

# Formal Verification with Reachability

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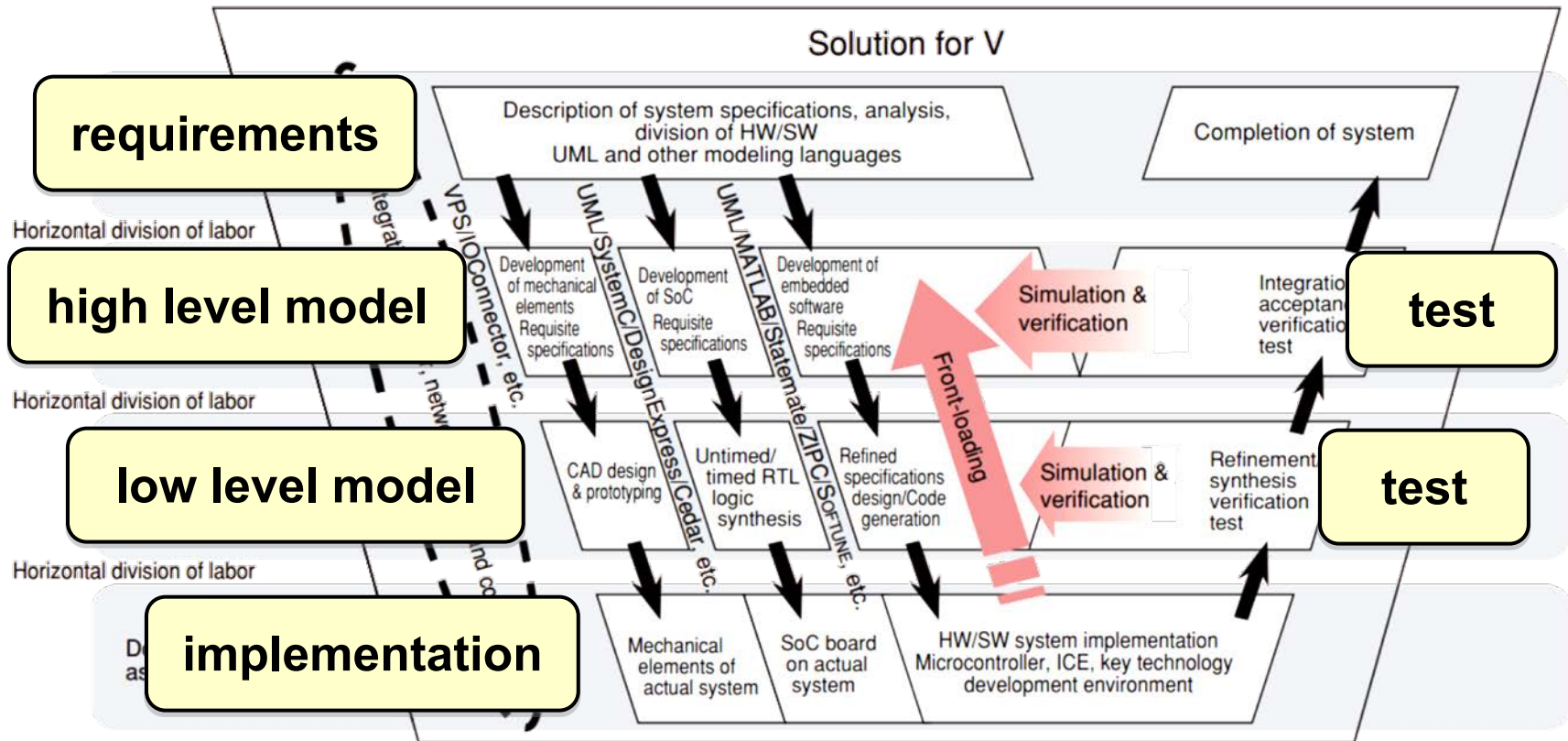
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# Outline

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- **Conclusions and Perspectives**

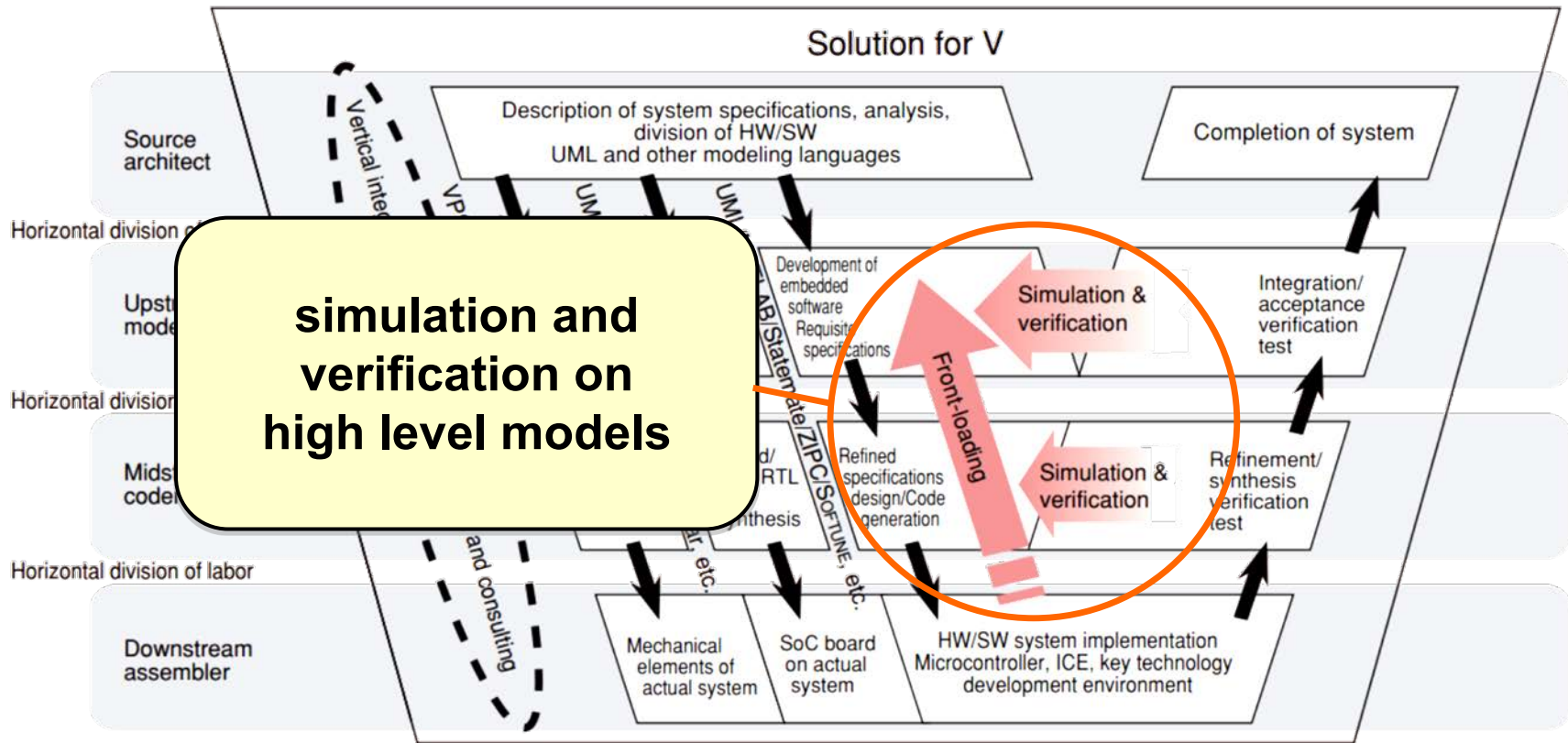
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# Formal Verification in Model-Based Design

## How to guarantee absence of bugs (not just finding bugs)?

- continuous dynamic systems
- under bounded uncertainty (parameters, noise)
- under discrete events

## Methods inspired from formal computer science

- abstract interpretation (Cousot & Cousot, '77)
- model checking (Clarke, Emerson, '80; Sifakis, '82)
- compositional analysis (Clarke et al., '89)

# Variety of Application Domains



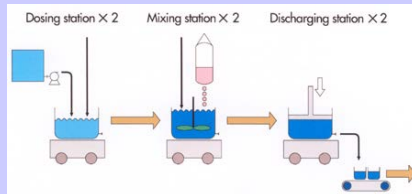
assisted and automated driving



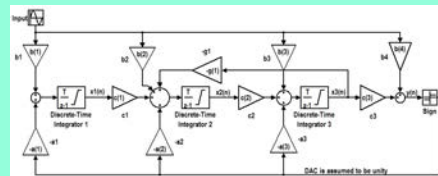
human-robot interaction



smart buildings



chemical batch plants



analog mixed-signal circuits



autonomous drones

**FP7 + H2020 projects**

**NANO 2017 project**

**Collaborations**

# Modelling Complex Systems

## First Principles

- ODEs kinematics
- DAEs electrical, chemical, mechanical networks
- PDEs heat, sound, fluids, elasticity



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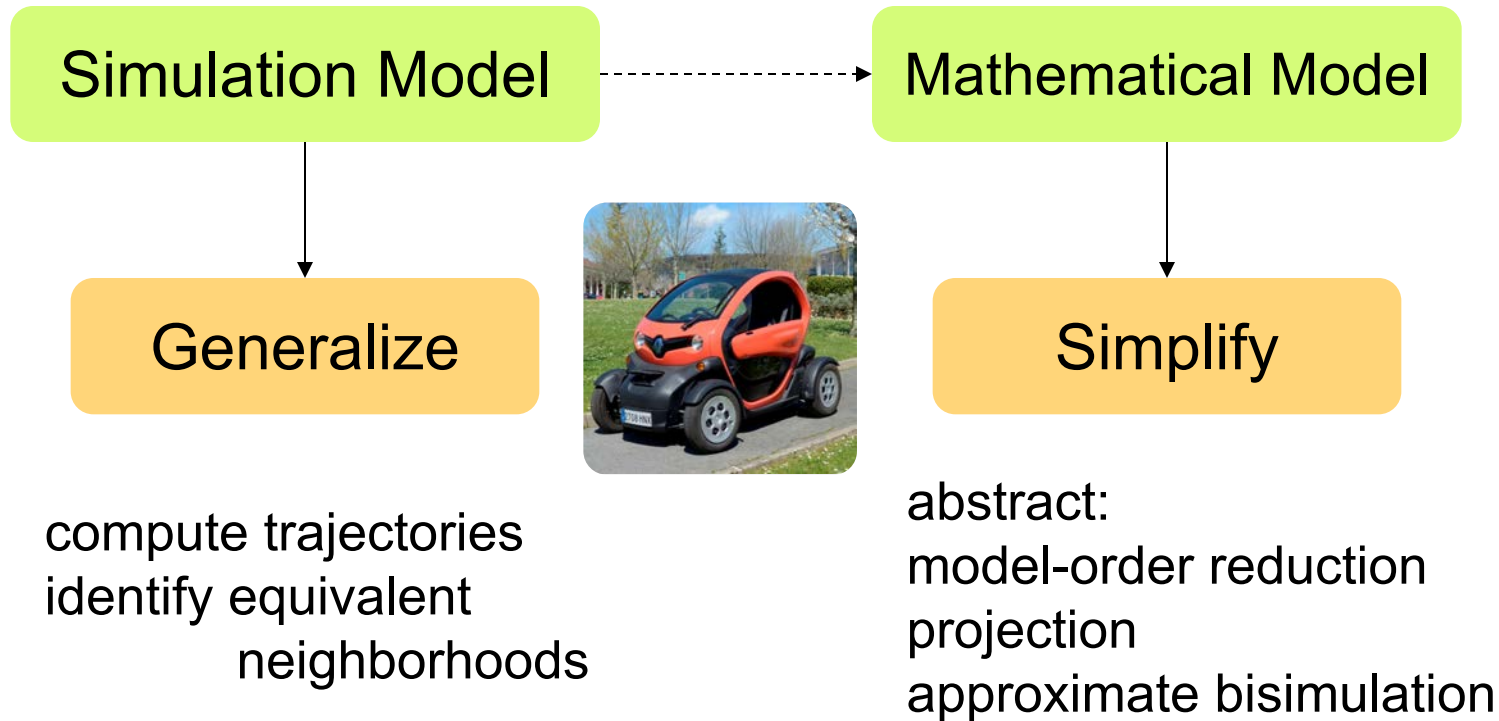
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## Unpredictable Env.

People  
Autonomous Vehicles

# How to Verify Complex Systems?

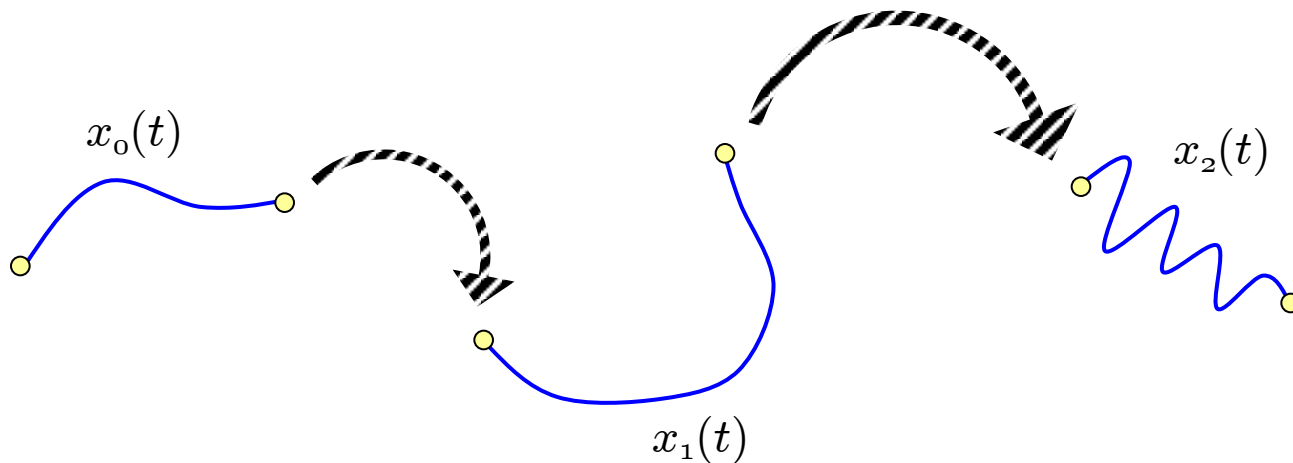


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# Hybrid Systems - Semantics

- **Continuous/Discrete Behaviour**

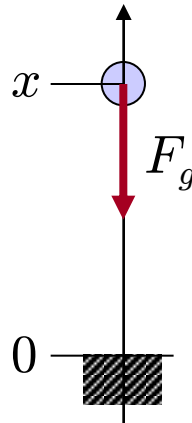
- evolution with time according to ODE dynamics
- dynamics can switch (instantaneous)
- state can jump (instantaneous)



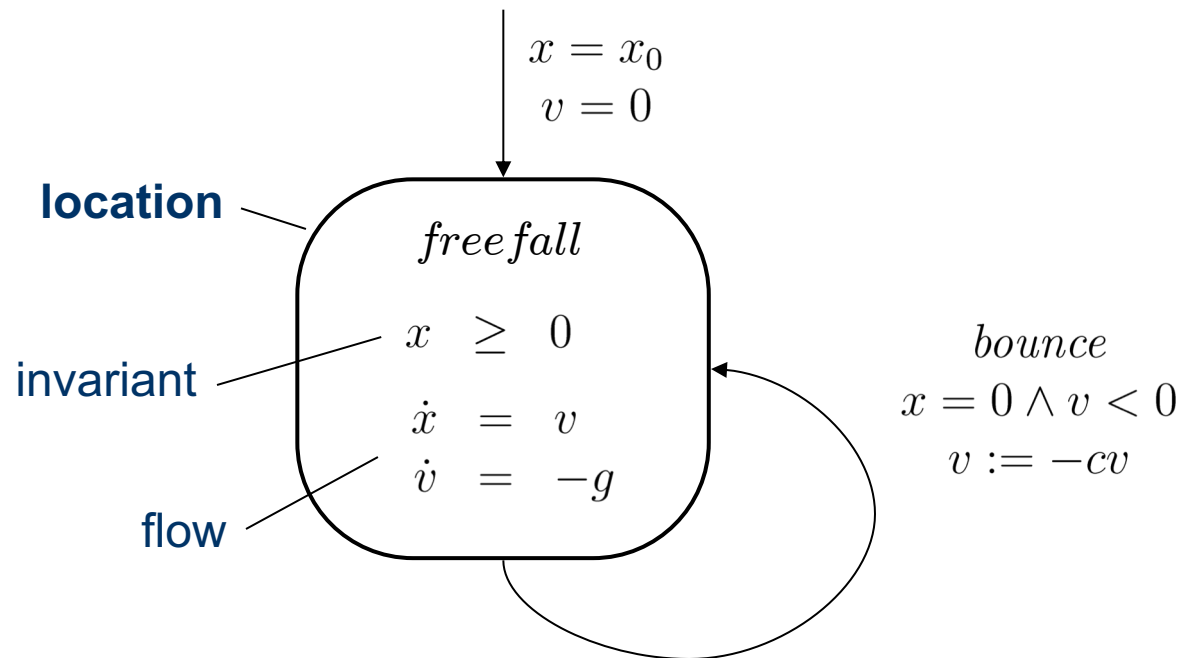
# Modeling Hybrid Systems

- **Example: Bouncing Ball**

- ball with mass  $m$  and position  $x$  in free fall
- bounces when it hits the ground at  $x = 0$
- initially at position  $x_0$  and at rest

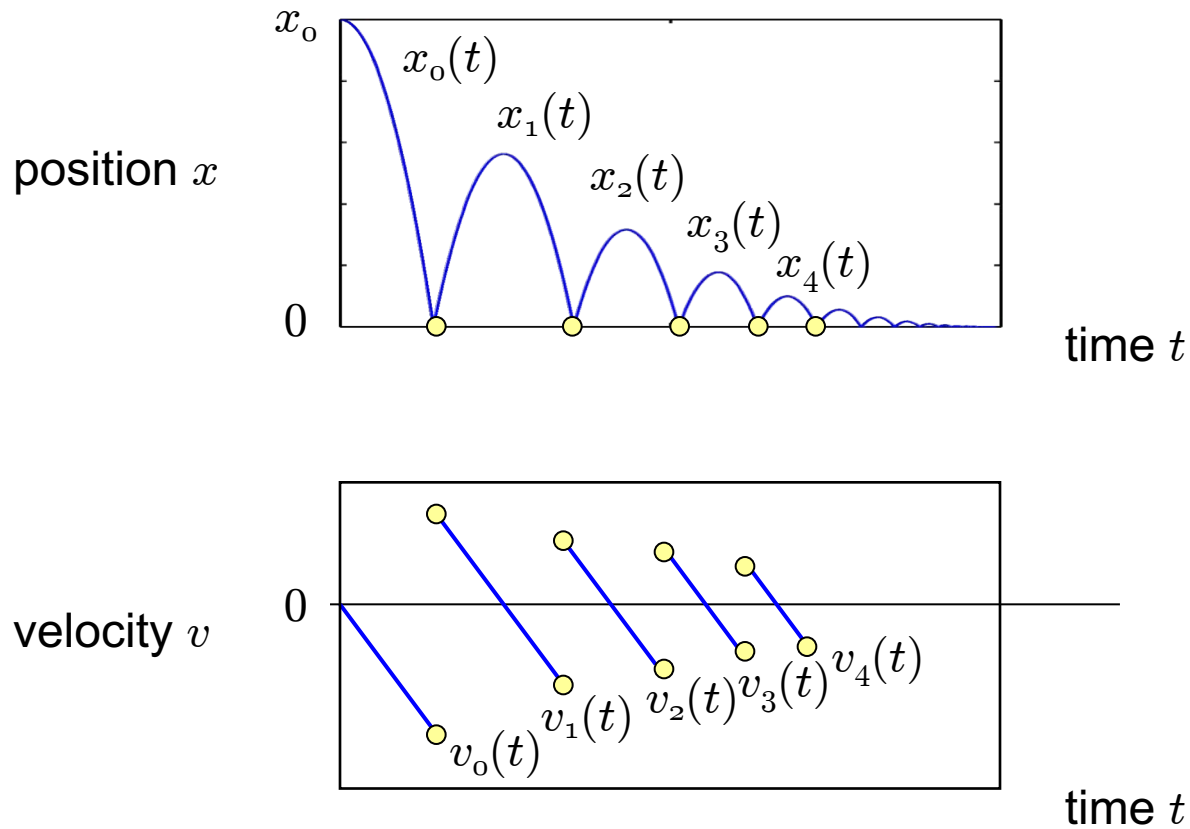


# Hybrid Automaton Model



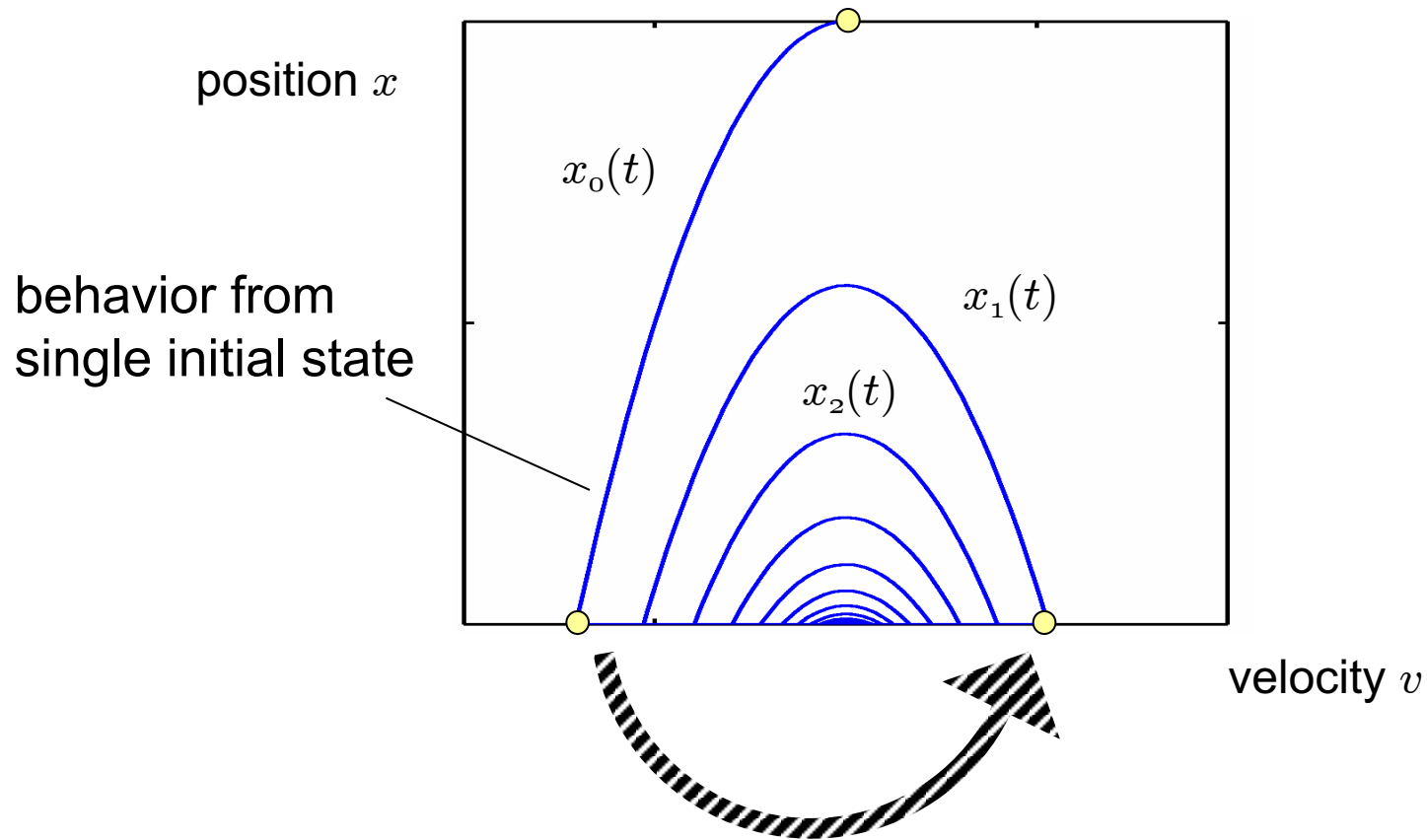
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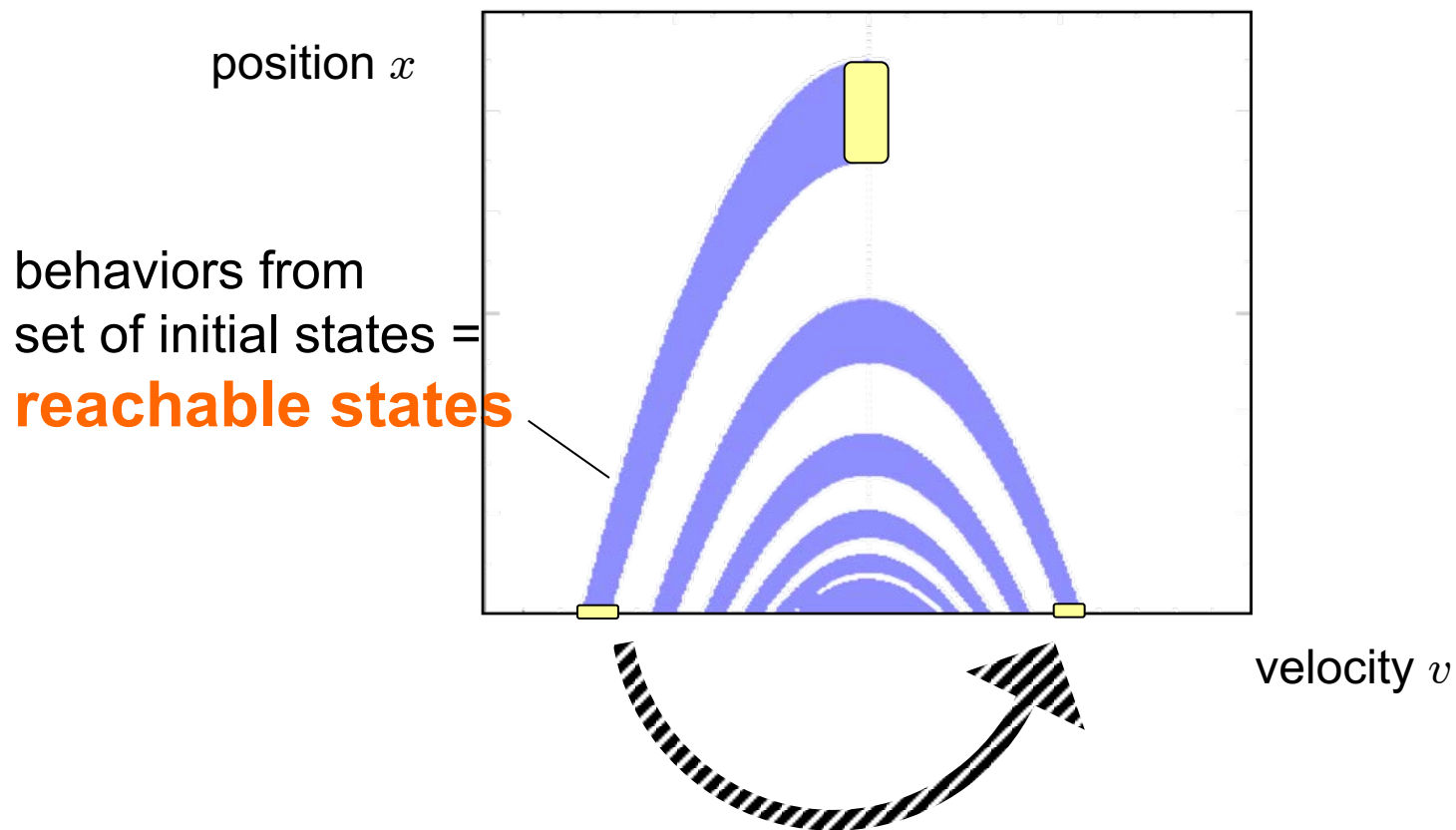
- States over States = State-Space View





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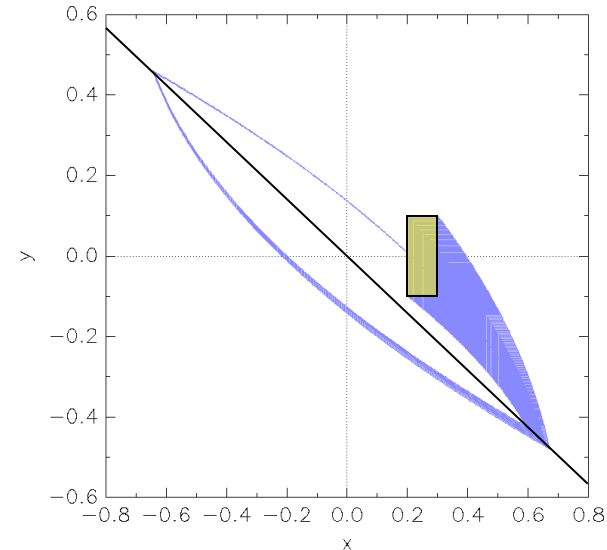
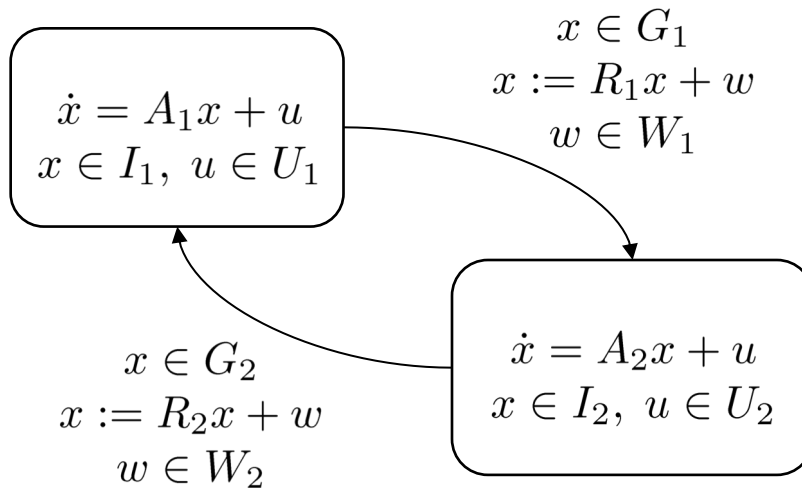
- **Reachability in State-Space**



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# Hybrid Automata with Affine Dynamics



- linear differential equations
- can be highly **nondeterministic**:
  - additive “inputs”  $u, w$  model continuous disturbances (noise etc.)

**Key:** find approximation that is **efficient** but **accurate** for a **large number** of continuous variables

# Reachability Operations

- **States reachable from initial Set  $R_0$**
- **Fixpoint Computation**

$$R_{k+1} = R_k \cup \text{post}(R_k)$$

## **with post-operations**

- time elapse
- image of discrete transitions

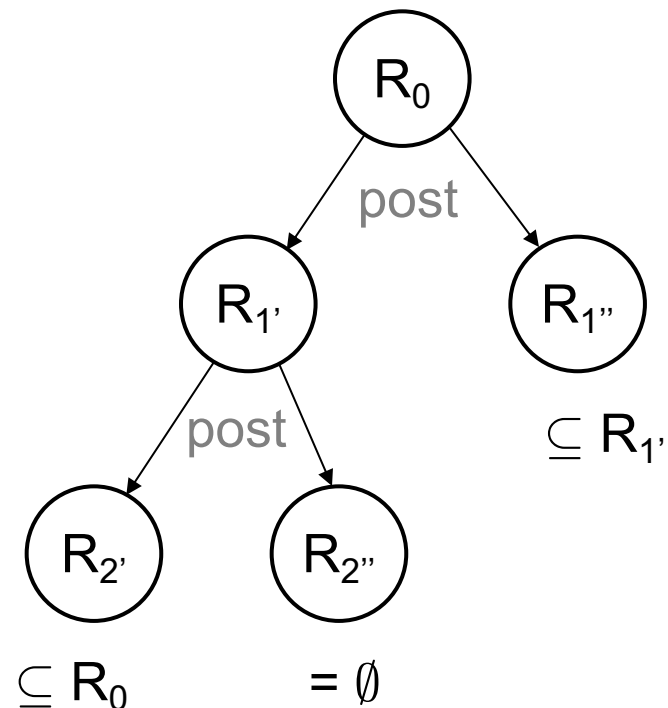
# Fixpoint Computation

- **Checks Required for Termination**

- Containment
- Emptiness

- **Intersection with bad states**

- optional



# Time Elapse Computation

- **Continuous time elapse for affine dynamics**
  - efficient, scalable
  - approximation without accumulation of approximation error (wrapping effect)
- **Much heritage from prior work**
  - Chutinan, Krogh. HSCC'99
  - Asarin, Bournez, Dang, Maler. HSCC'00
  - Girard. HSCC'05
  - Le Guernic, Girard. HSCC'06, CAV'09

# Affine Dynamics

- linear terms plus inputs  $U$ :

$$\dot{x} = Ax + u, u \in U$$

- solution:

$$x(t) = e^{At}x(0) + \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)}u(\tau)d\tau$$

matrix exponential

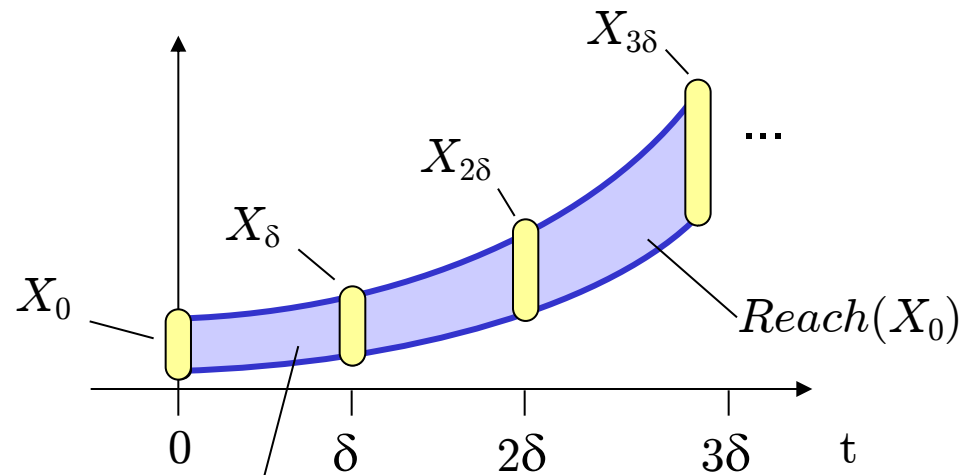
factors influence of inputs  
(stable system forgets the past)

# From Time-Discretization to Reach

- States in discrete time:

$$X_{k\delta} = (e^{A\delta})^k X_0 \oplus S_{k\delta}$$

integral over inputs



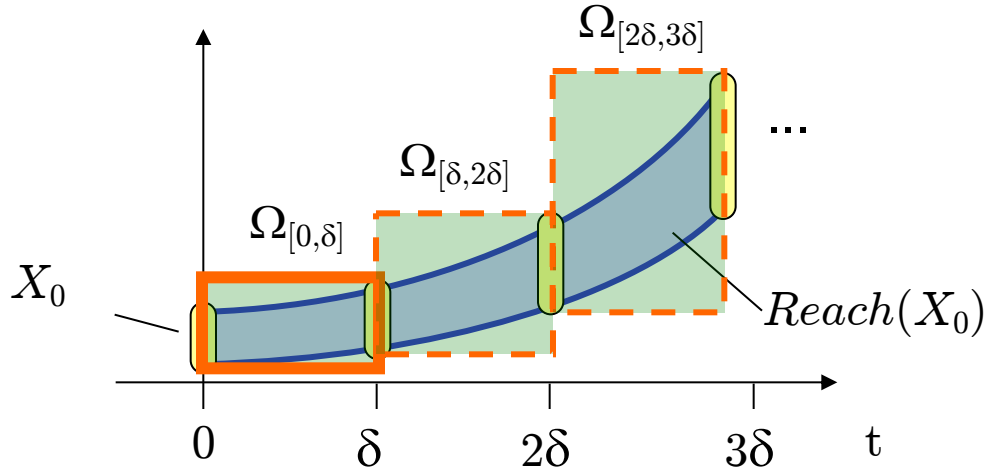
need to cover also states in between!



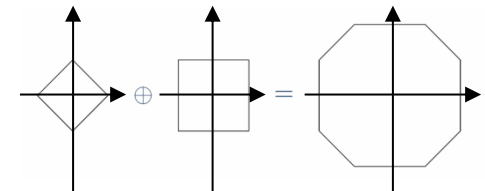
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- Cover in discrete time:

$$\Omega_{[k\delta, (k+1)\delta]} = (e^{A\delta})^k \Omega_{[0, \delta]} \oplus \Psi_{k\delta}$$

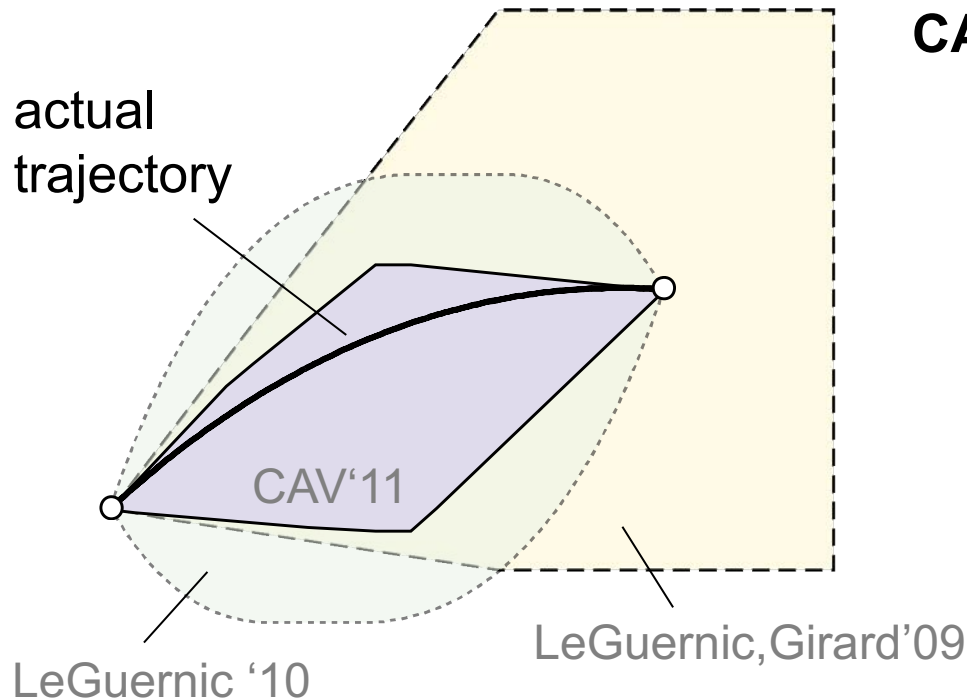


$\oplus$  Minkowski sum = pointwise sum of sets



# From Time-Discretization to Reach

- 1st order Taylor approximation
- different bounds on the remainder



## CAV'11: Complex Polytope

$$\Omega_{[0,\delta]} = \text{chull}(\bigcup_{0 \leq t \leq \delta} \Omega_t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_t &= (1 - \frac{t}{\delta})\mathcal{X}_0 \oplus \frac{t}{\delta}e^{\delta A}\mathcal{X}_0 \\ &\oplus (\frac{t}{\delta}\mathcal{E}_\Omega^+ \cap (1 - \frac{t}{\delta})\mathcal{E}_\Omega^-) \\ &\oplus t\mathcal{U} \oplus \frac{t^2}{\delta^2}\mathcal{E}_\Psi \end{aligned}$$

$$\Phi_2(A, \delta) = A^{-2} (e^{\delta A} - I - \delta A)$$

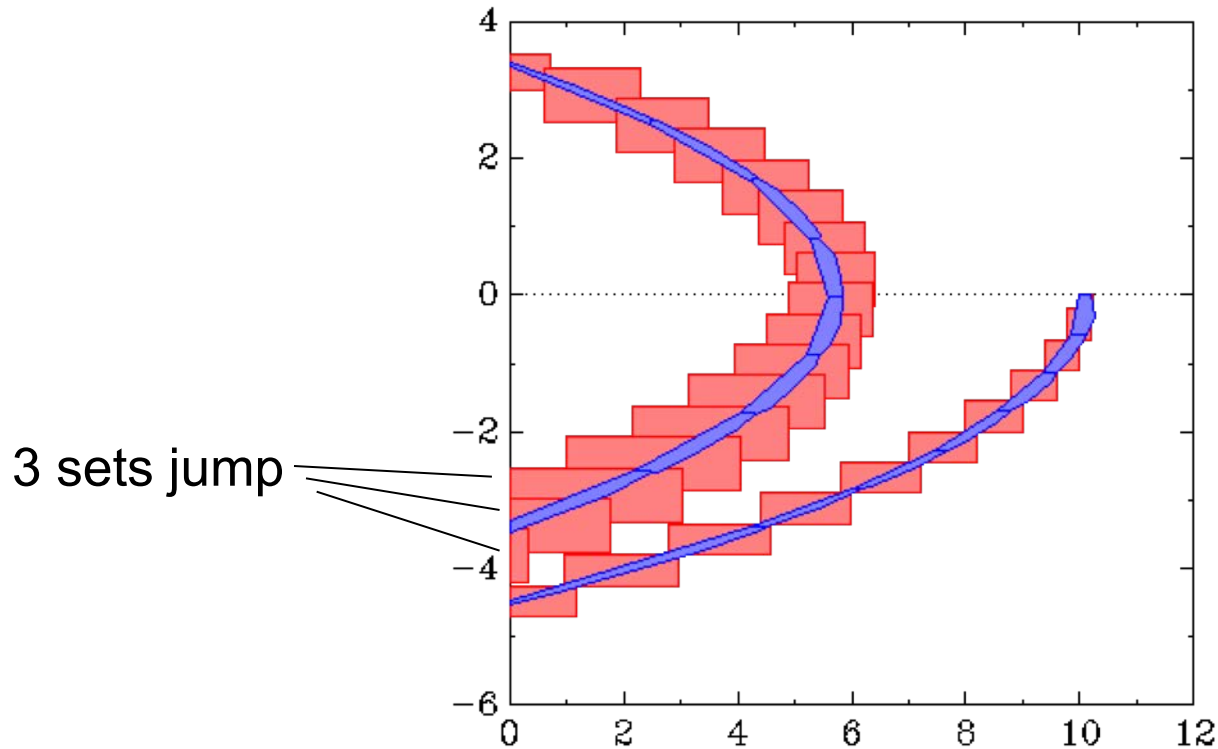
$$\mathcal{E}_\Omega^+(\mathcal{X}_0, \delta) = \square(\Phi_2(|A|, \delta) \square(A^2\mathcal{X}_0)),$$

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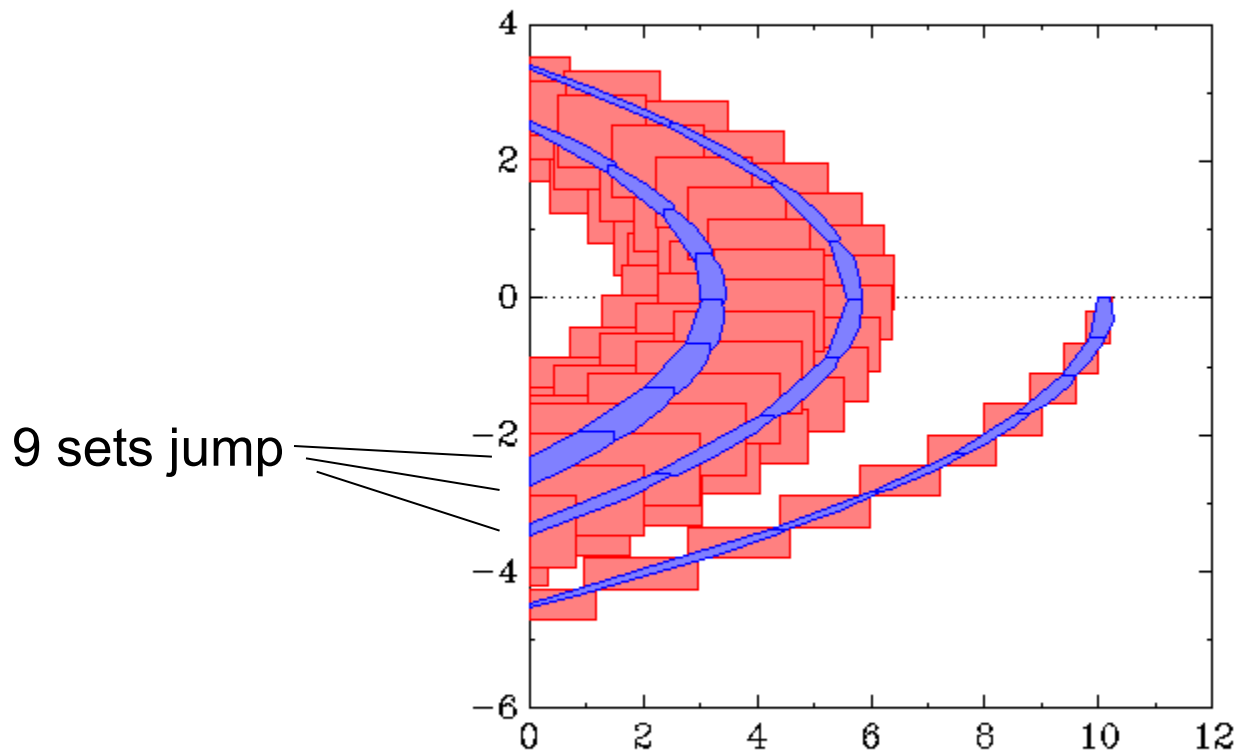
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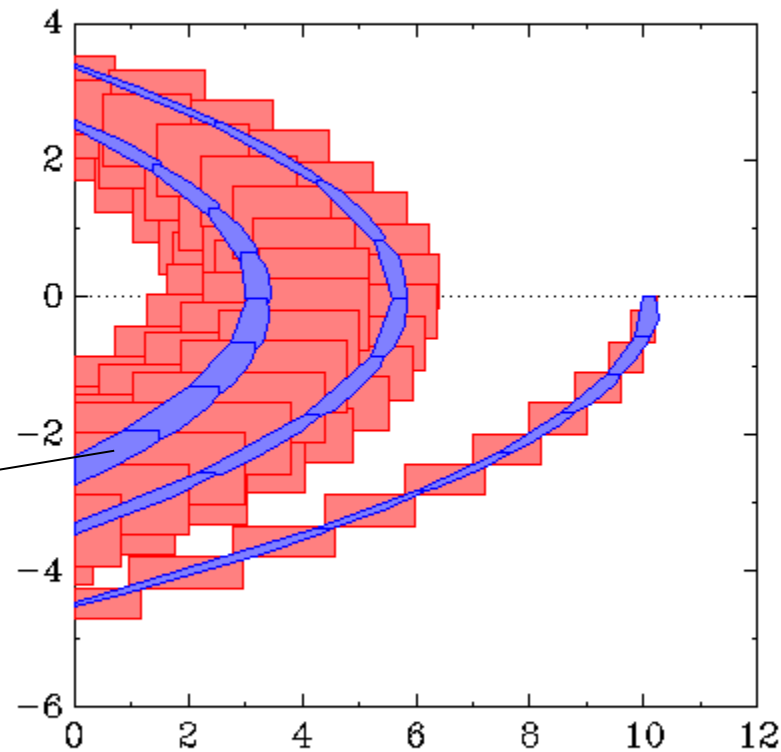
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cover with  
minimal number  
of sets  
[HSCC'13]



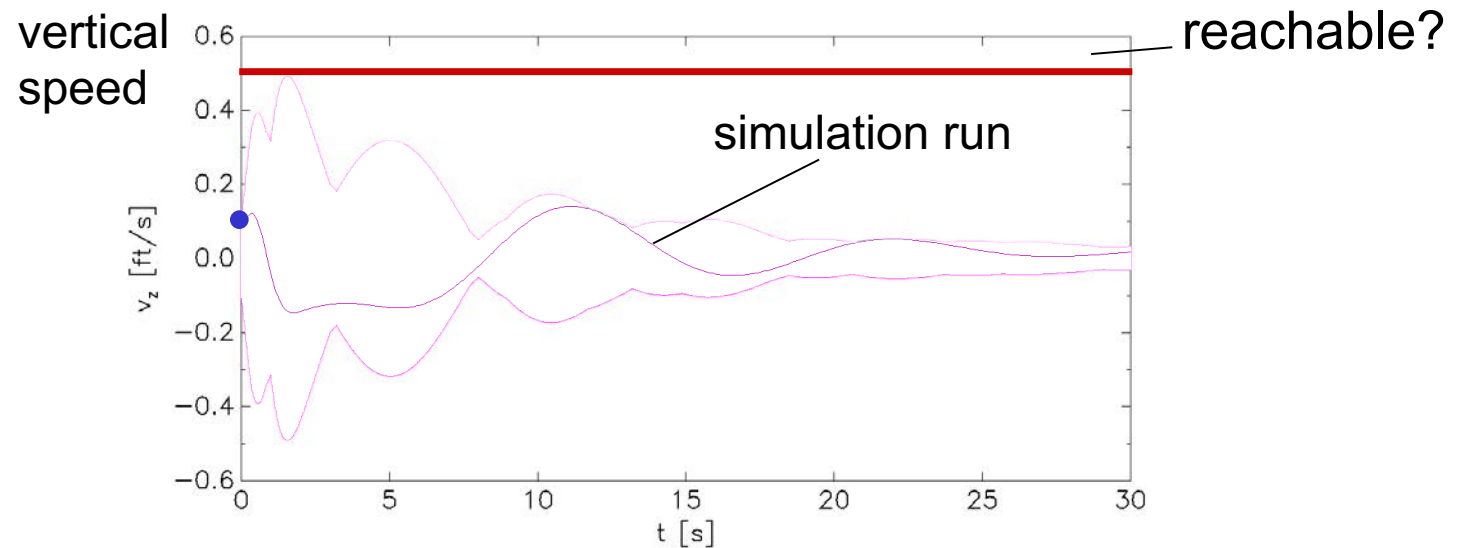
# Example: Controlled Helicopter



- **28-dim model of a Westland Lynx helicopter**
  - 8-dim model of flight dynamics
  - 20-dim continuous  $H_\infty$  controller for disturbance rejection
  - stiff, highly coupled dynamics

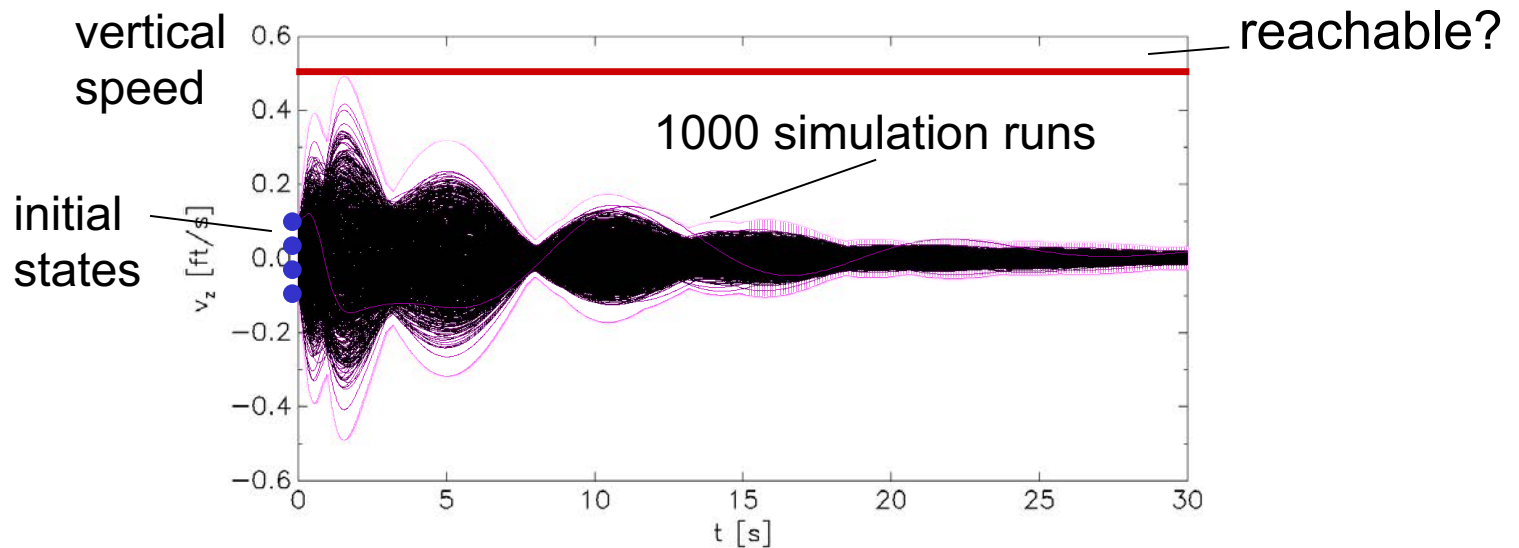
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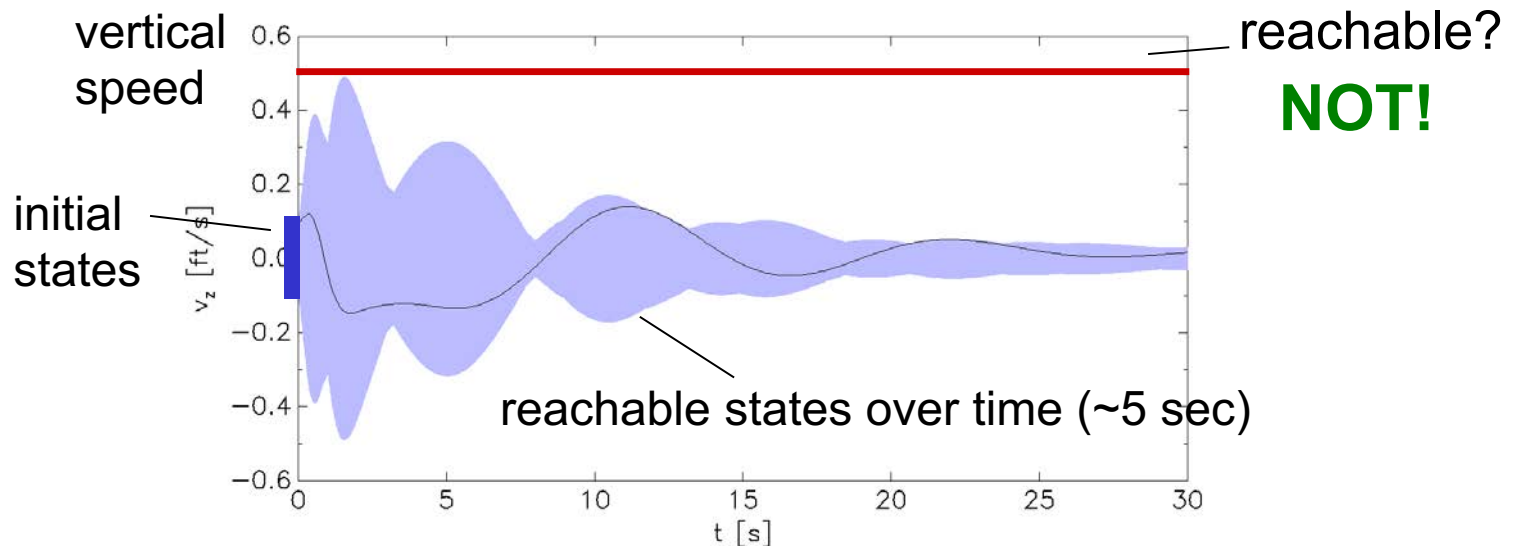
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- **single** behavior

- **Reachability**

- cover of **all** behaviors



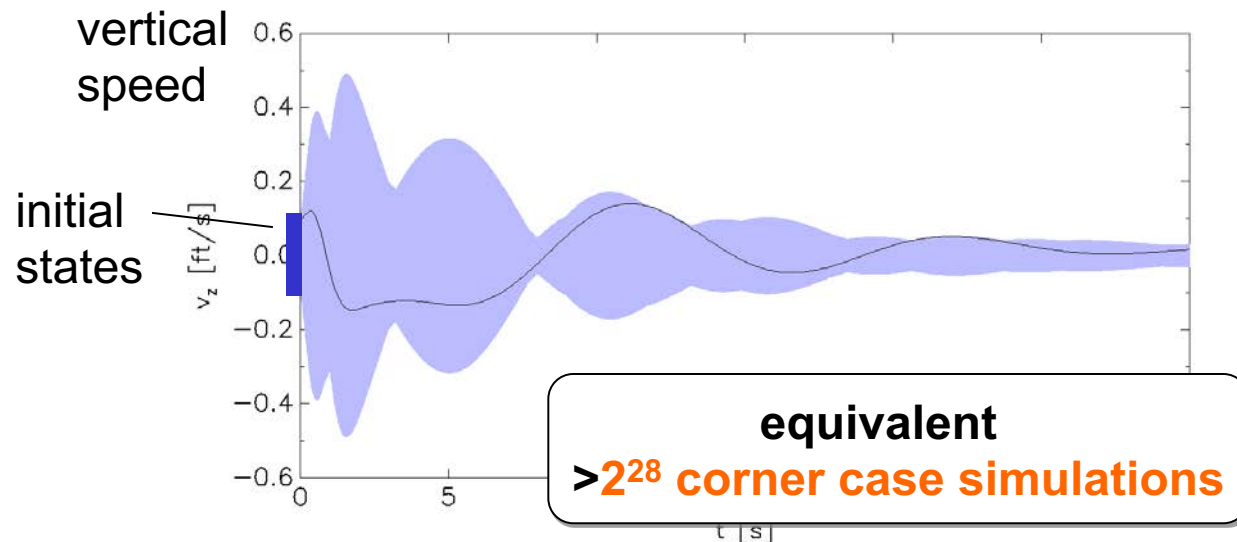
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- deterministic
  - resolve nondet. using Monte Carlo etc.
- scalable for nonlinear dyn.

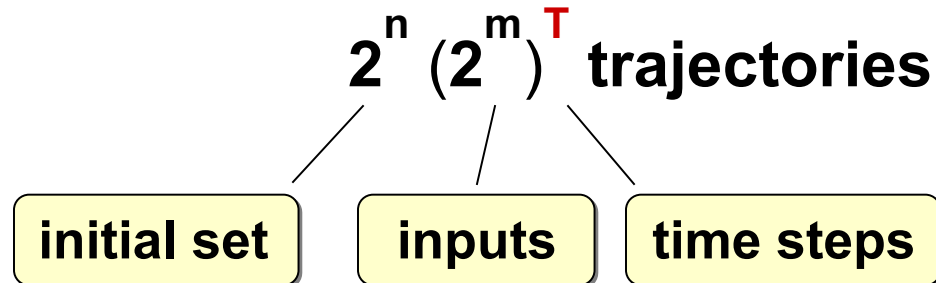
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- **nondeterministic**
  - continuous disturbances...
  - implementation tolerances...
- scalable for linear dynamics



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- **corner case simulation: check all extreme points**
  - n variables, T time steps
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**$2^n (2^m)^T$  trajectories**

- **template reachability (interval enclosure):**

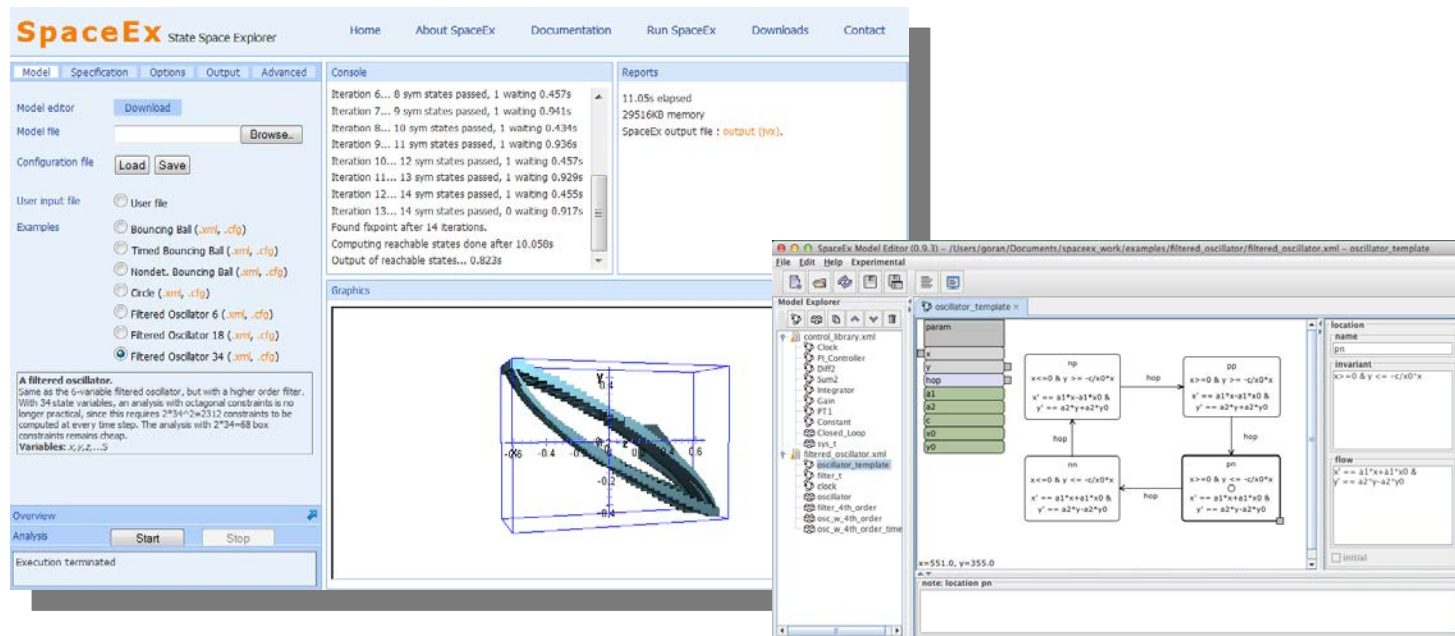
**$T O(n^3)$  operations**

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# SpaceEx Verification Platform

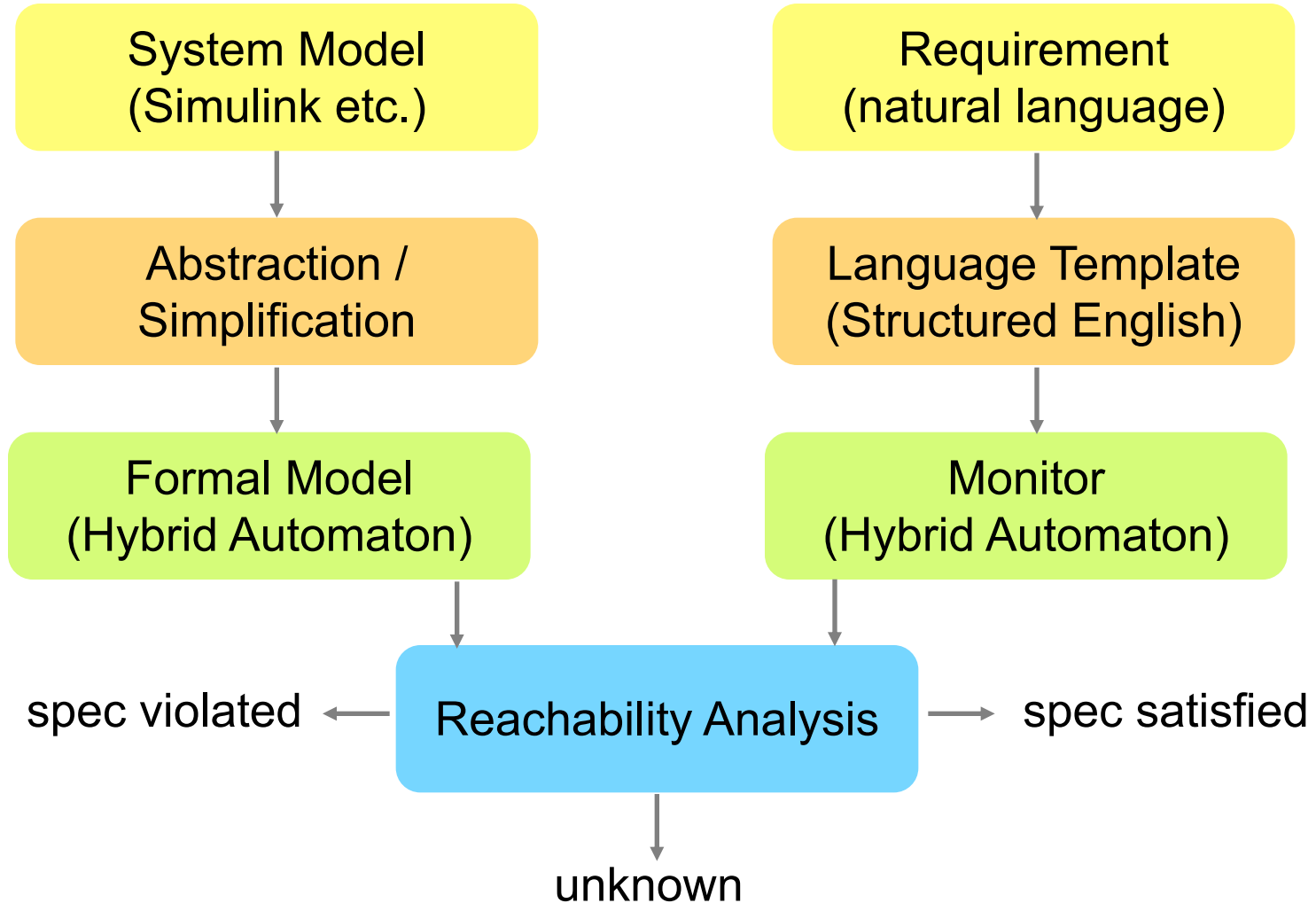
- reachability, monitoring, simulation  
ADHS'09, ICTSS'11, CAV '11
- open source: [spaceex.imag.fr](http://spaceex.imag.fr)



The screenshot displays the SpaceEx State Space Explorer interface. The main window is titled "SpaceEx State Space Explorer" and includes a menu bar with options like Home, About SpaceEx, Documentation, Run SpaceEx, Downloads, and Contact. The interface is divided into several panes:

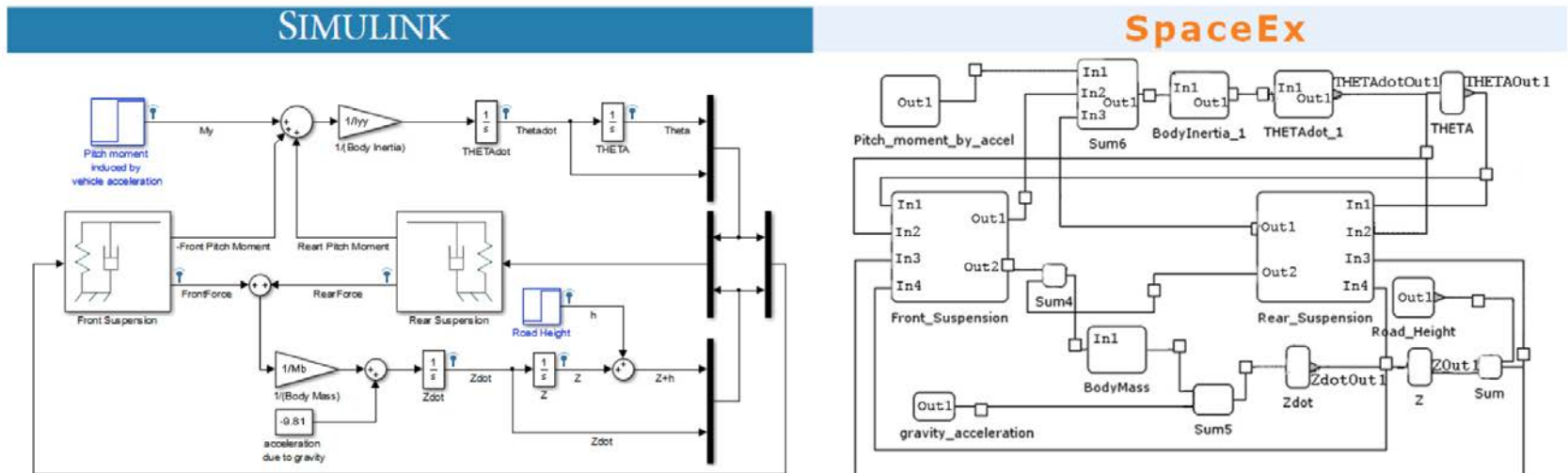
- Model editor:** Contains a "Download" button, a "Model file" field with a "Browse..." button, and "Load" and "Save" buttons for the "Configuration file".
- User input file:** Includes a radio button for "User file" and a list of "Examples" such as "Bouncing Ball (.xml, .cfg)", "Timed Bouncing Ball (.xml, .cfg)", "Nondet. Bouncing Ball (.xml, .cfg)", "Circle (.xml, .cfg)", "Filtered Oscillator 6 (.xml, .cfg)", "Filtered Oscillator 18 (.xml, .cfg)", and "Filtered Oscillator 34 (.xml, .cfg)".
- Console:** Shows the progress of a verification run, including iterations (e.g., "Iteration 6... 6 sym states passed, 1 waiting 0.457s") and a final message: "Found fixpoint after 14 iterations. Computing reachable states done after 10.050s. Output of reachable states... 0.823s".
- Graphics:** Displays a 3D plot of a filtered oscillator, showing a complex, elongated shape within a 3D coordinate system.
- Reports:** Shows system resources used, such as "11.05s elapsed" and "29516KB memory".
- Model Explorer:** A tree view showing the project structure, including "control\_library.xml", "oscillator\_template.xml", and various components like "Clock", "PI\_Controller", "Sum2", "Integrator", "Gain", "PI1", "Constant", "Closed\_Loop", and "sys\_2".
- oscillator\_template.xml:** A detailed view of the model template, showing a state transition diagram with locations (np, pn, nn, pn) and transitions labeled "hop". It includes mathematical expressions for state variables and a list of parameters (x, y, a1, a2, c, w0, y0).
- location:** A table defining the invariant and flow for the locations. The invariant is  $x=0 \ \& \ y \leq -c/x^2$ . The flow is defined by differential equations:  $x' = a1*x + a1*y^2$  and  $y' = a2*y + a2*y^2$ .

# SpaceEx Verification Workflow



# SL2SX: Translating Simulink to SpaceEx

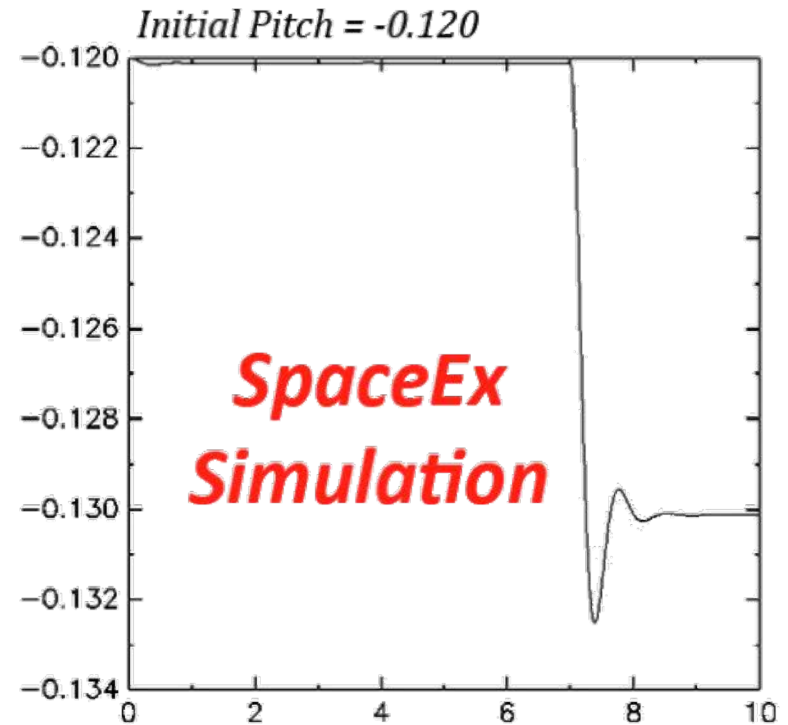
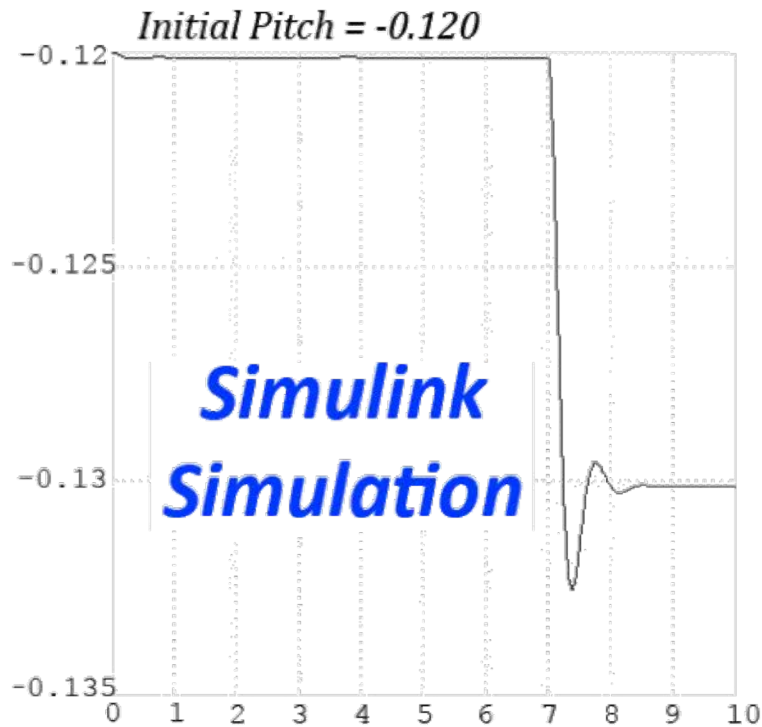
- **semi-automatic, gentle subset of Simulink**
  - continuous time linear blocks
  - steps, switches, etc.



Automotive Suspension from Simulink Example Library

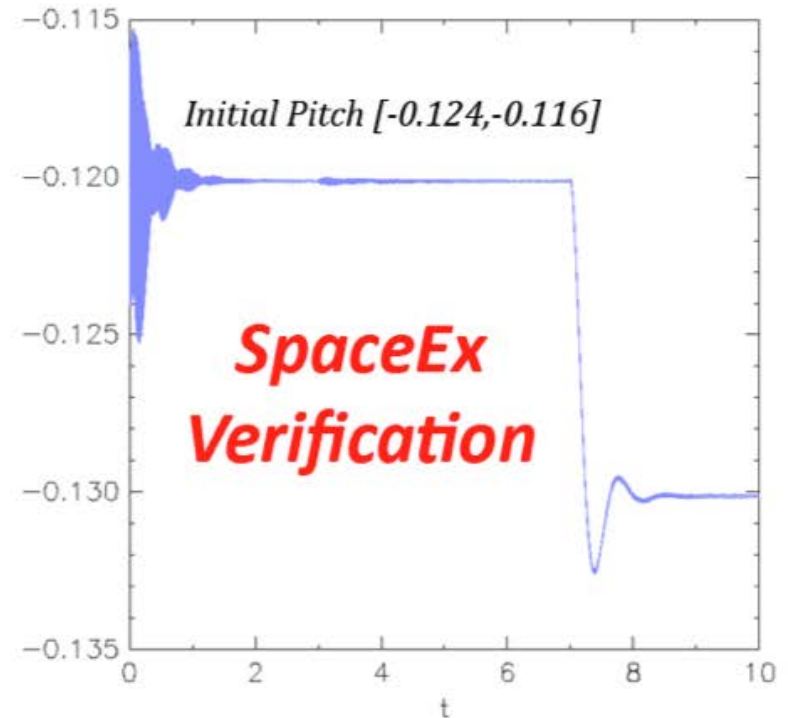
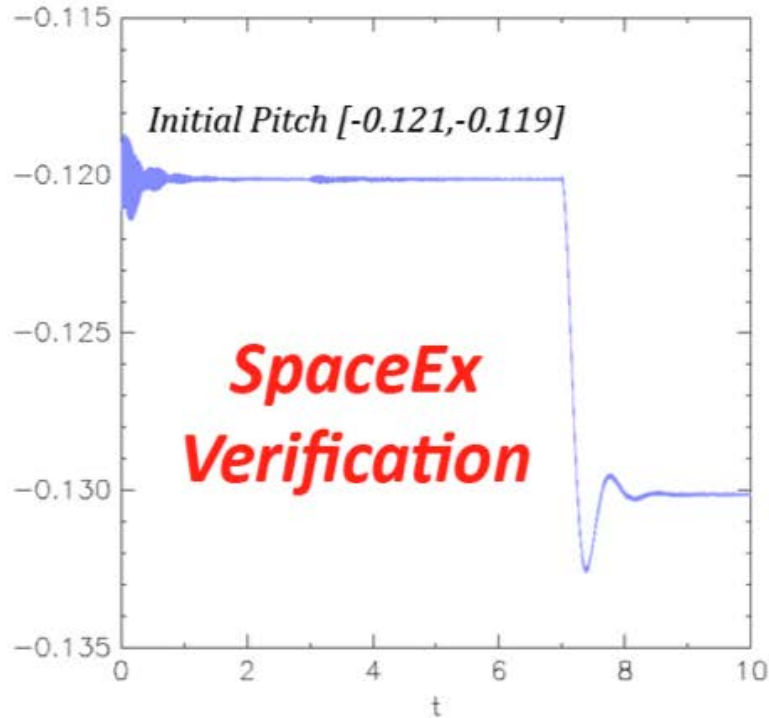


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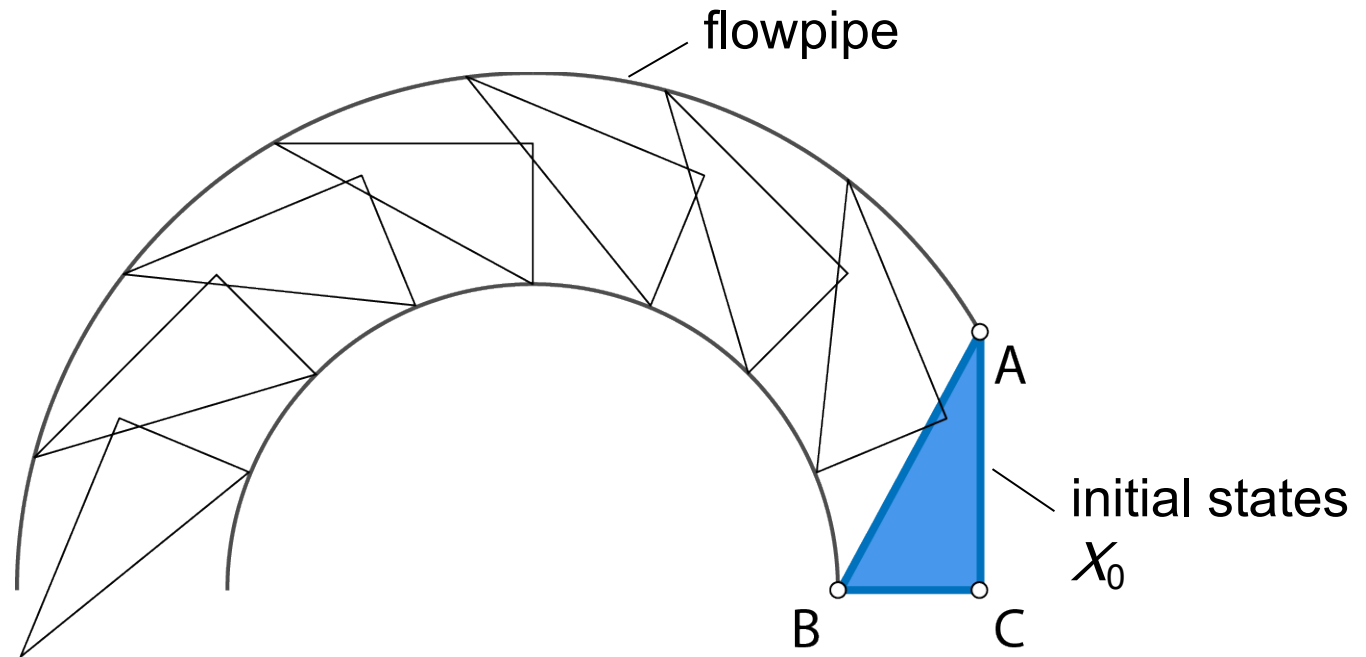
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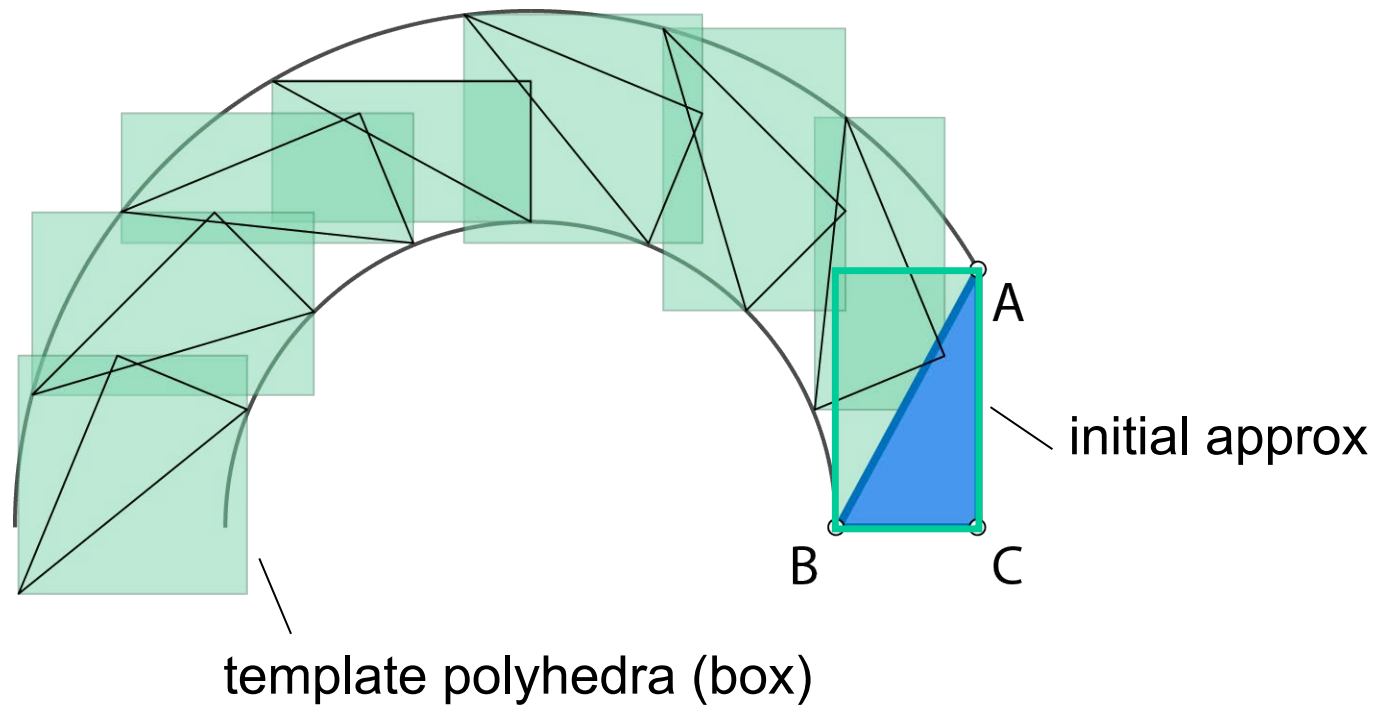
# Reachable States over Time



$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + u(t),$$

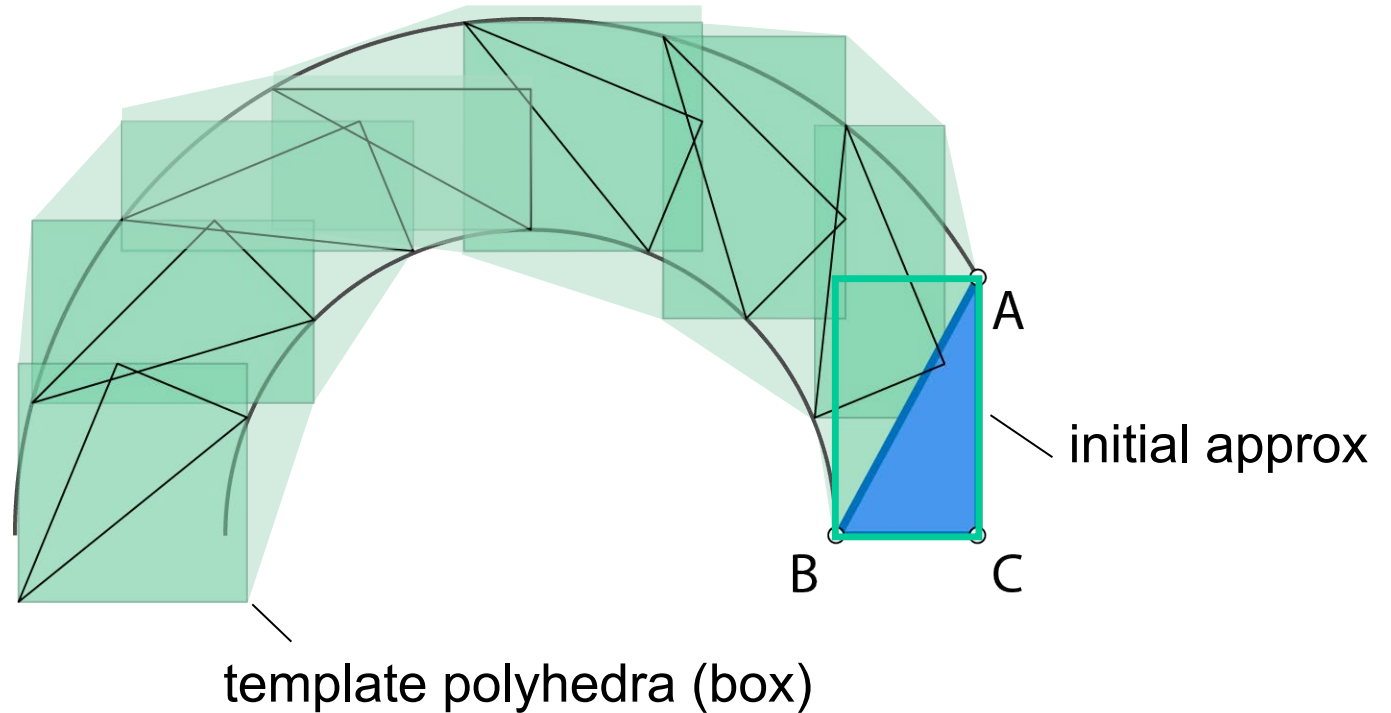
$$x(0) \in \mathcal{X}_0, u(t) \in \mathcal{U}$$

# Template Reachability



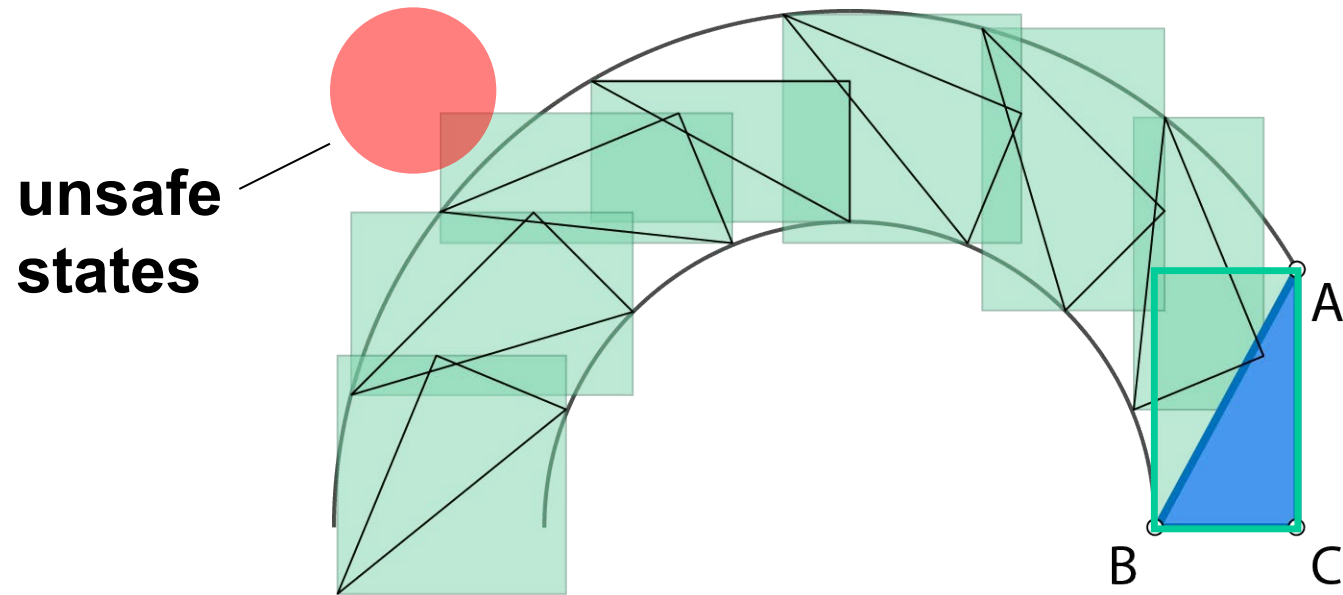
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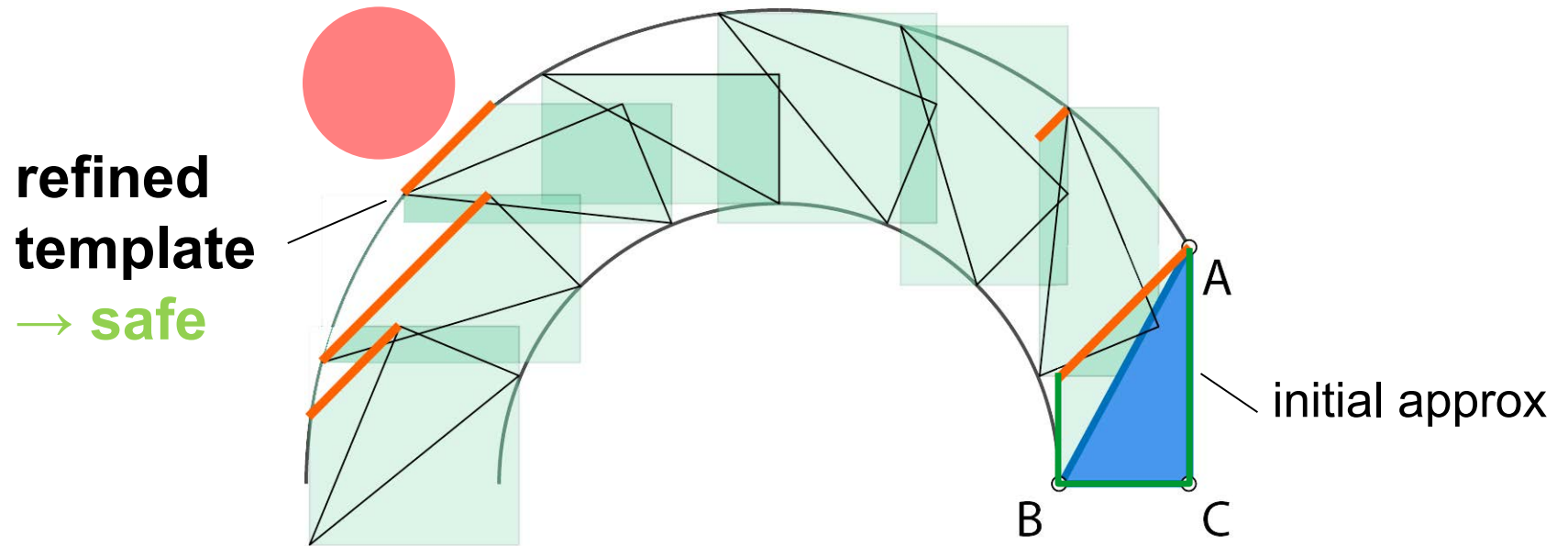
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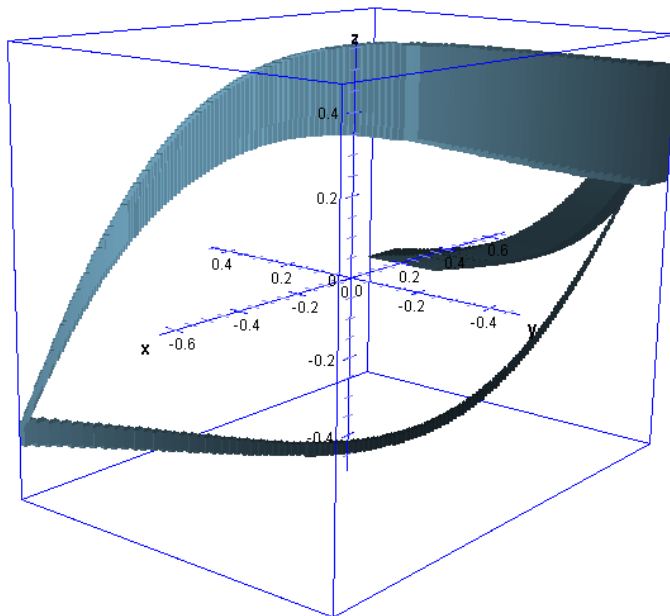


HSCC'15, TACAS'17, CAV'18

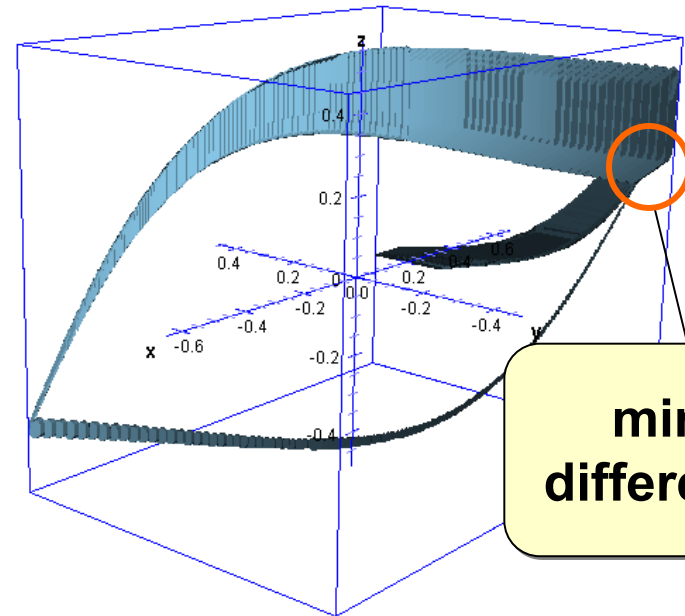
# Example: Switched Oscillator

CAV'11

- Low number of directions sufficient?
  - here: 6 state variables



 box directions

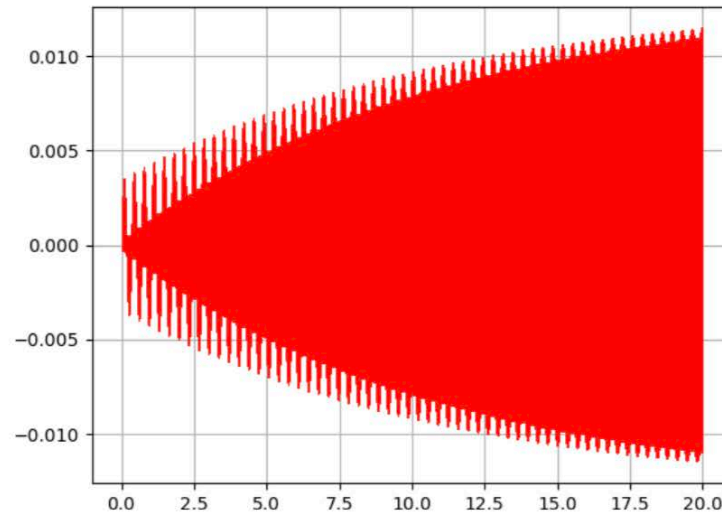
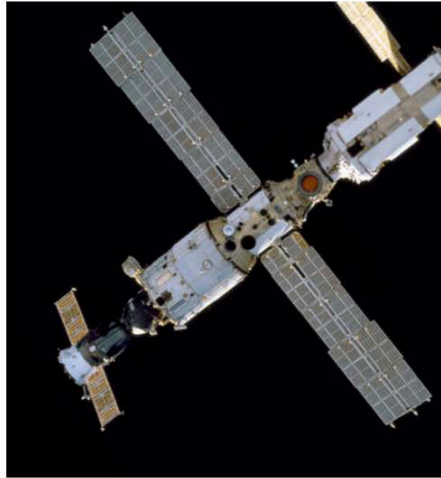


minor differences

 octagonal directions  
6 x more work



# Example: International Space Station



flexible body dynamics of Russian module of ISS<sup>1</sup>  
 270 variables, 3 nondet. inputs

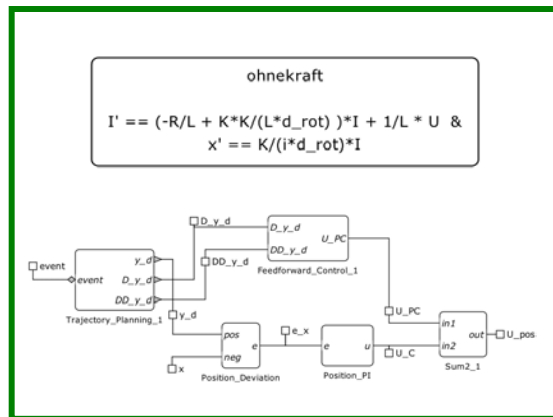
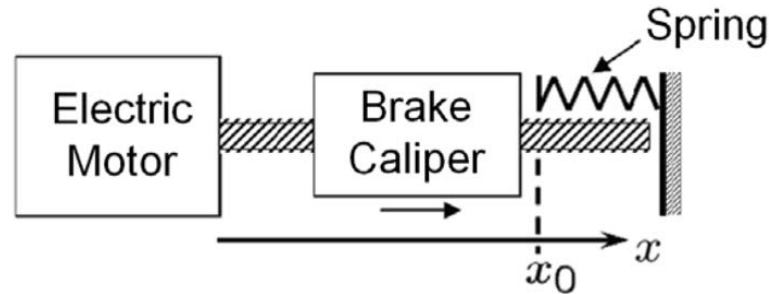
property with 1 variable: **40s**, with 270 variables: **45min**

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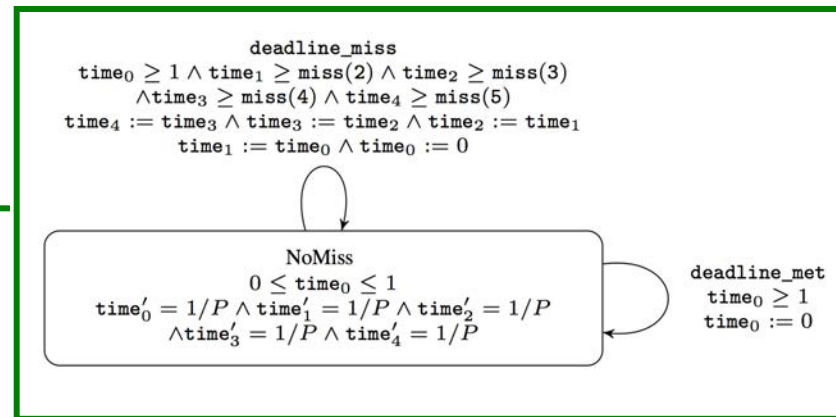
<sup>1</sup> Y. Chahlaoui and P. Van Dooren, "Benchmark examples for model reduction of linear time-invariant dynamical systems," in *Dimension Reduction of Large-Scale Systems*, Springer, 2005, pp. 379–392.

# Case Study: Electro-Mechanical Brake

RTSS'14

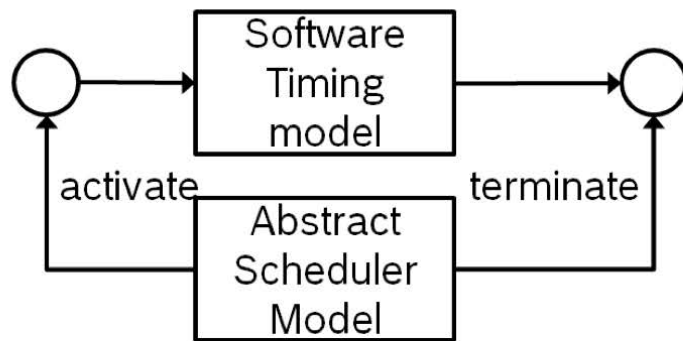


Plant & Controller

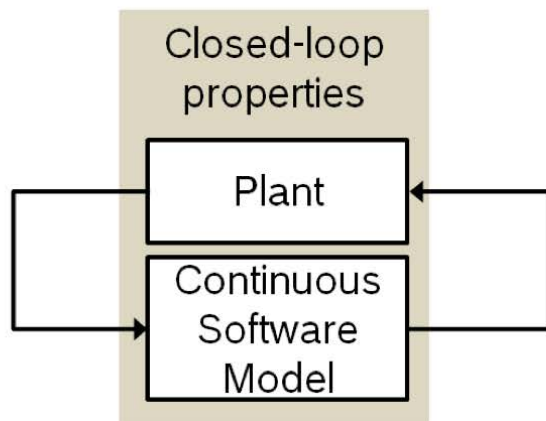


Scheduler (timed automaton)

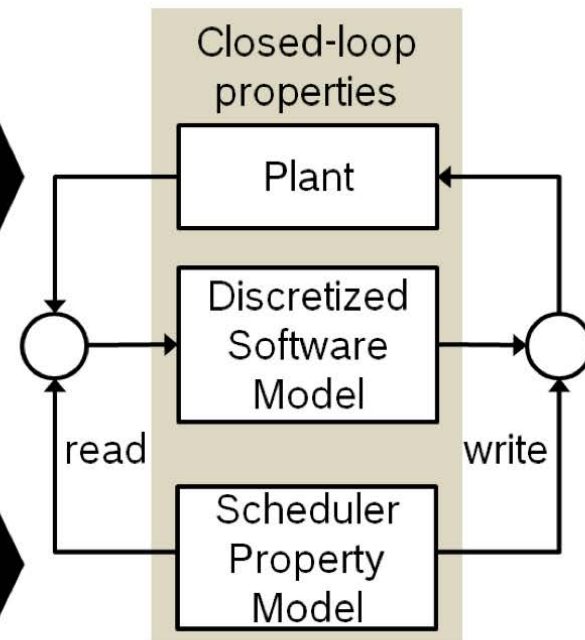
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(a) Timing analysis of software



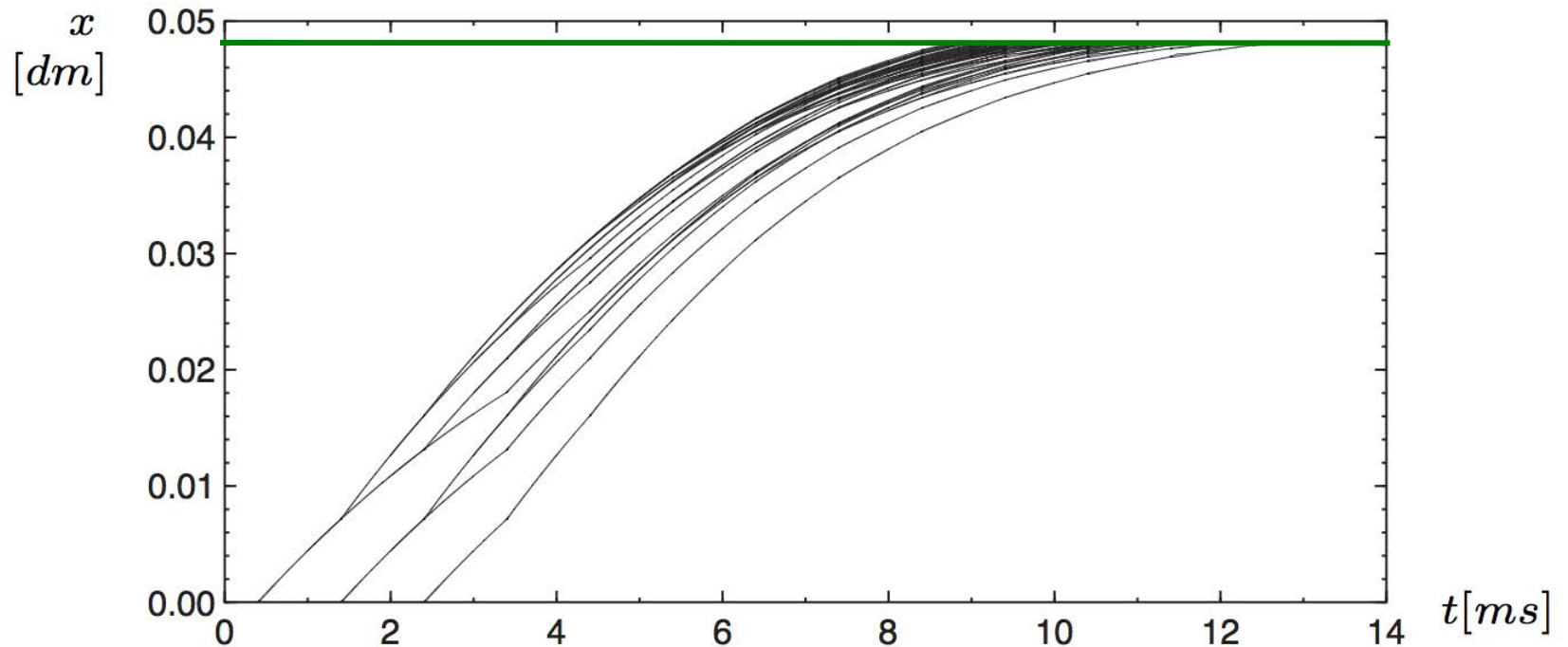
(b) Closed-loop verification



(c) Closed-loop verification including timing effects

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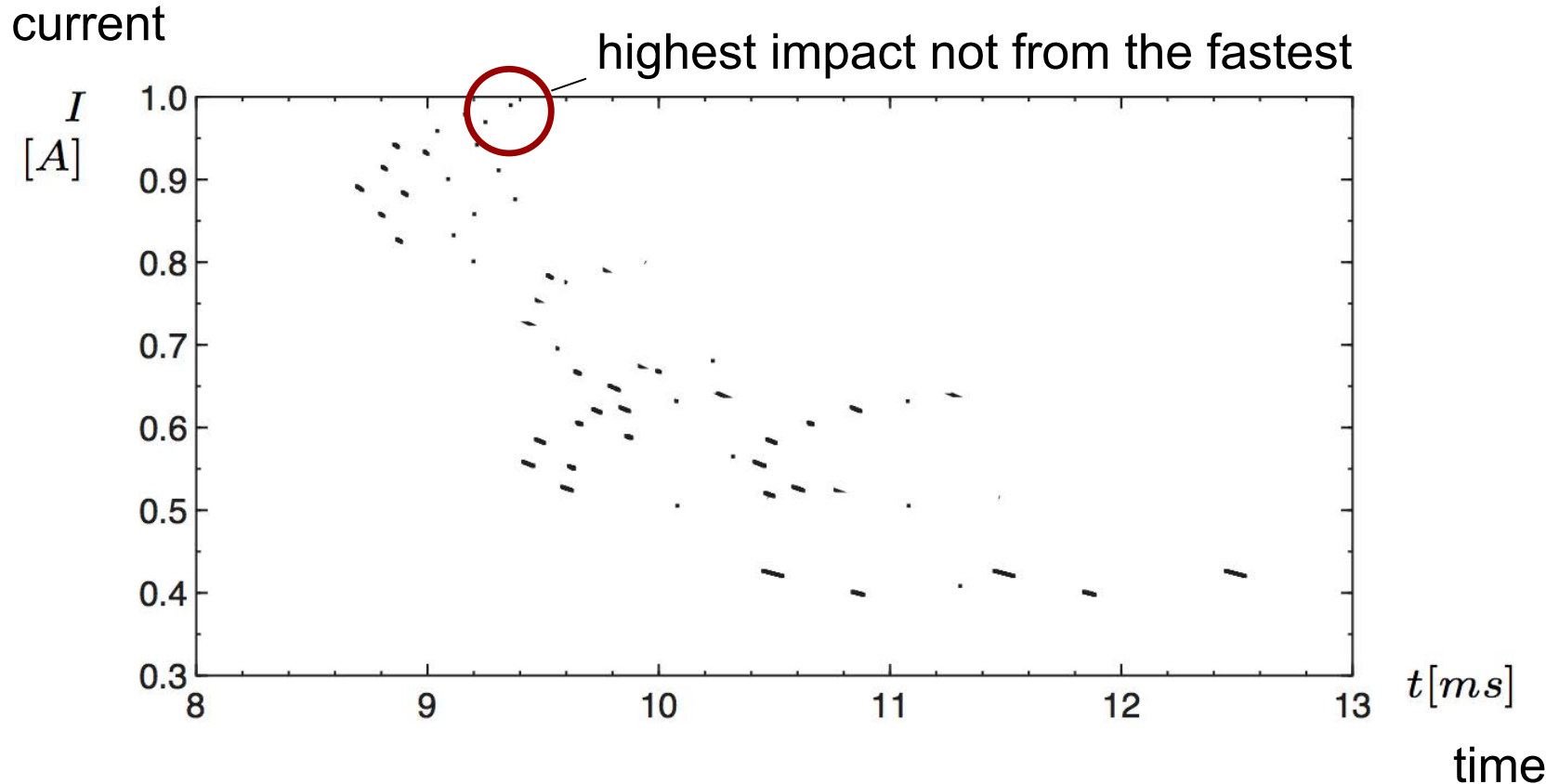
caliper position



verified: reaches target within 20ms

time

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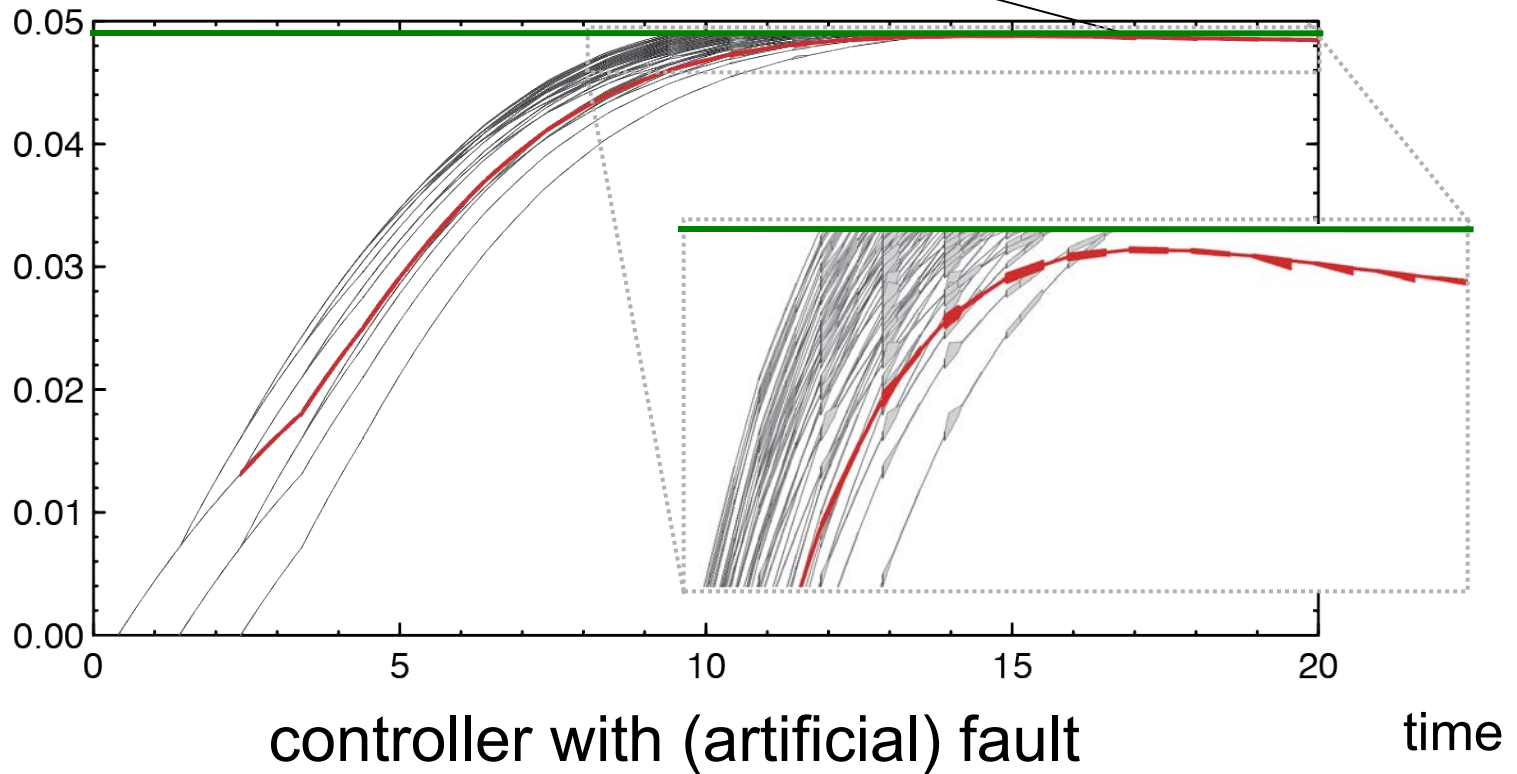


**physical properties:** maximum impulse on contact  
(measured via current)

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caliper position

1 case fails completely



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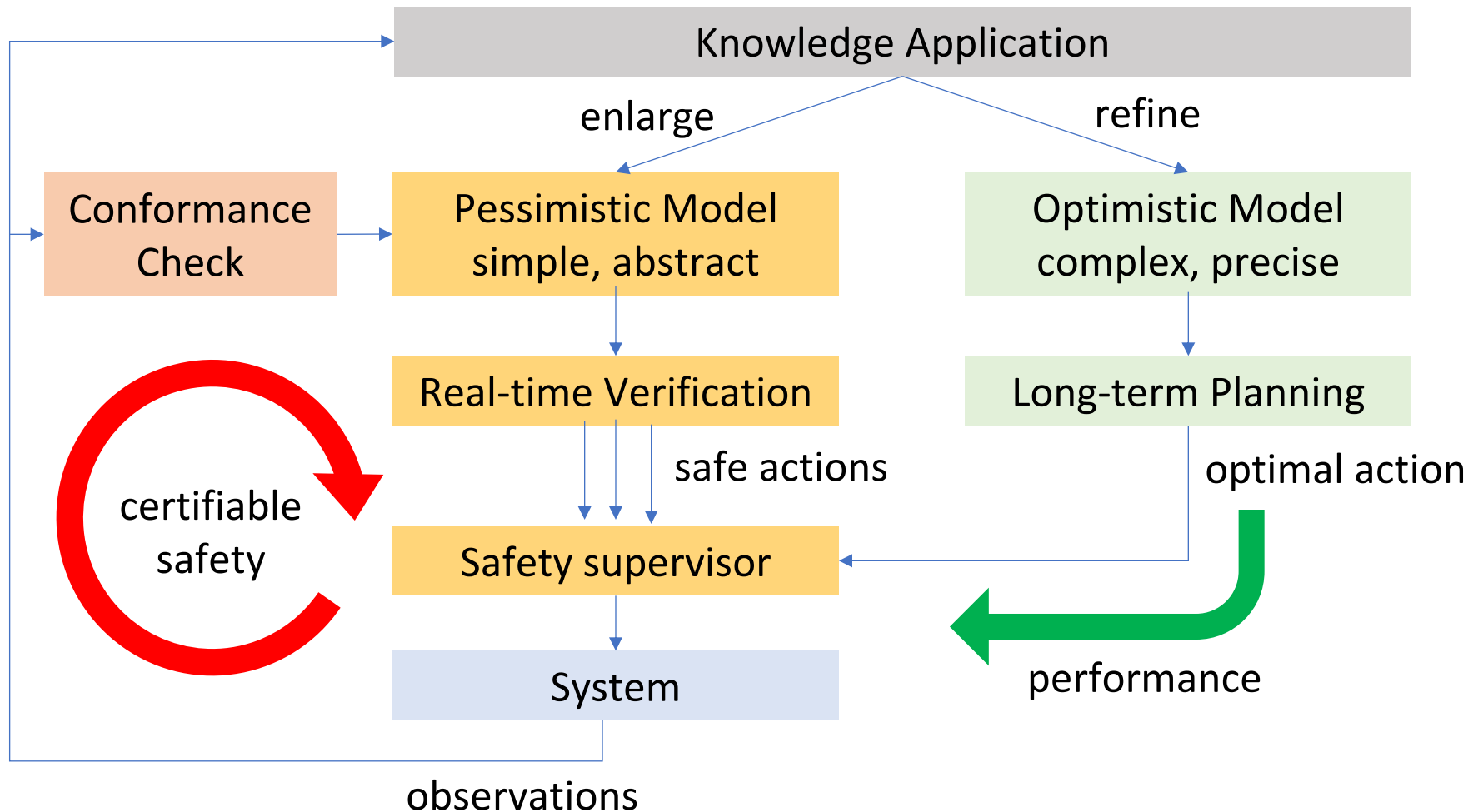
- Modeling Complex Systems
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- Template Reachability in SpaceEx
- **Dealing with Unpredictability**
- Conclusions and Perspectives

# Unpredictability

- **How to deal with an unpredictable environment?**
  - **safe**
  - **adaptive**
  - **supervision**



# Plan for the best, check for the worst



similar to QoS safety: Combaz, Fernandez, Sifakis, Strus. 2008

automated driving: Koschi, Althoff, 2017; Schürmann; Heß; Eilbrecht; Stursberg; Köster; Althoff, 2017

# ONLINE REACHABILITY ANALYSIS

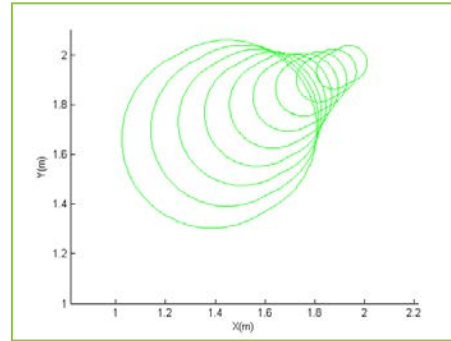
Althoff et al., 2018



$$\begin{aligned} \dot{p}_x &= v_x \\ \dot{p}_y &= v_y \\ \dot{v}_x &= a_x \\ \dot{v}_y &= a_y \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{U}_{ped}^{(a)} = \{(a_x, a_y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \mid a_x^2 + a_y^2 \leq a_{max}^2\}$$

Create Physical Model of Walking Pedestrian

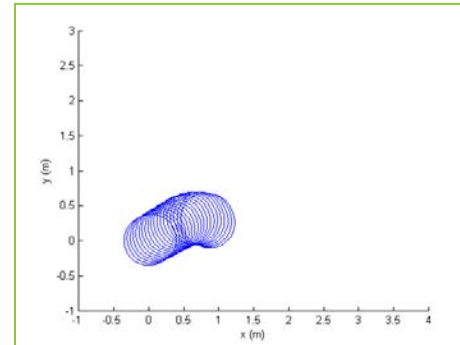


Compute Reachable Sets for each Pedestrian



$$\begin{aligned} \dot{s}_1 &= u_1 \cos s_3 \\ \dot{s}_2 &= u_1 \sin s_3 \\ \dot{s}_3 &= u_2 \end{aligned}$$

Create Physical Model of Robot

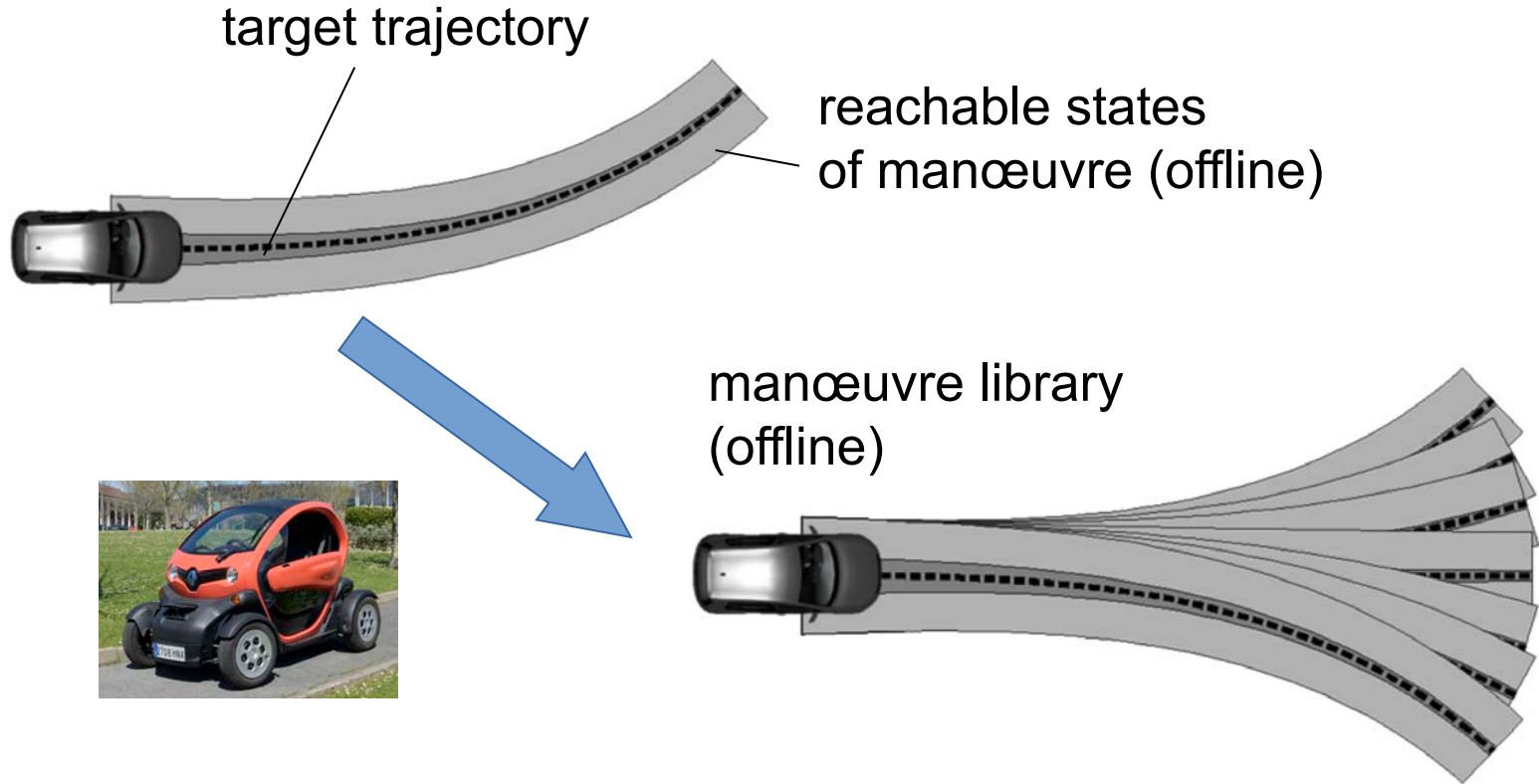


Compute Reachable Sets for Robot

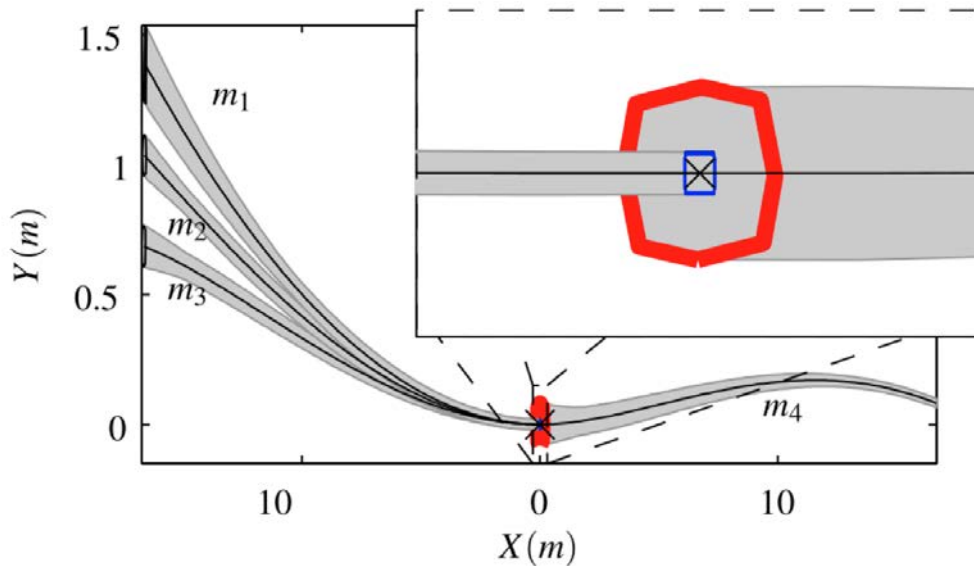


Check for Possible Collisions

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reachability:  
final states contained  
in initial states



can be chained

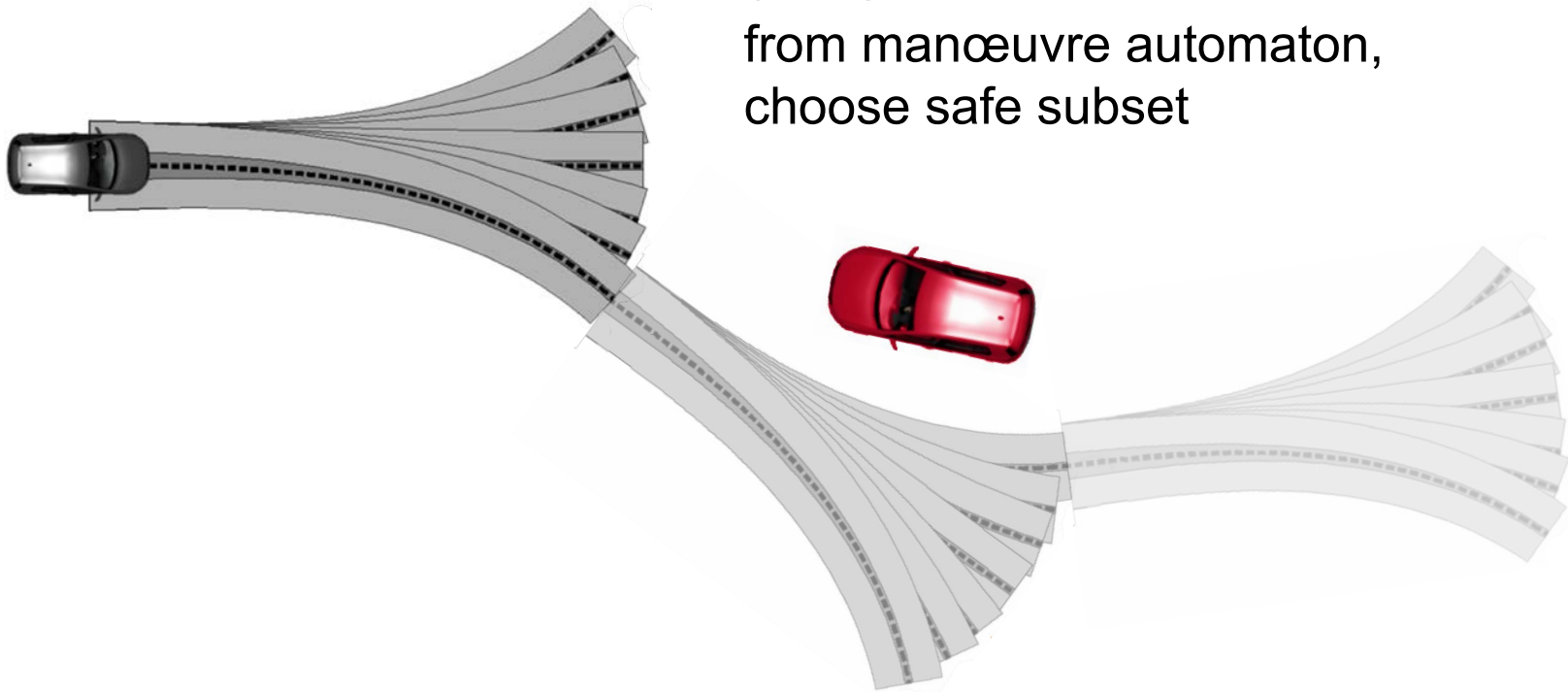


mancœuvre automaton

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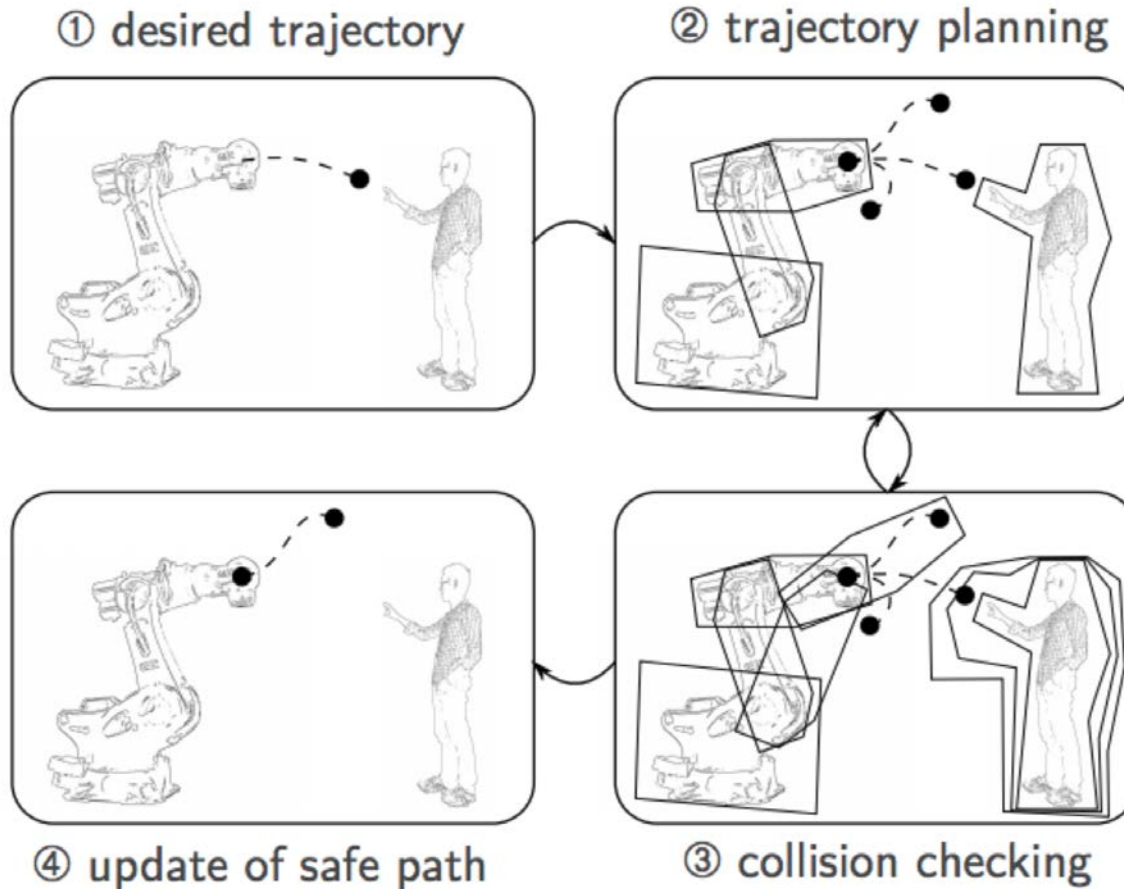
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online:  
from manoeuvre automaton,  
choose safe subset



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# Case Study: Human-Robot Co-Existence



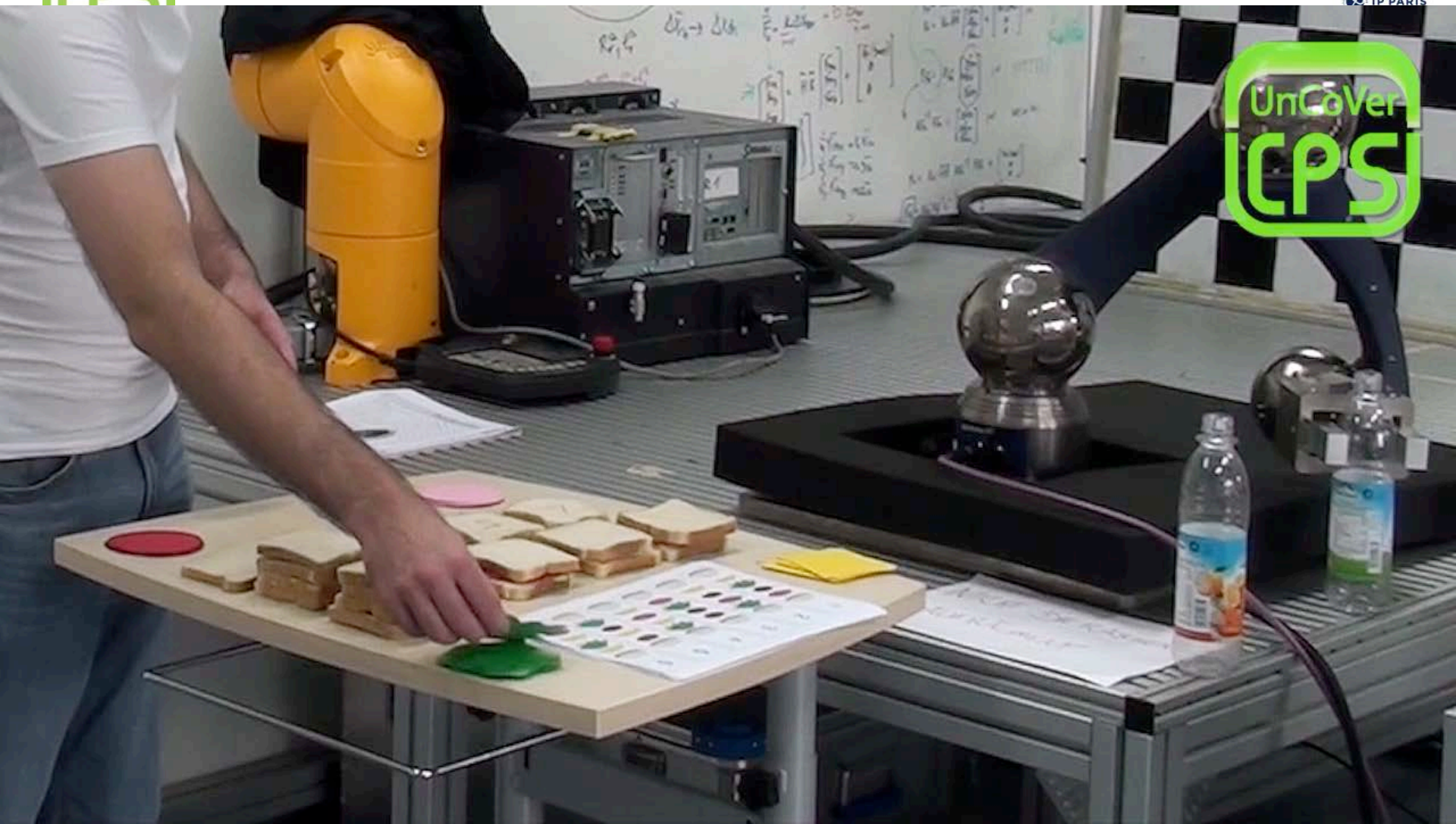
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# Case Study: Human-Robot Co-Existence



Experiment at TU Munich (Althoff et al.)

# Case Study:





# Conclusions and Perspectives

- **Set-based simulation: exhaustive envelope**
- **Can account for uncertainty**
  - modeling error, operating conditions
  - environment and user behavior
- **Huge potential for online use**
  - Verification: guarantee safety
  - Monitoring: measurements conform to model
  - Prediction: trigger fail-safe in time

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