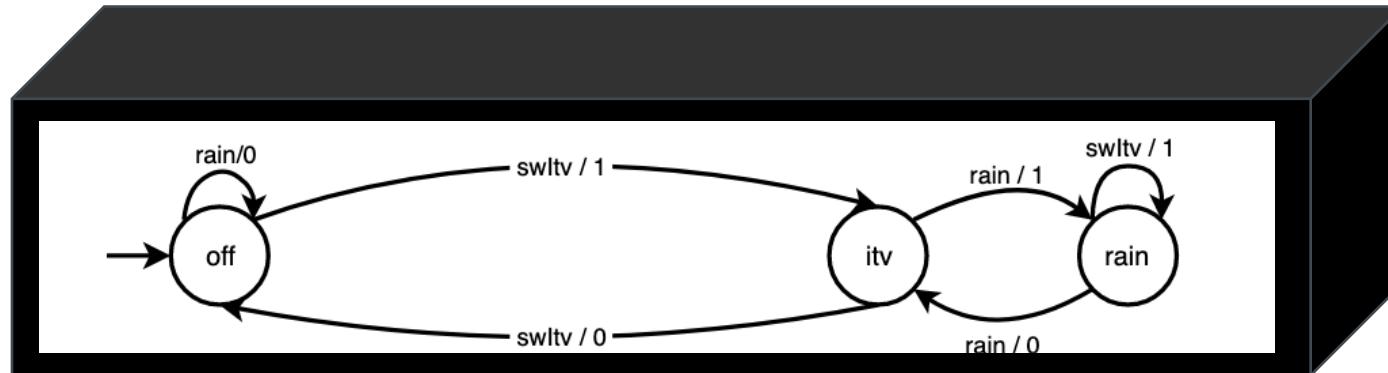
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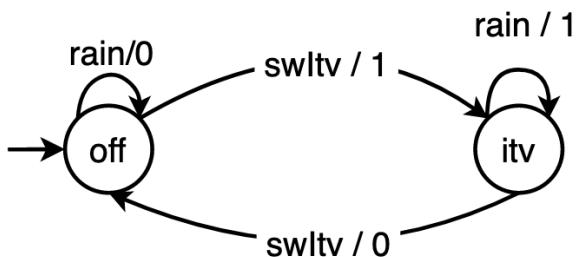
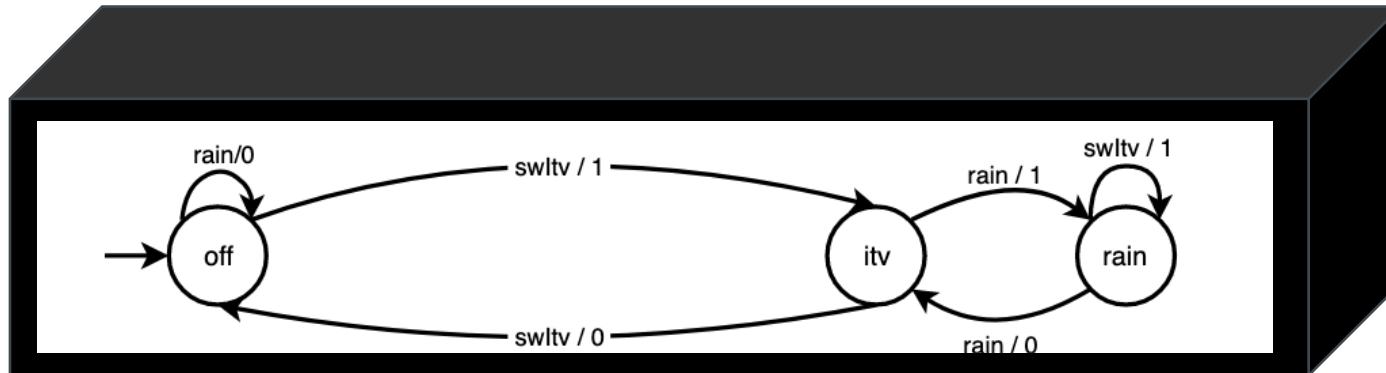


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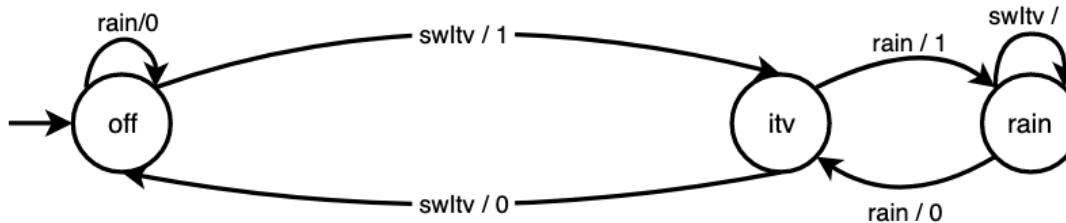
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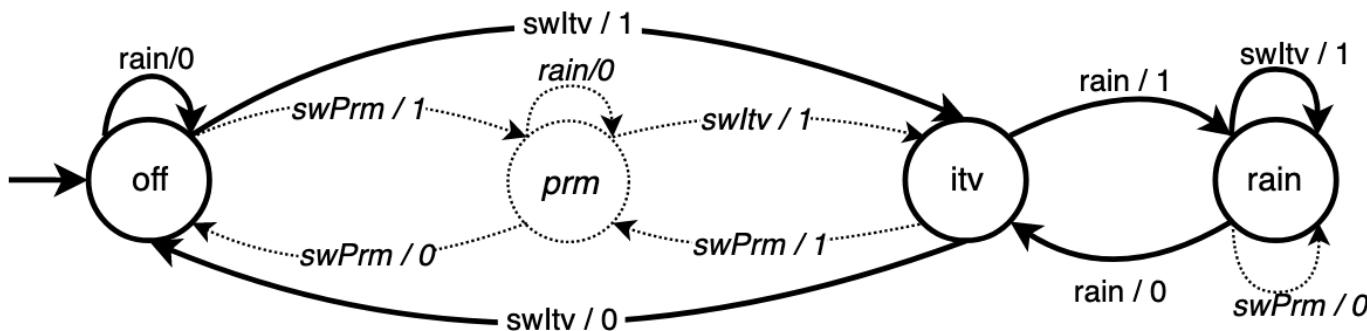
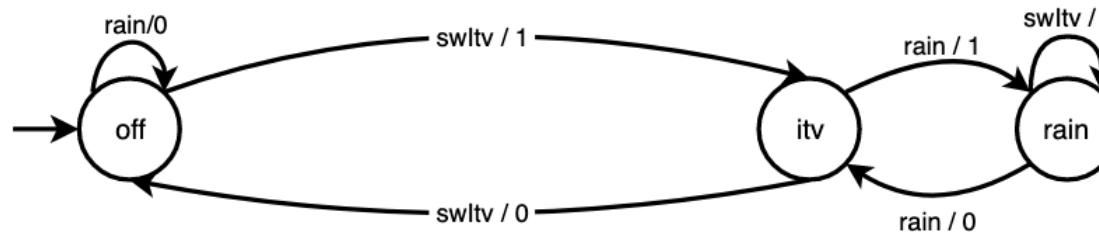
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Consistent:  $\forall p \in S_r . I_r \ \exists p' \in S_r \cdot p \cong p'$

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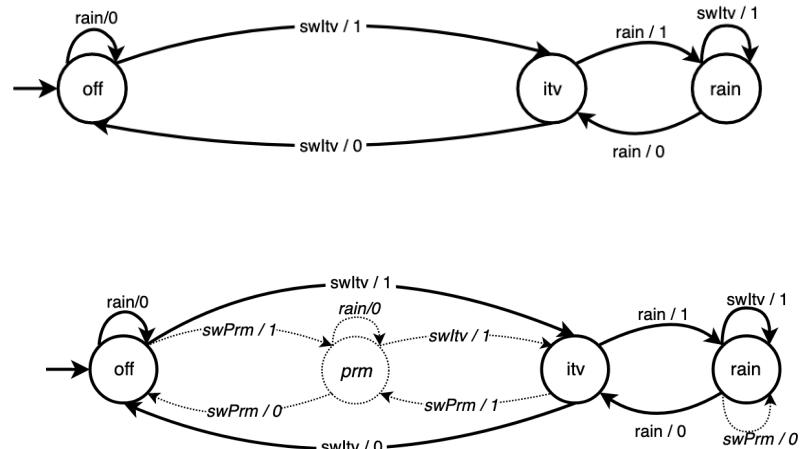


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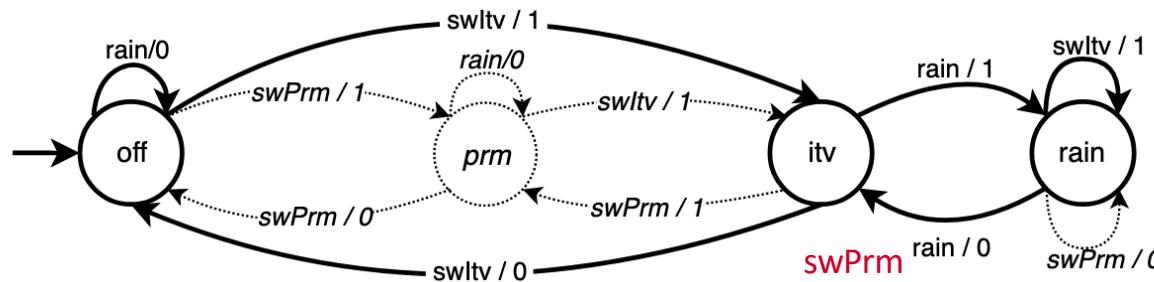
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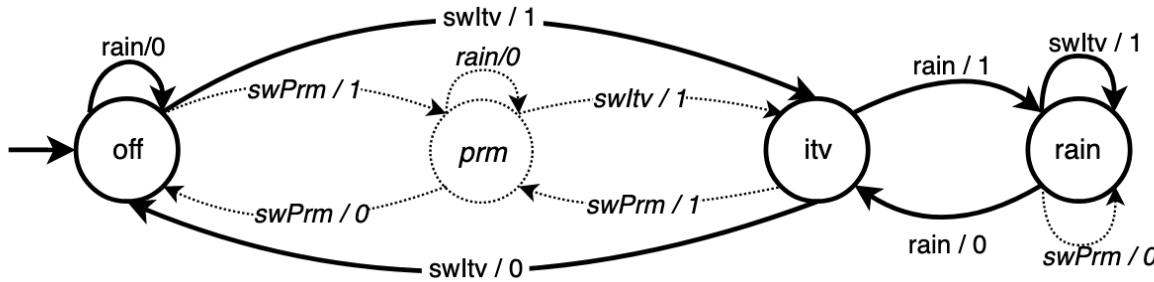


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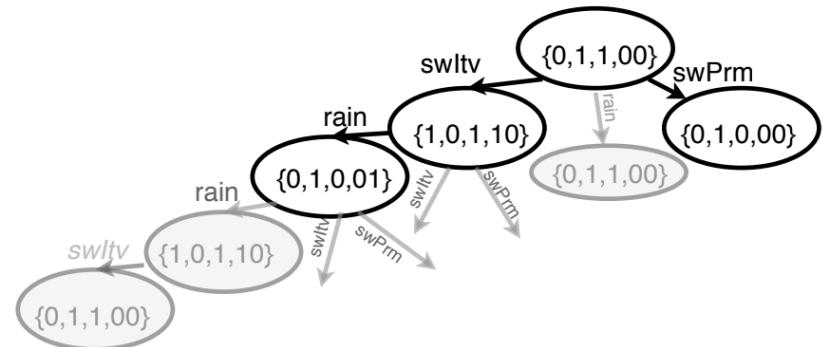


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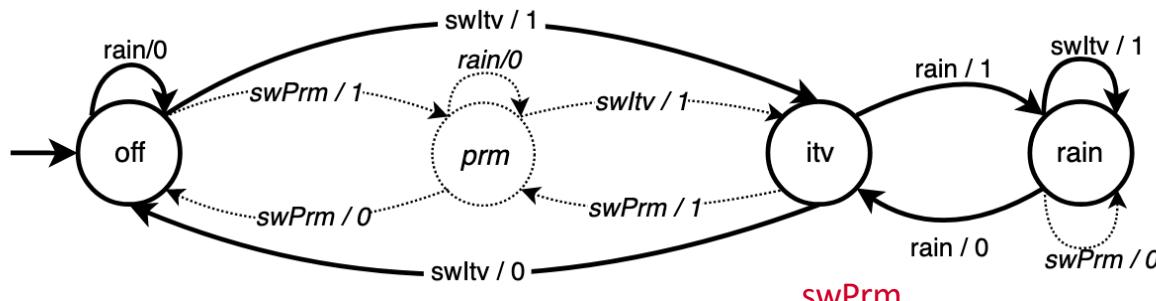
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New experiments?

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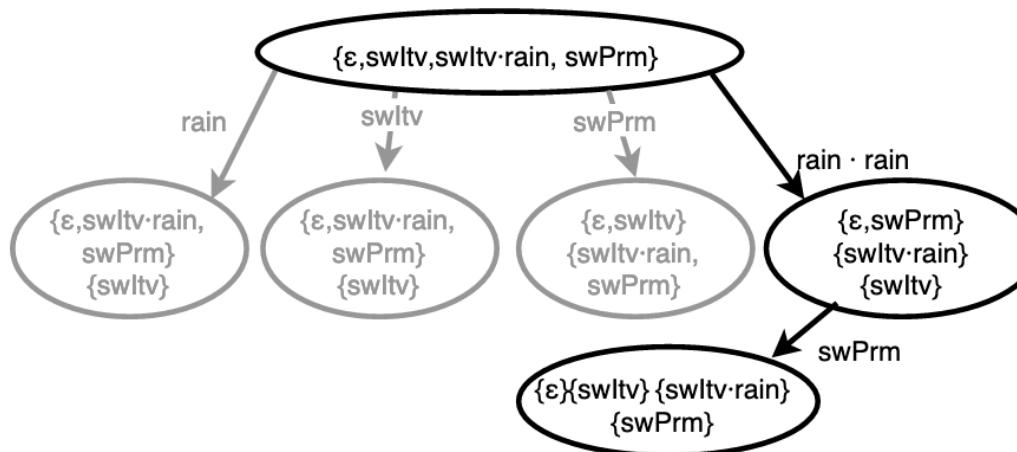
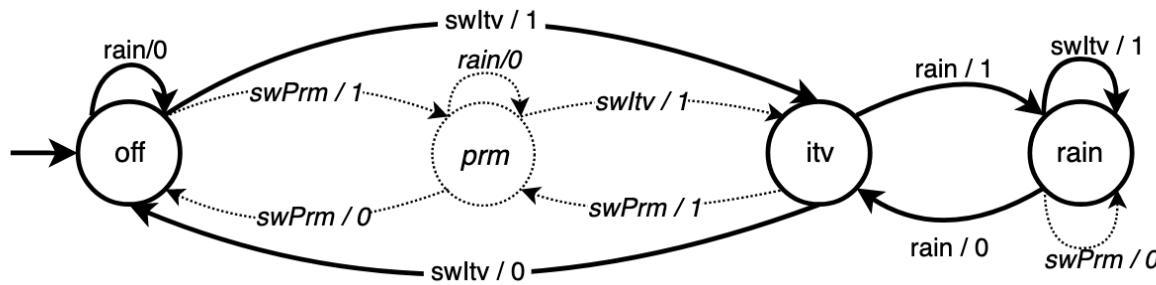
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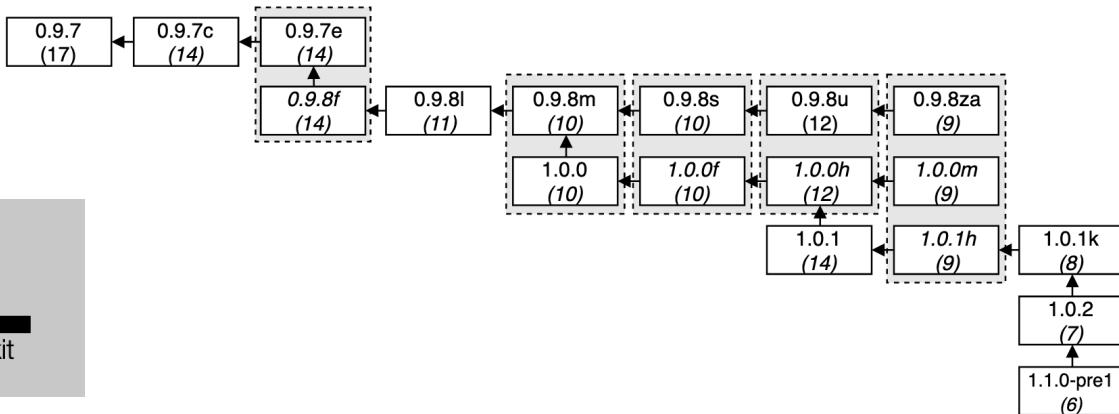
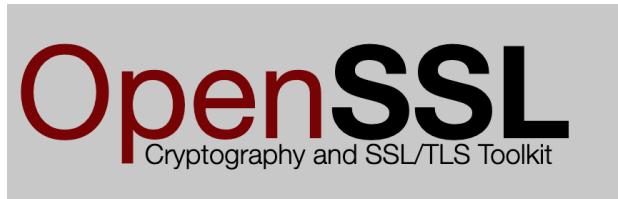
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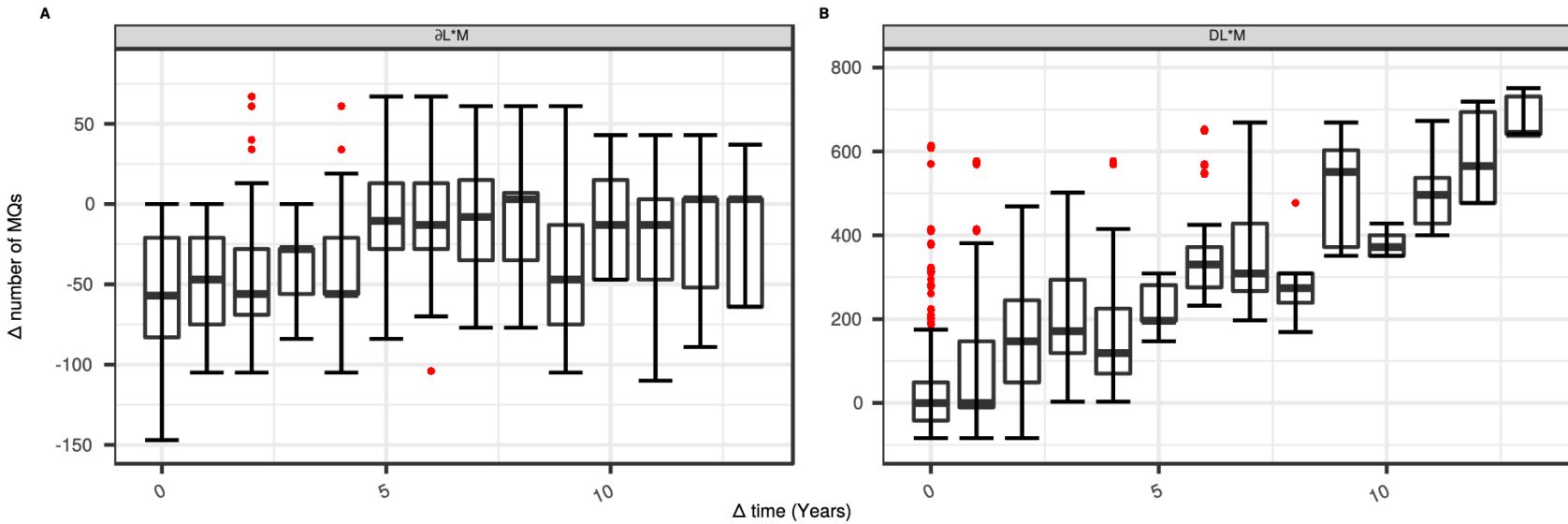
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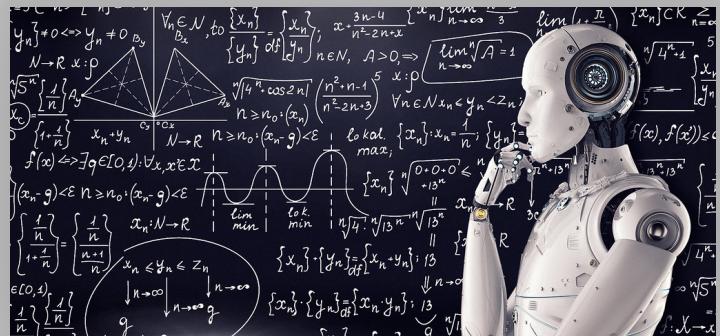
# Variability as a first-class citizen!



**Modeling** variability explicitly



**Efficient testing** using variability modeling



**Learning** about variability

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

QUESTIONS?

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