

# Real Time Model Checking

*using UPPAAL*

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- UPPAAL Modelling Patterns
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# Druzba

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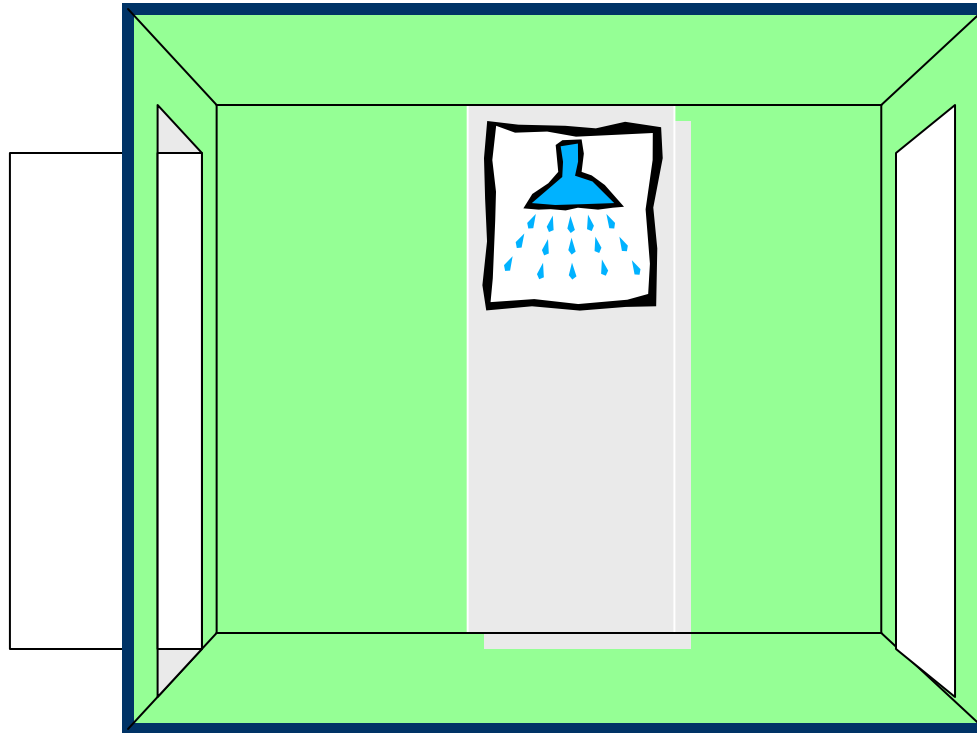


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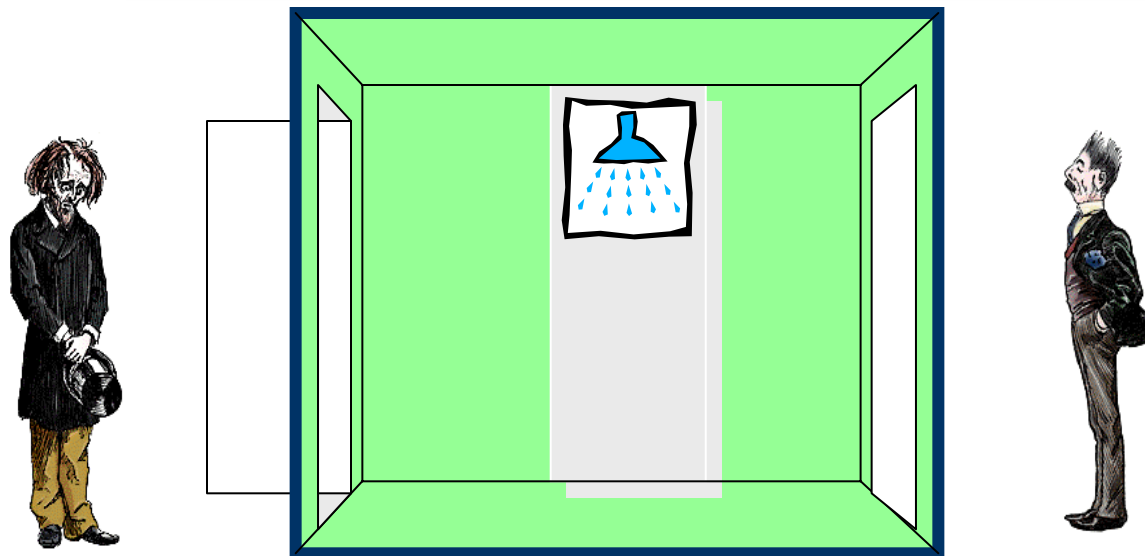
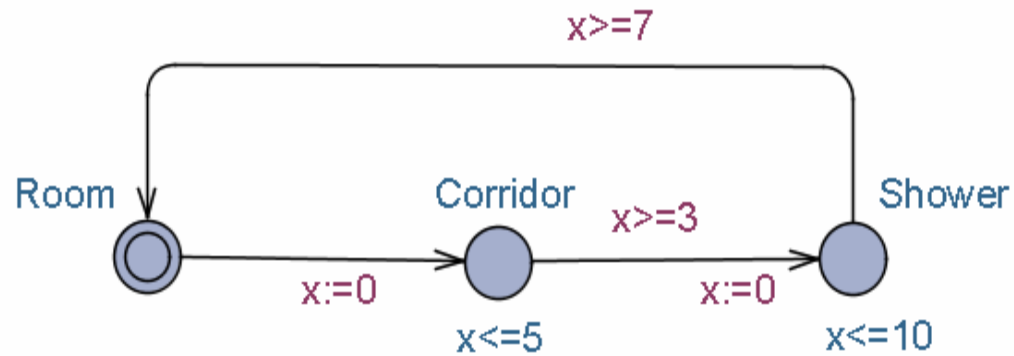


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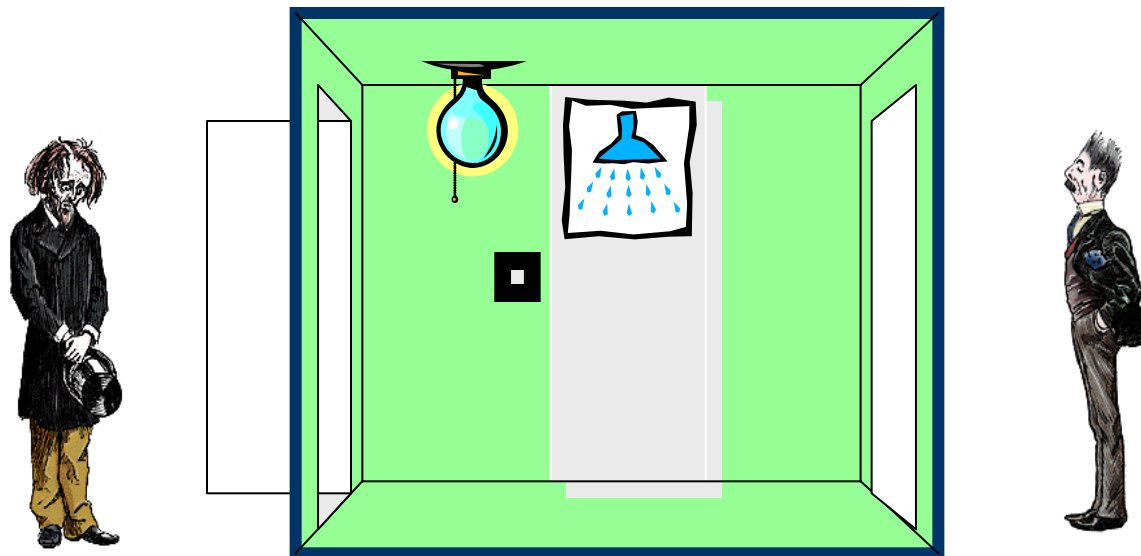
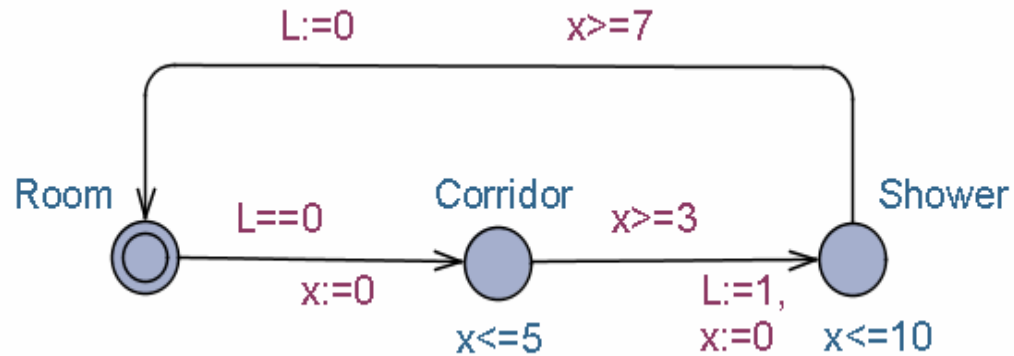
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# The Druzba MUTEX Problem



# The Druzba MUTEX Problem

Using the light as semaphore



# BRICK SORTING

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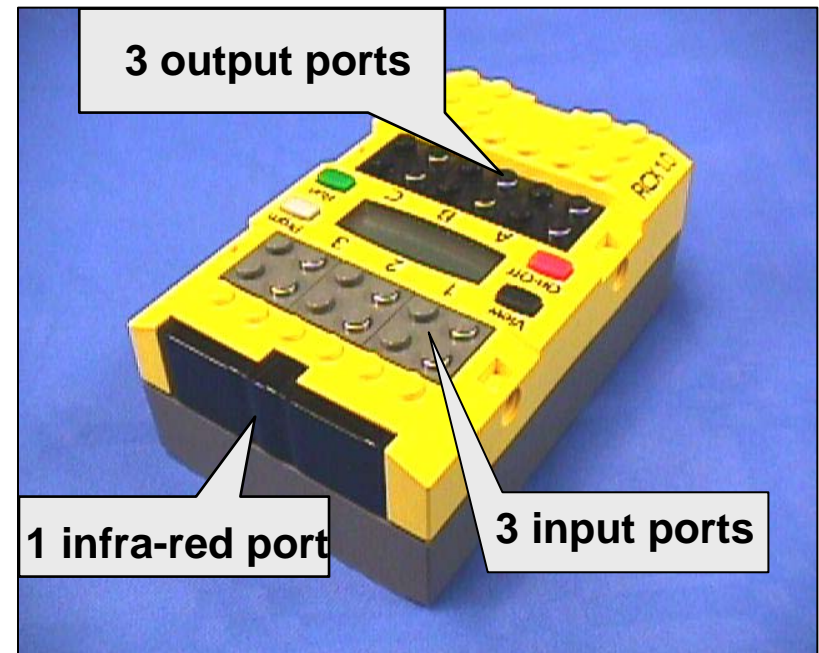


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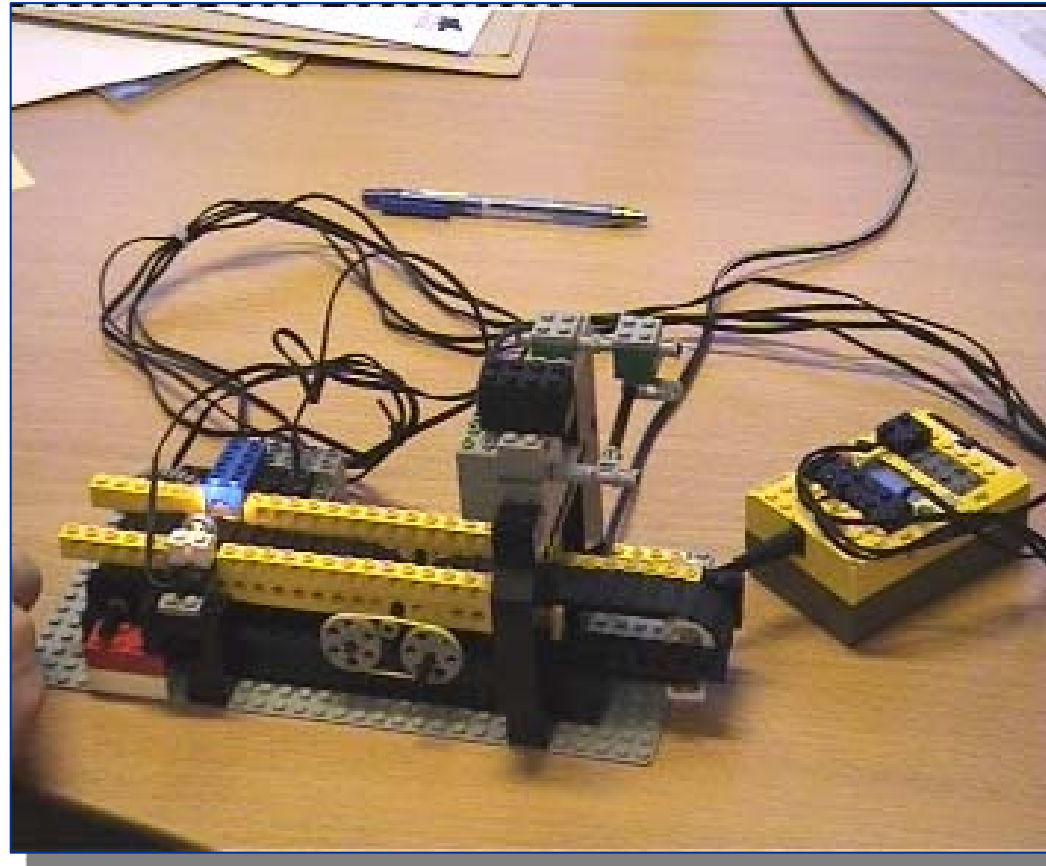
# LEGO Mindstorms/RCX

- Sensors: temperature, light, rotation, pressure.
- Actuators: motors, lamps,
- Virtual machine:
  - 10 tasks, 4 timers, 16 integers.
- Several Programming Languages:
  - NotQuiteC, Mindstorm, Robotics, legOS, etc.



# A Real Timed System

**The Plant**  
Conveyor Belt  
&  
Bricks



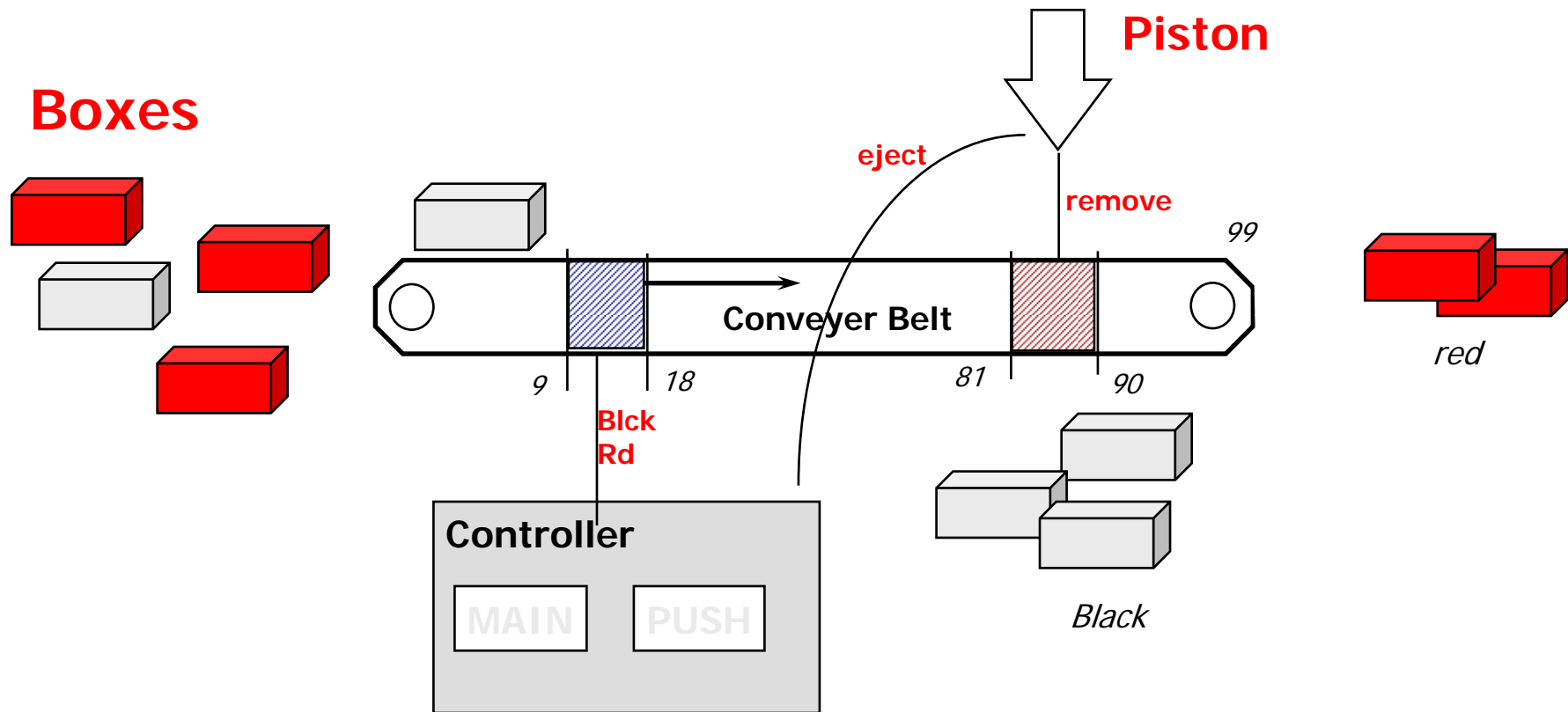
**Controller  
Program**  
LEGO MINDSTORM

**What is suppose to happen?**

# First UPPAAL model

*Sorting of Lego Boxes*

Ken Tindell



**Exercise:** Design **Controller** so that only black boxes are being pushed out

# NQC programs

```
int active;
int DELAY;
int LIGHT_LEVEL;
```

```
task MAIN{
  DELAY=75;
  LIGHT_LEVEL=35;
  active=0;
  Sensor(IN_1, IN_LIGHT);
  Fwd(OUT_A,1);
  Display(1);

  start PUSH;

  while(true){

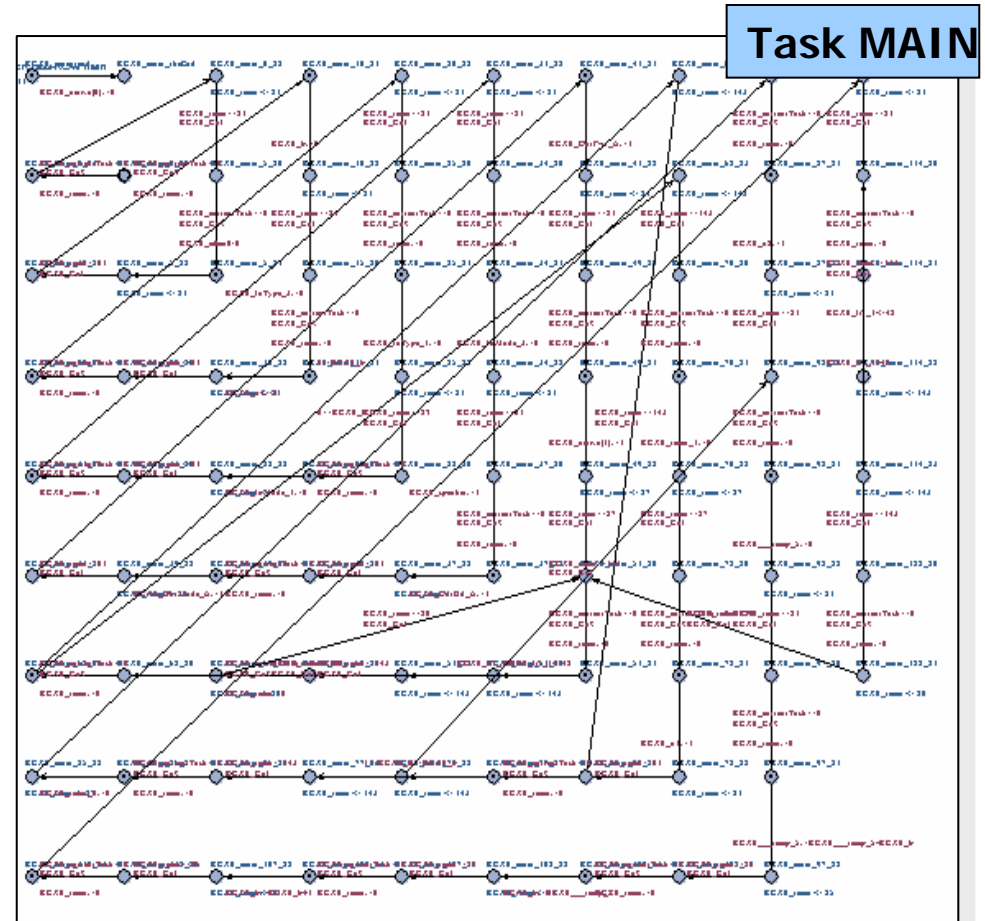
wait(IN_1<=LIGHT_LEVEL);
  ClearTimer(1);
  active=1;
  PlaySound(1);

wait(IN_1>LIGHT_LEVEL);
  }
}
```

```
task PUSH{
  while(true){
    wait(Timer(1)>DELAY && active==1);
    active=0;
    Rev(OUT_C,1);
    Sleep(8);
    Fwd(OUT_C,1);
    Sleep(12);
    Off(OUT_C);
  }
}
```

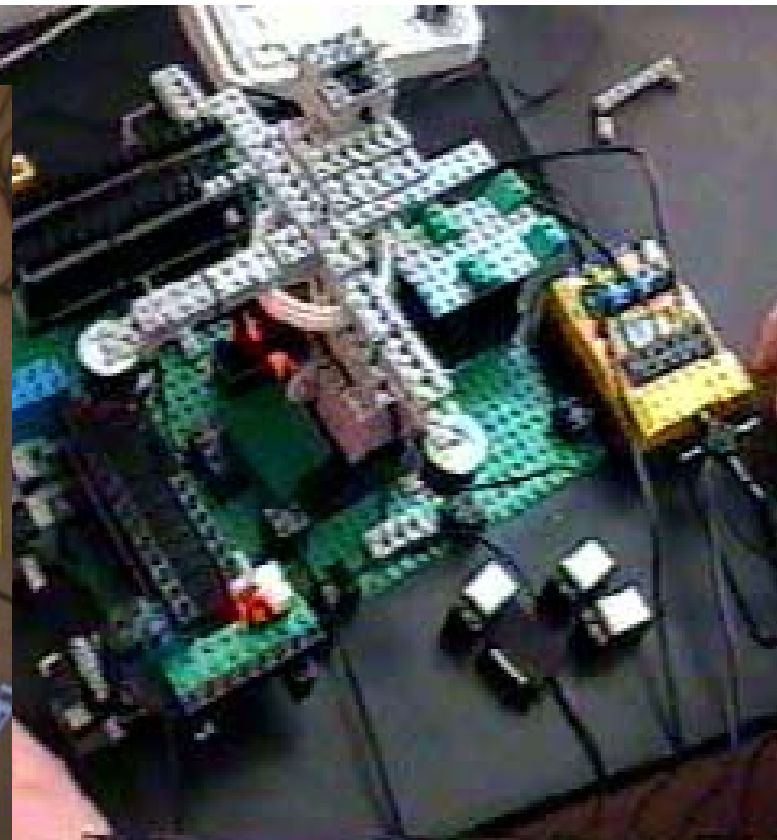
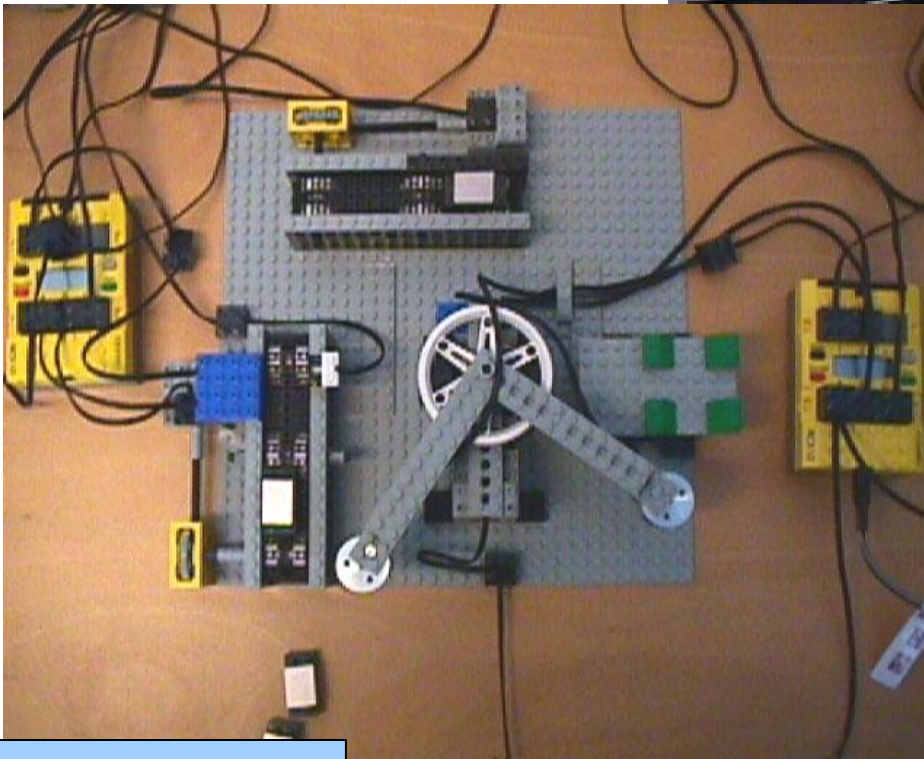
# From RCX to UPPAAL

- Model includes Round-Robin Scheduler.
- Compilation of RCX tasks into TA models.
- Presented at ECRTS 2000



# The Production Cell

*Course at DTU, Copenhagen*



Production Cell

# Overview of the UPPAAL Toolkit

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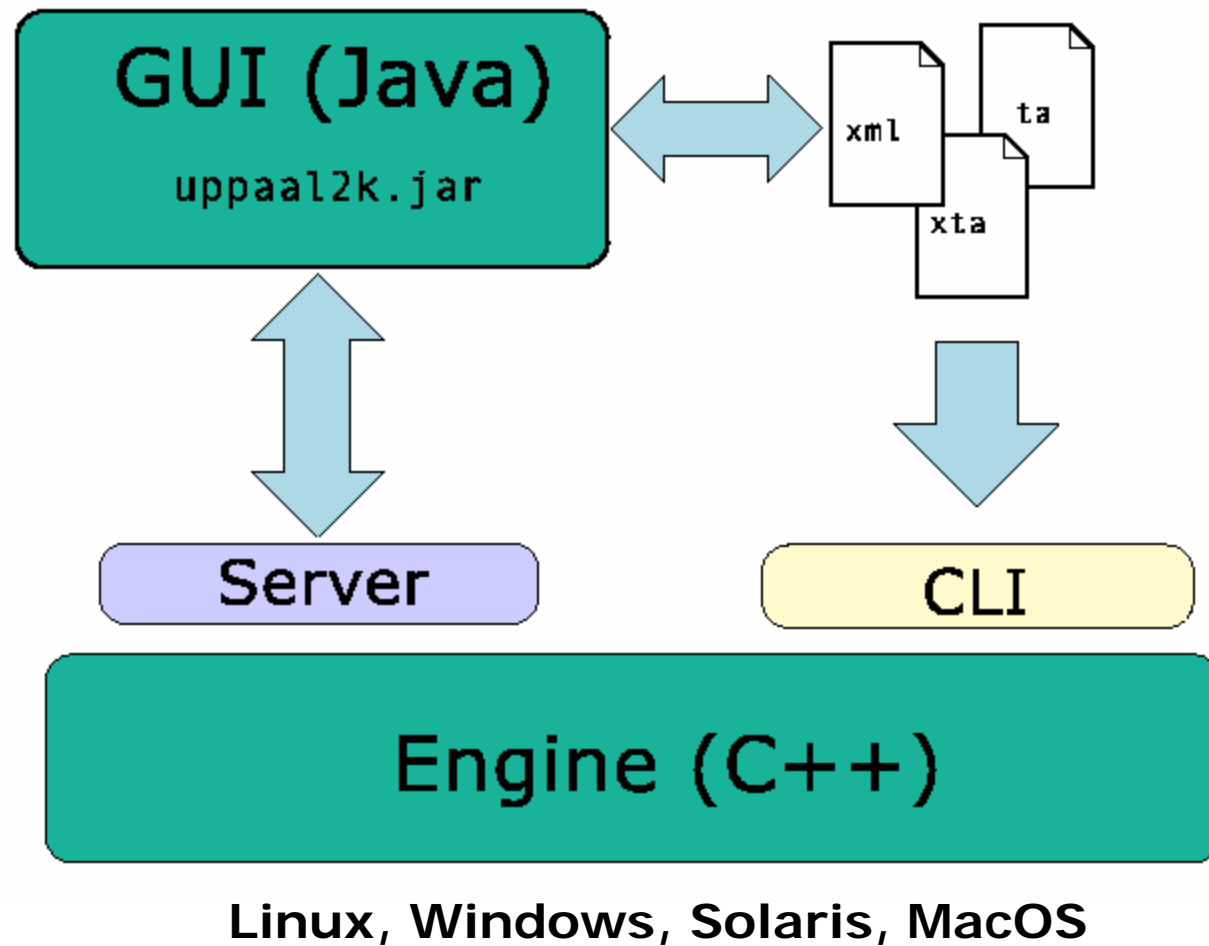
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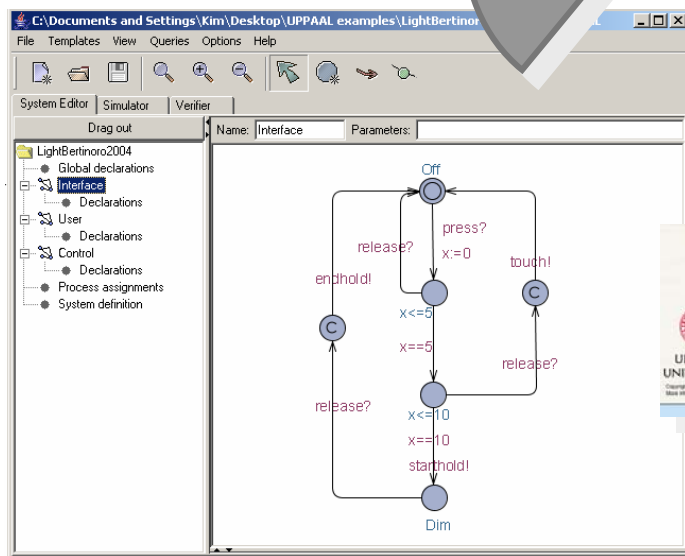
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# UPPAAL's architecture

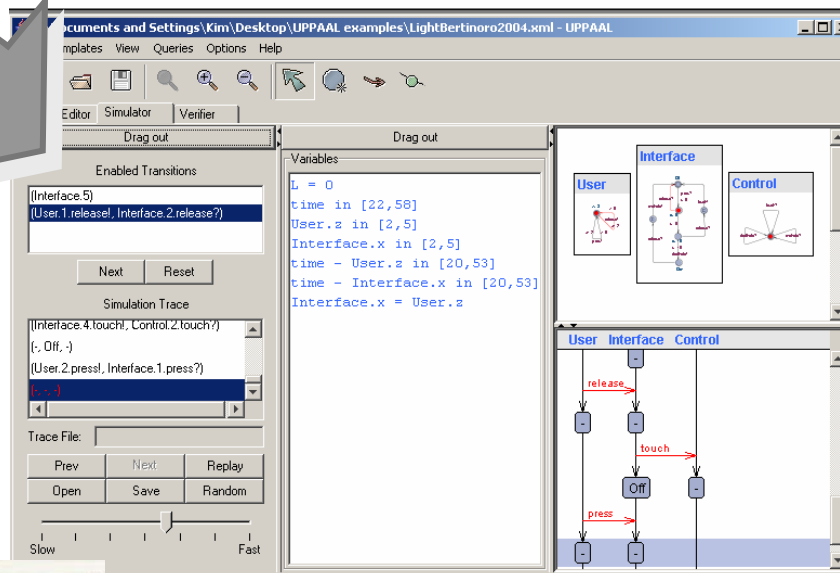




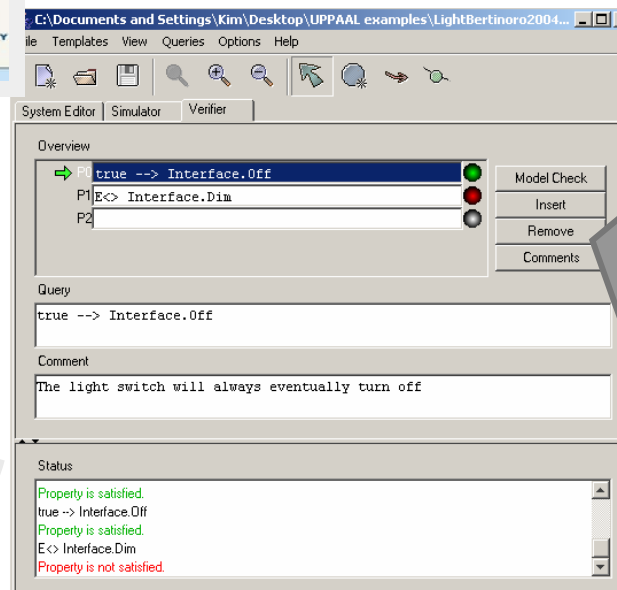
# GUI



**Editor**



**Simulator**



**Verifier**



# Train Crossing

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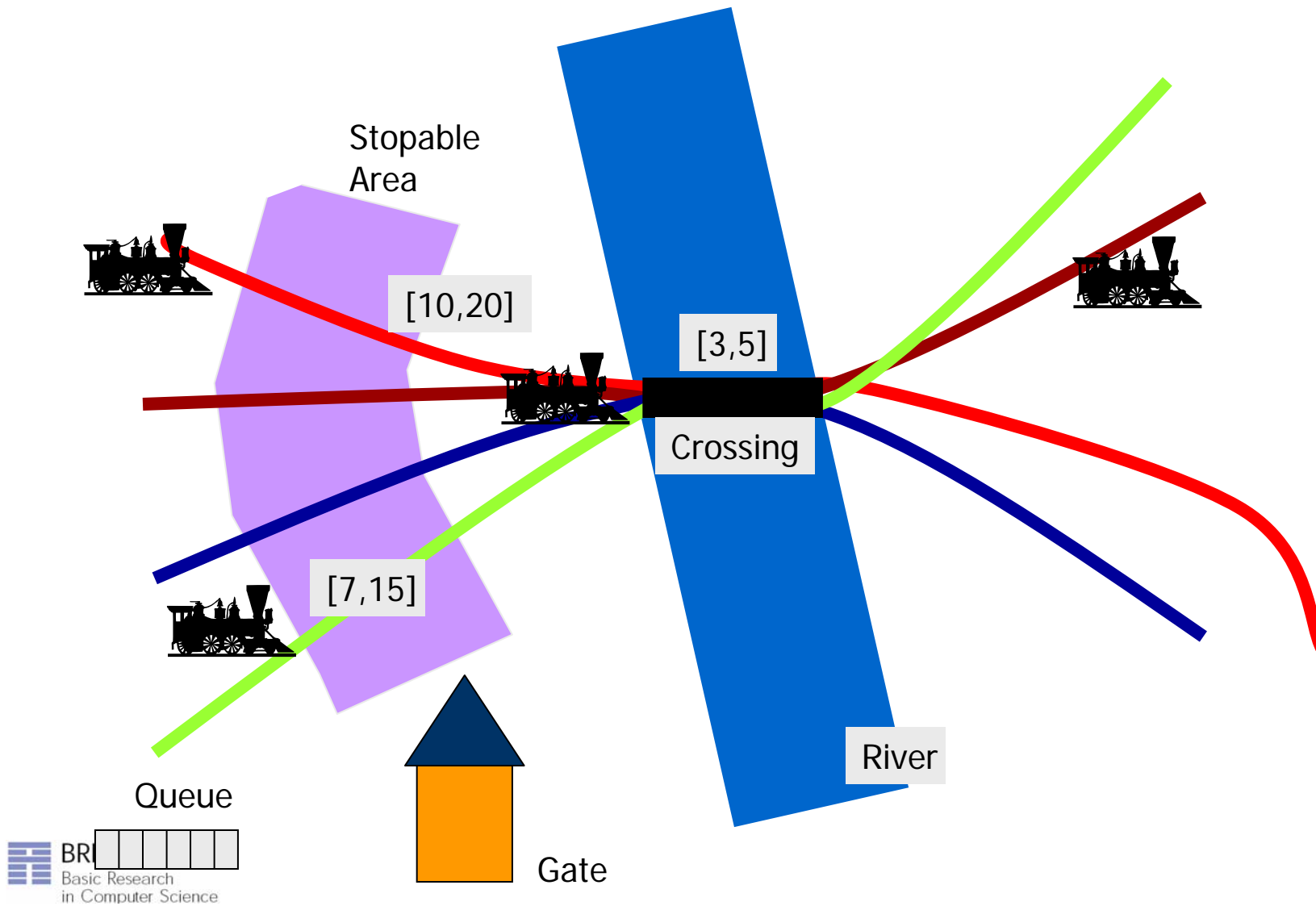
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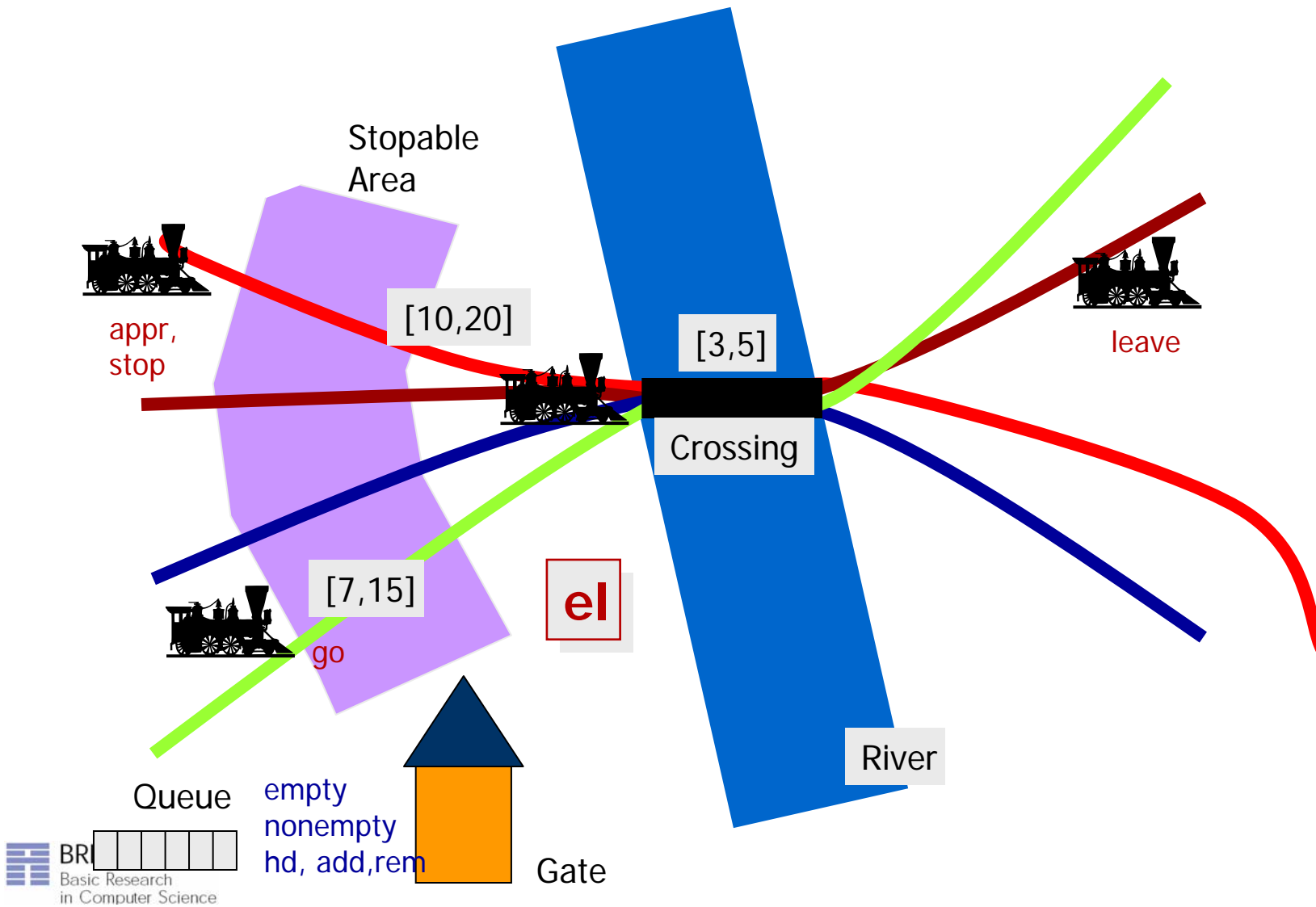
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# Train Crossing



# Train Crossing

Communication via channels and shared variable.



# Timed Automata in UPPAAL

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# Declarations

The screenshot shows the UPPAAL System Editor interface. The left pane displays a project tree for 'train-gate' with the following structure:

- train-gate
  - Global declarations
  - Train
  - Gate
  - IntQueue
  - Process assignments
  - System definition

The main editor shows the following code:

```

/*
 * For more details about this example, see
 * "Automatic Verification of Real-Time Communicating Systems by Constraint Solving",
 * by Wang Yi, Paul Pettersson and Mats Daniels. In Proceedings of the 7th International
 * Conference on Formal Description Techniques, pages 223-238, North-Holland. 1994.
 */

const N      5;           // # trains + 1
int[0,N]    e1;
chan        appr, stop, go, leave;
chan        empty, notempty, hd, add, rem;

clock x;

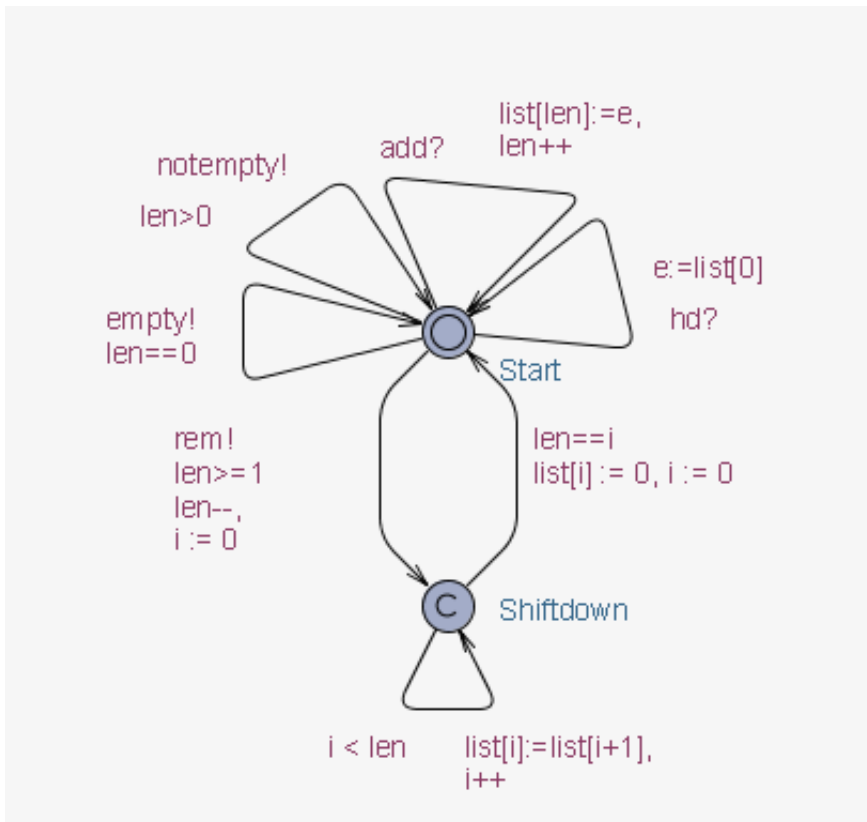
int[0,N] list[N], len, i;

Train1:=Train(e1, 1);
Train2:=Train(e1, 2);
Train3:=Train(e1, 3);
Train4:=Train(e1, 4);

system
  Train1, Train2, Train3, Train4,
  Gate, Queue;
  
```

- Constants
- Bounded integers
- Channels
- Clocks
- Arrays
  
- Templates
- Processes
- Systems

# Expressions



used in

- guards,
- invariants,
- assignments,
- synchronizations
- properties,

# Expressions

```

Expression
 ::= ID
 | NAT
 | Expression '[' Expression ']'
 | '(' Expression ')'
 | Expression '++' | '++' Expression
 | Expression '--' | '--' Expression
 | Expression AssignOp Expression
 | UnaryOp Expression
 | Expression BinOp Expression
 | Expression '?' Expression ':' Expression
 | ID '.' ID
  
```



# Operators

## Unary

'-' | '!' | 'not'

## Binary

'<' | '<=' | '==' | '!=' | '>=' | '>'  
 '+' | '-' | '\*' | '/' | '%' | '&'  
 '|' | '^' | '<<' | '>>' | '&&' | '||'  
 'and' | 'or' | 'imply'

## Assignment

':=' | '+=' | '-=' | '\*=' | '/=' | '%='  
 '|=' | '&=' | '^=' | '<<=' | '>>='

# Guards, Invariants, Assignments

## Guards:

- It is side-effect free, type correct, and evaluates to boolean
- Only clock variables, integer variables, constants are referenced (or arrays of such)
- Clocks and differences are only compared to integer expressions
- Guards over clocks are essentially conjunctions (I.e. disjunctions are only allowed over integer conditions)

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- Only integer are assigned to clocks

## Invariants

- It forms conjunctions of conditions of the form  $x < e$  or  $x \leq e$  where  $x$  is a clock reference and  $e$  evaluates to an integer

# Synchronization

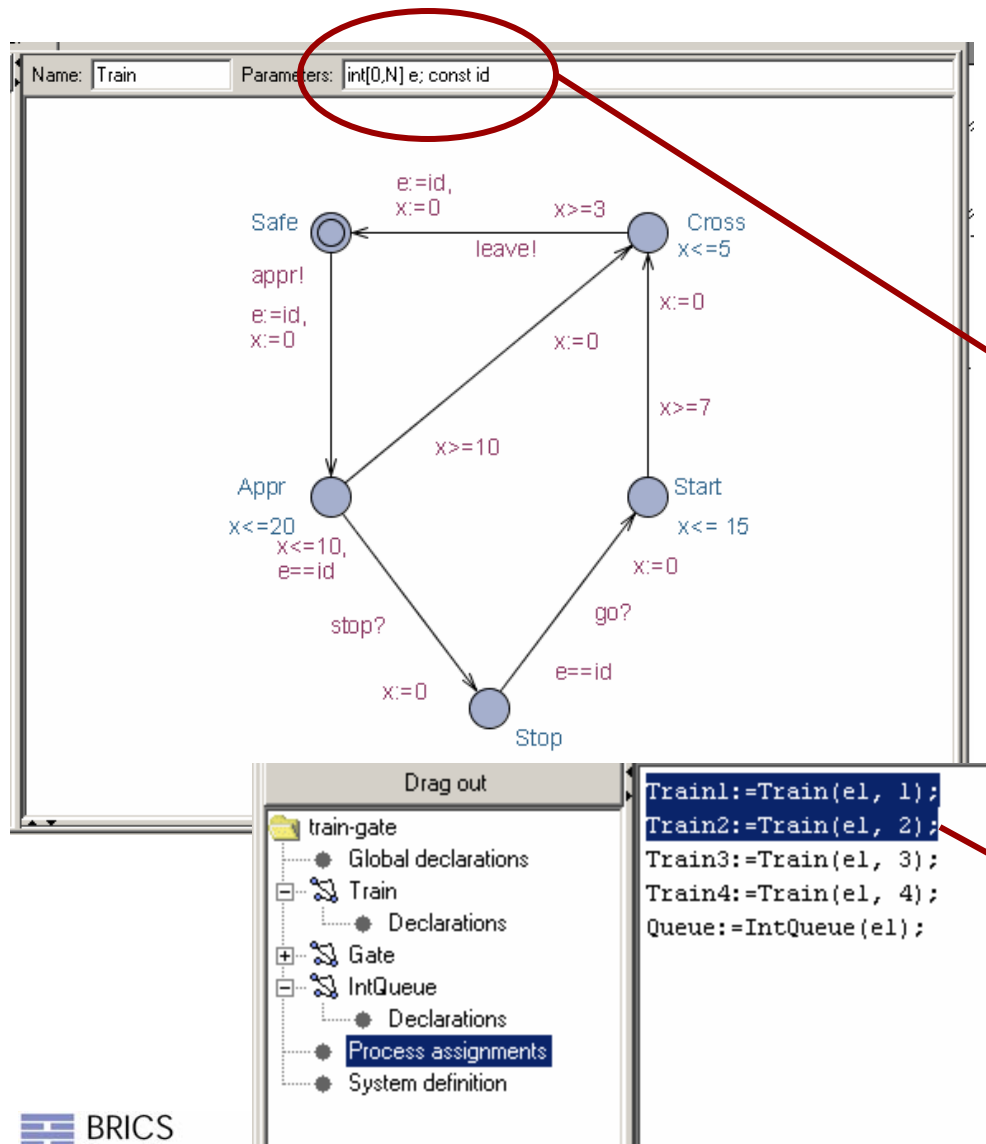
## Binary Synchronization

- Declared like:  
`chan a, b, c[3];`
- If a is channel then:
  - `a!` = Emmission
  - `a?` = Reception
- Two edges in different processes can synchronize if one is emitting and the other is receiving on the same channel.

## Broadcast Synchronization

- Declared like  
`broadcast chan a, b, c[2];`
- If a is a broadcast channel:
  - `a!` = Emmission of broadcast
  - `a?` = Reception of broadcast
- A set of edges in different processes can synchronize if one is emitting and the others are receiving on the same b.c. channle. A process can always emit.  
 Receivers **MUST** synchronize if they can.  
 No blocking.

# Templates



- Templates may be **parameterised**:

- `int v; const min;`  
`const max`

- `int[0,N] e; const id`

- Templates are **instantiated** to form processes:

- `P := A(i, 1, 5);`

- `Q := A(j, 0, 4);`

- `Train1 := Train(e1, 1);`

- `Train2 := Train(e1, 2);`

# Urgency & Commitment

## Urgent Channels

- No delay if the synchronization edges can be taken !
- No clock guard allowed.
- Guards on data-variables.
- Declarations:  
urgent chan a, b,  
c[3];

## Urgent Locations

- No delay – time is freezed!
- May reduce number of clocks!

## Committed Locations

- No delay.
- Next transition MUST involve edge in one of the processes in committed location
- May reduce considerably state space

# Logical Specifications

- Validation Properties

- Possibly:  $E \langle \rangle P$

- Safety Properties

- Invariant:  $A[] P$

- Pos. Inv.:  $E[] P$

- Liveness Properties

- Eventually:  $A \langle \rangle P$

- Leadsto:  $P \rightarrow Q$

- Bounded Liveness

- Leads to within:  $P \rightarrow_{\leq t} Q$

The expressions  $P$  and  $Q$  must be type safe, side effect free, and evaluate to a boolean.

Only references to integer variables, constants, clocks, **and locations** are allowed (and arrays of these).

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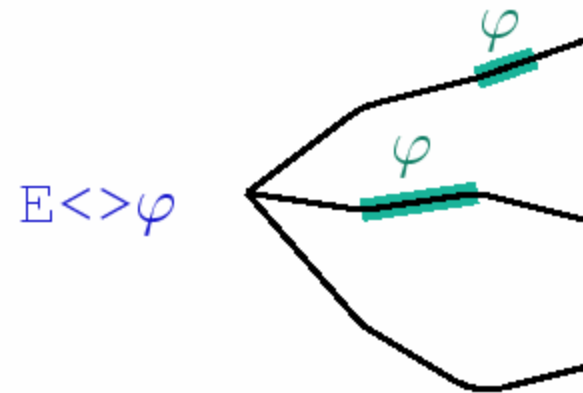
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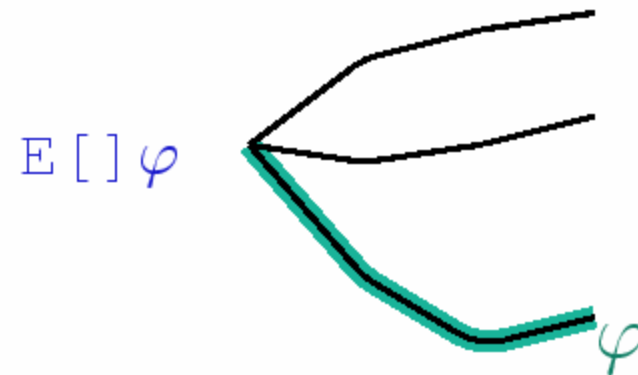
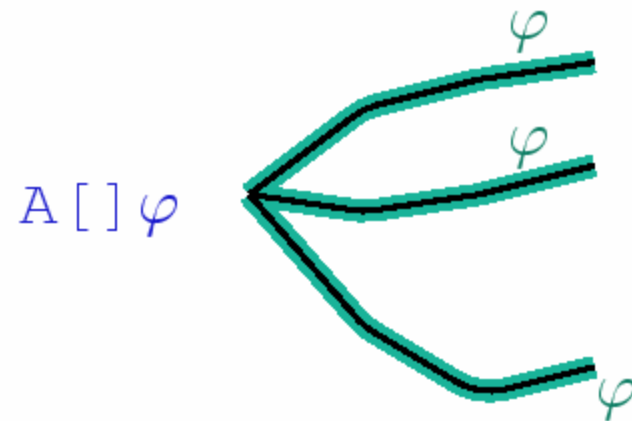
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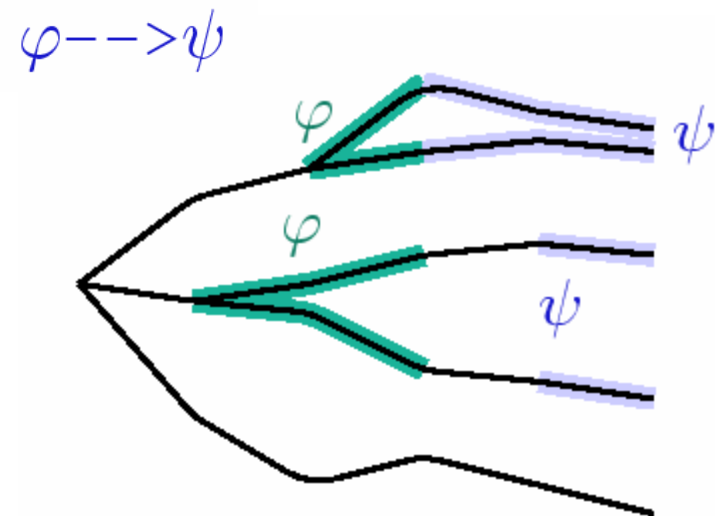
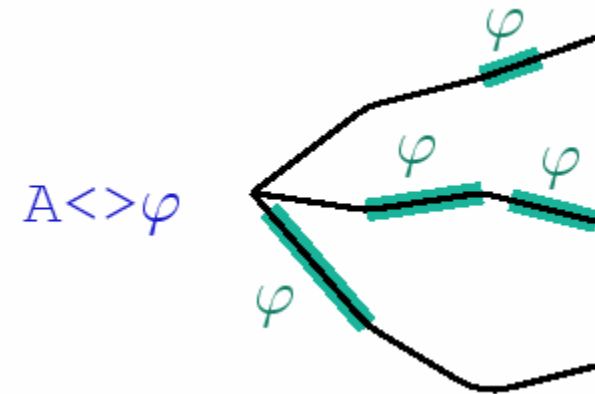
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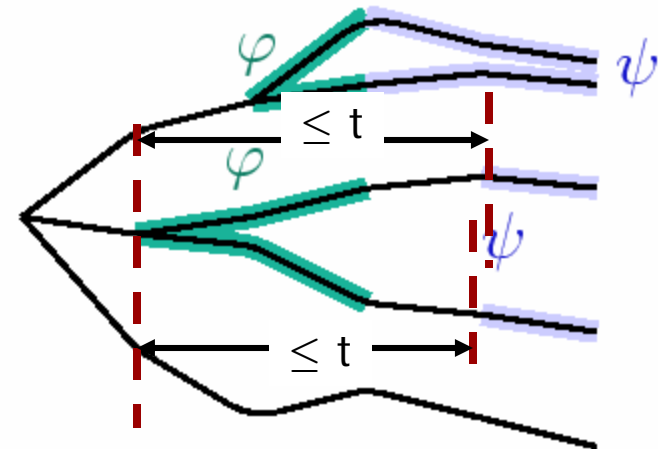
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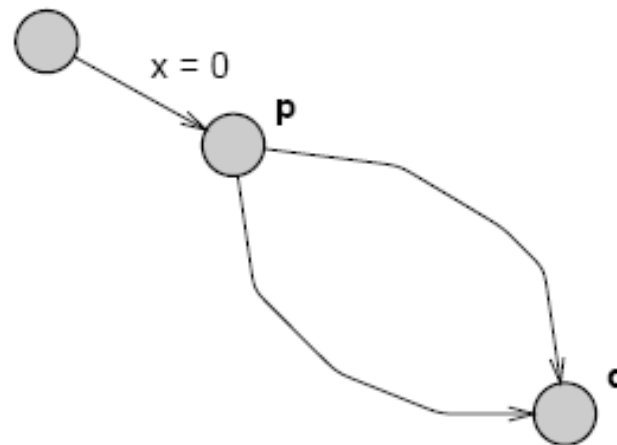
- Bounded Liveness
  - Leads to within:  $P \rightarrow_{\leq t} Q$



# Bounded Liveness

We can reduce  $p \dashrightarrow_{\leq t} q$  to an unbounded liveness property:

- Add a clock  $x$  and reset it whenever  $p$  becomes true.
- Check  $p \dashrightarrow (q \text{ and } x \leq t)$ .

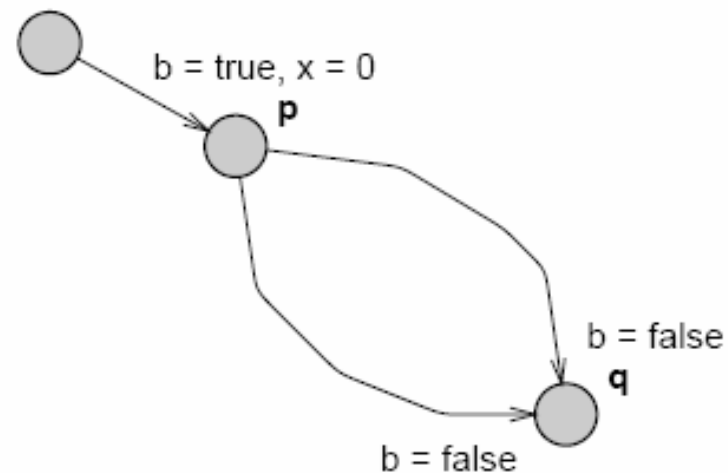


Care must be taken that  $x$  is not reset several times before  $q$  becomes true.

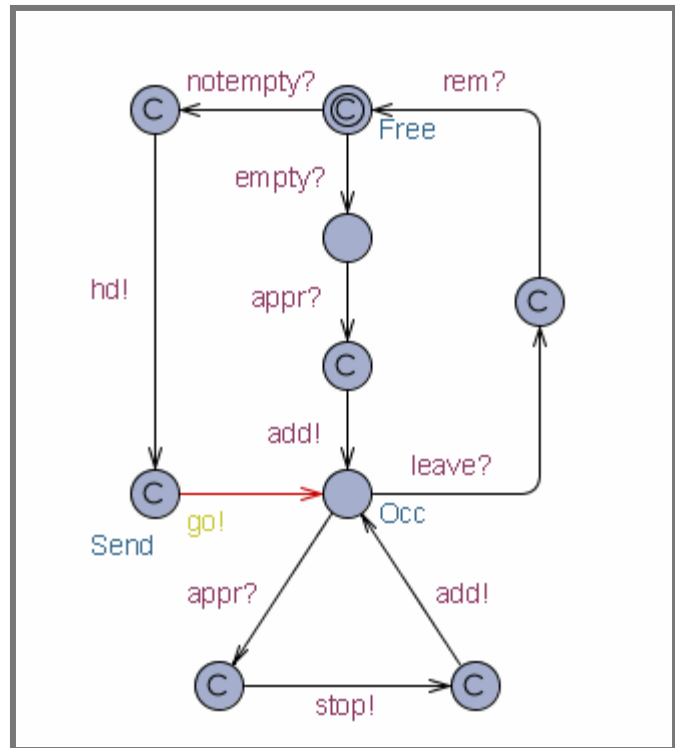
# Bounded Liveness

We can reduce  $p \dashrightarrow_{\leq t} q$  to a reachability property:

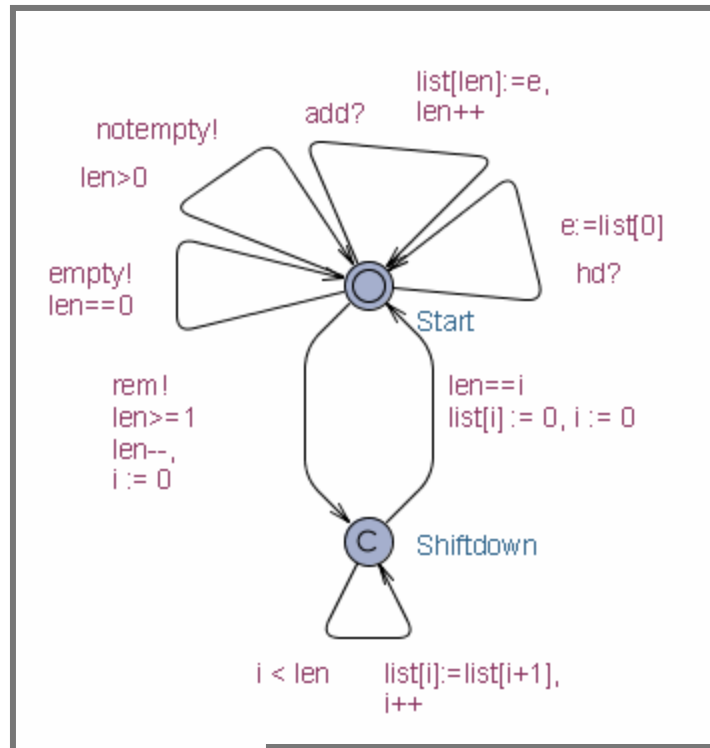
- Add a clock  $x$  and reset it whenever  $p$  becomes true.
- Add a boolean  $b$ , set it to true when  $p$  starts to hold and to false when  $p$  ceases to hold.
- Check  $A[] (b \text{ implies } x \leq t)$ .



# UPPAAL



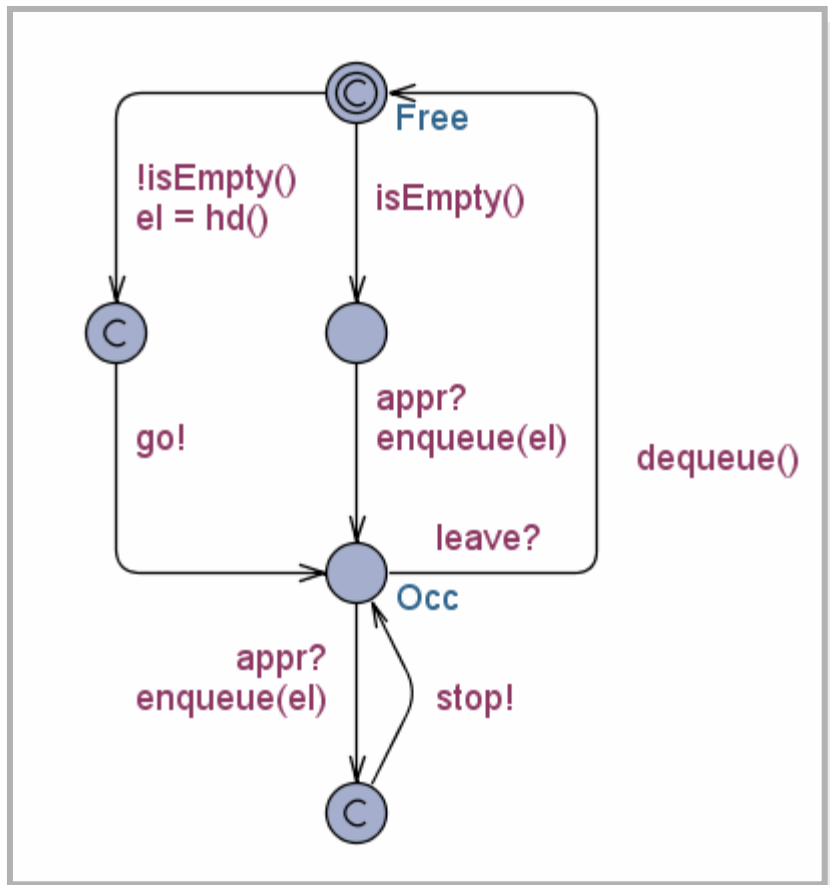
**Gate Template**



```
int[0,N] list[N], len, i;
```

**IntQueue**

# UPPAAL with C-Code (*U-Code*)



**Gate Template**

```

int[0,N] list[N], len;

void enqueue(int[0,N] element)
{
    list[len++] = element;
}

void dequeue()
{
    int i = 0;
    len -- 1;
    while (i < len)
    {
        list[i] = list[i + 1];
        i++;
    }
    list[i] = 0;
    i = 0;
}

bool isEmpty()
{
    return len == 0;
}

int[0,N] hd()
{
    return list[0];
}
    
```

*To come in next release*

**Gate Declaration**

# Case-Studies: Controllers

- Gearbox Controller [TACAS'98]
- Bang & Olufsen Power Controller [RTPS'99, FTRTFT'2k]
- SIDMAR Steel Production Plant [RTCSA'99, DSVV'2k]
- Real-Time RCX Control-Programs [ECRTS'2k]
- Experimental Batch Plant (2000)
- RCX Production Cell (2000)
- Terma, Memory Management for Radar (2001)

# Case Studies: Protocols

- Philips Audio Protocol [HS'95, CAV'95, RTSS'95, CAV'96]
- Collision-Avoidance Protocol [SPIN'95]
- Bounded Retransmission Protocol [TACAS'97]
- Bang & Olufsen Audio/Video Protocol [RTSS'97]
- TDMA Protocol [PRFTS'97]
- Lip-Synchronization Protocol [FMICS'97]
- Multimedia Streams [DSVIS'98]
- ATM ABR Protocol [CAV'99]
- ABB Fieldbus Protocol [ECRTS'2k]
- IEEE 1394 Firewire Root Contention (2000)



# UPPAAL Verification Engine

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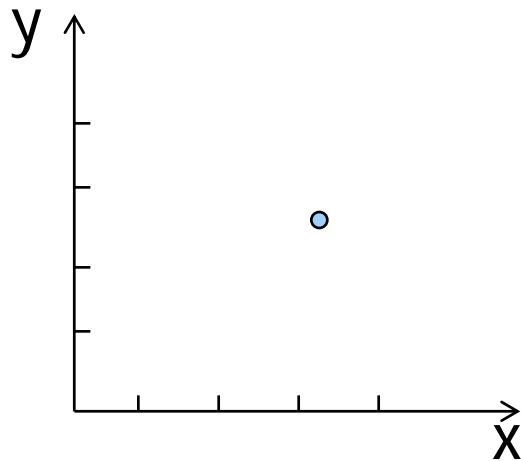
- Zones and DBMs
- Minimal Constraint Form
- Clock Difference Diagrams
  
- Distributed UPPAAL [CAV2000, STTT2004]
- Unification & Sharing [FTRTFT2002, SPIN2003]
- Acceleration [FORMATS2002]
- Static Guard Analysis [TACAS2003, TACAS2004]
- Storage-Strategies [CAV2003]

# Zones

*From infinite to finite*

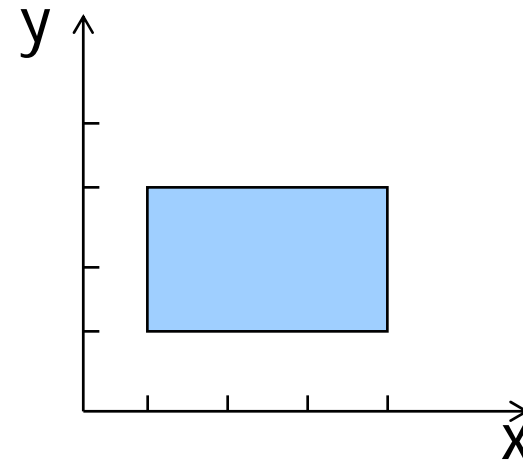
State

$(n, x=3.2, y=2.5)$



Symbolic state (set)

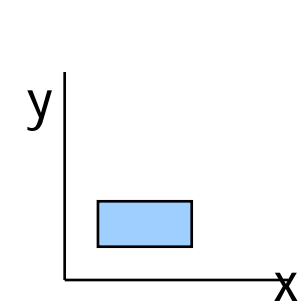
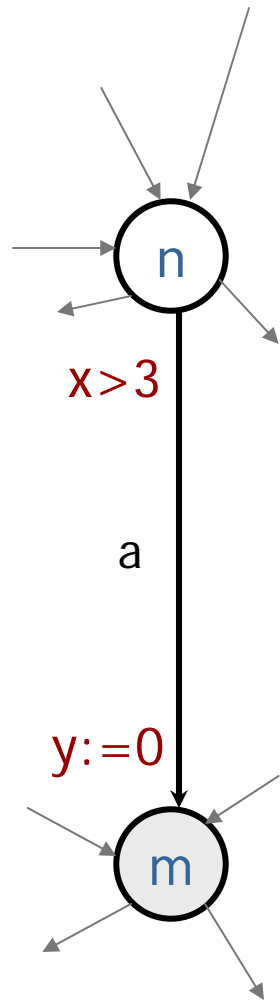
$(n, 1 \leq x \leq 4, 1 \leq y \leq 3)$



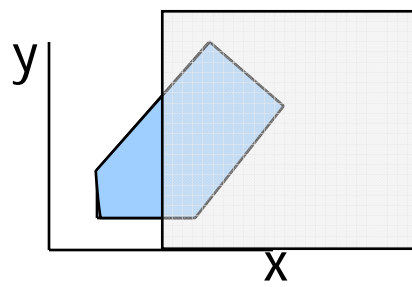
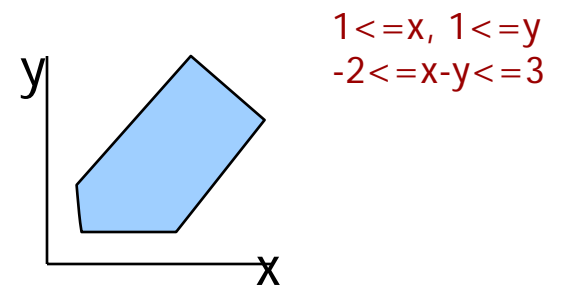
**Zone:**

conjunction of  
 $x - y \leq n, x \leq n$

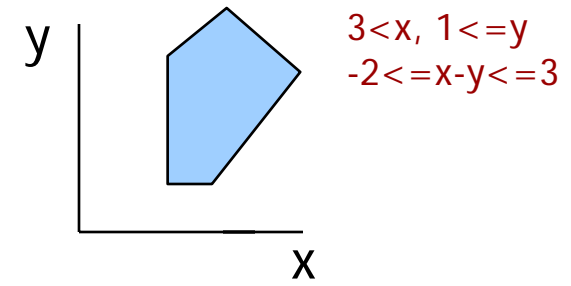
# Symbolic Transitions



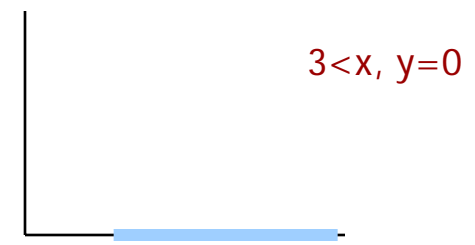
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conjunctions to



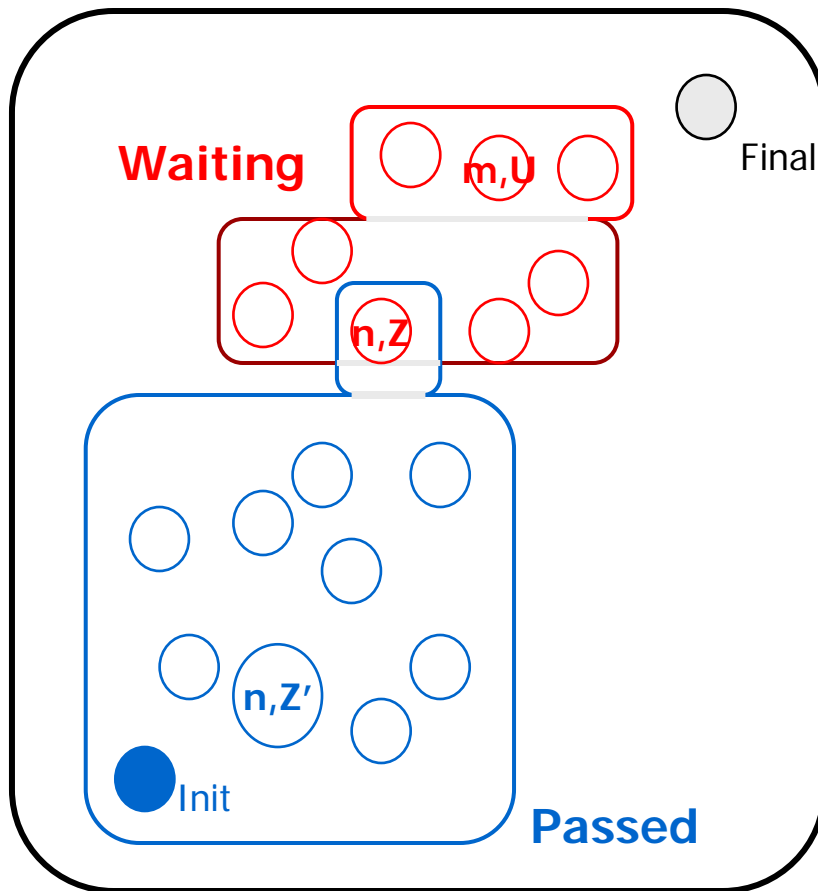
projects to



Thus  $(n, 1 \leq x \leq 4, 1 \leq y \leq 3) = a \Rightarrow (m, 3 < x, y = 0)$

# Forward Reachability

Init  $\rightarrow$  Final ?



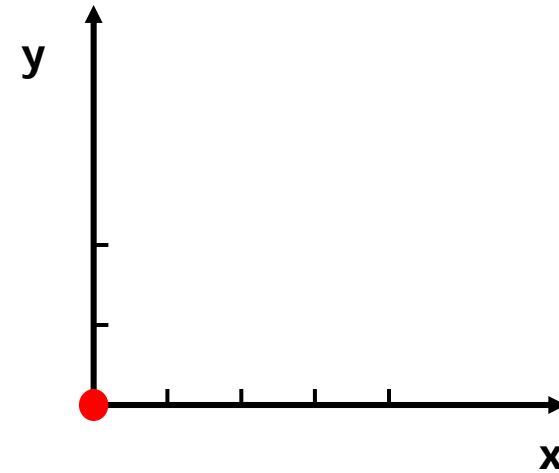
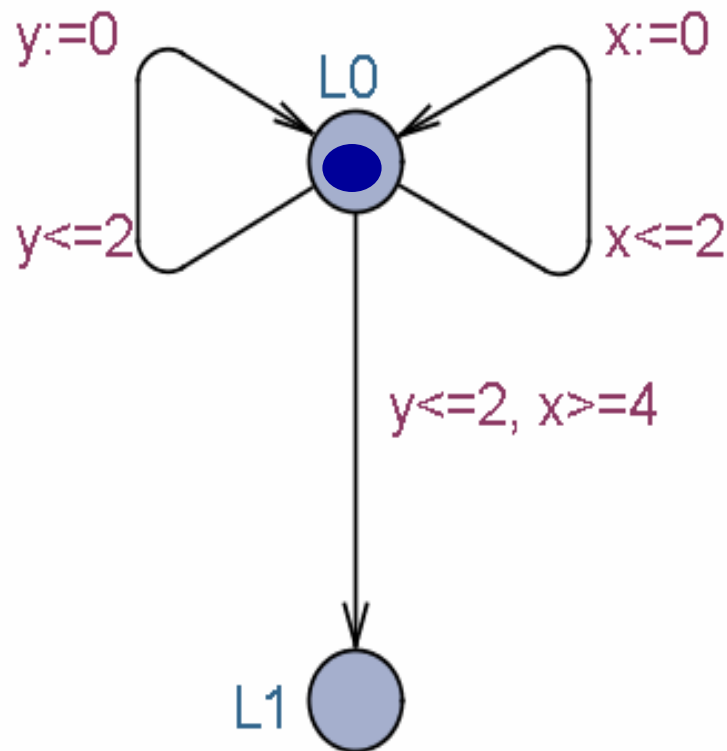
**INITIAL** **Passed** :=  $\emptyset$ ;  
**Waiting** :=  $\{(n_0, Z_0)\}$

**REPEAT**

- pick  $(n, Z)$  in **Waiting**
- **if** for some  $Z' \supseteq Z$   
 $(n, Z')$  in **Passed** then **STOP**
- **else** /explore/ add  
 $\{(m, U) : (n, Z) \Rightarrow (m, U)\}$   
to **Waiting**;  
Add  $(n, Z)$  to **Passed**

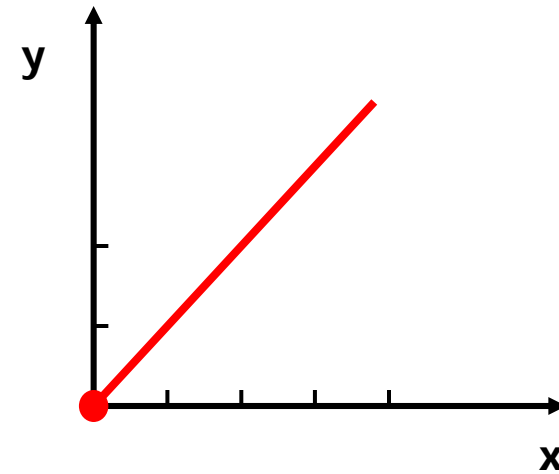
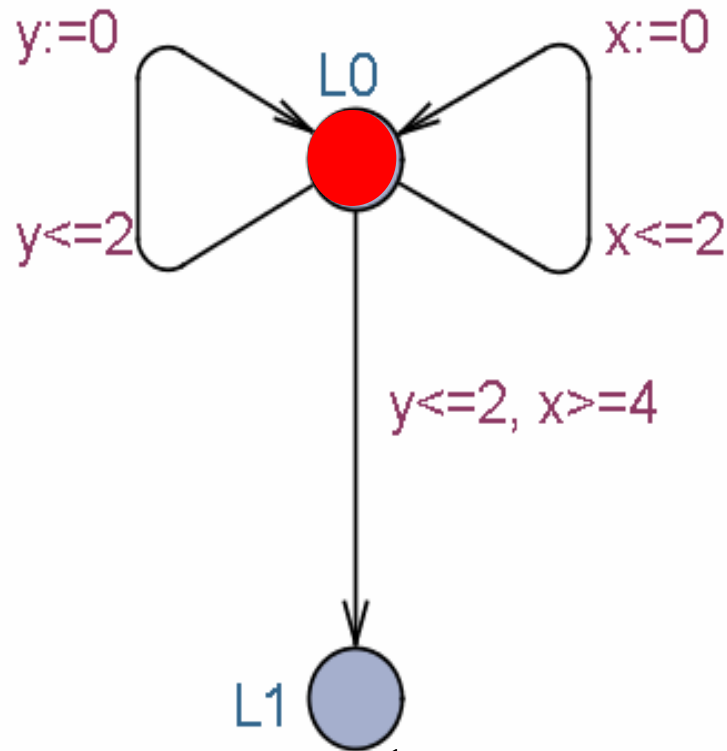
**UNTIL** **Waiting** =  $\emptyset$   
or  
Final is in **Waiting**

# Symbolic Exploration



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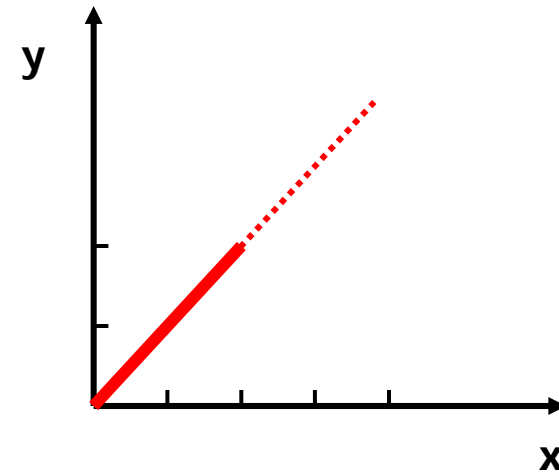
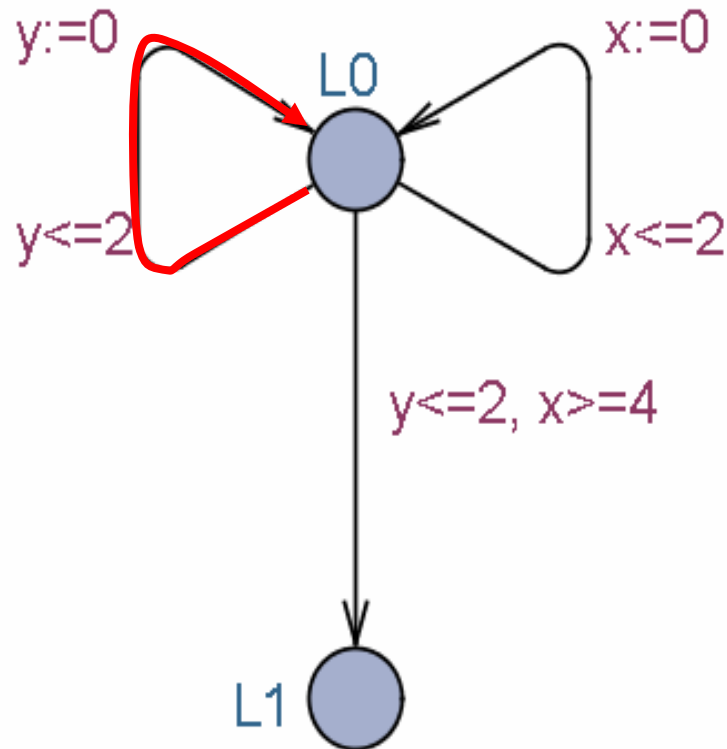
# Symbolic Exploration



Delay

Reachable?

# Symbolic Exploration

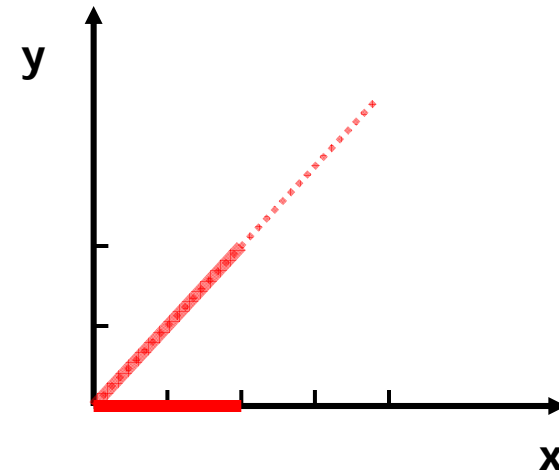
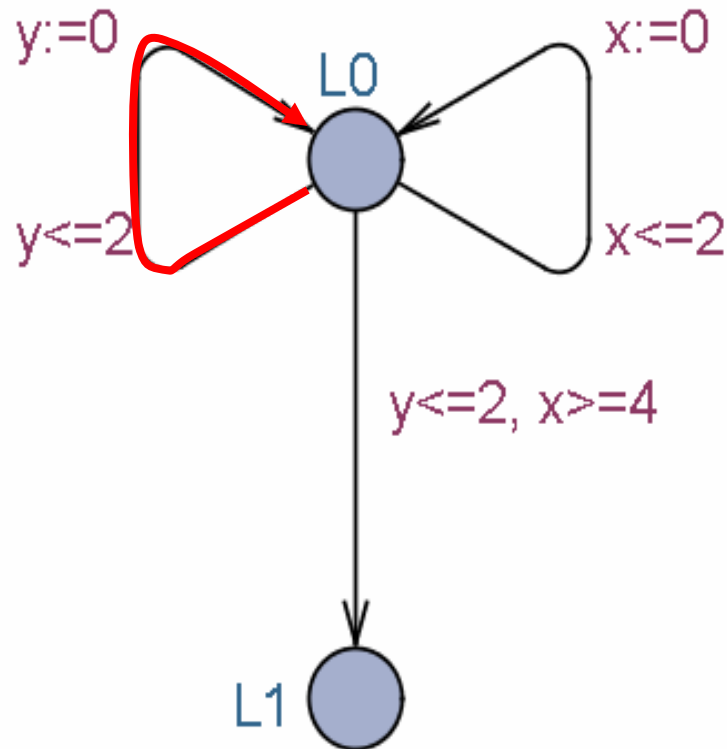


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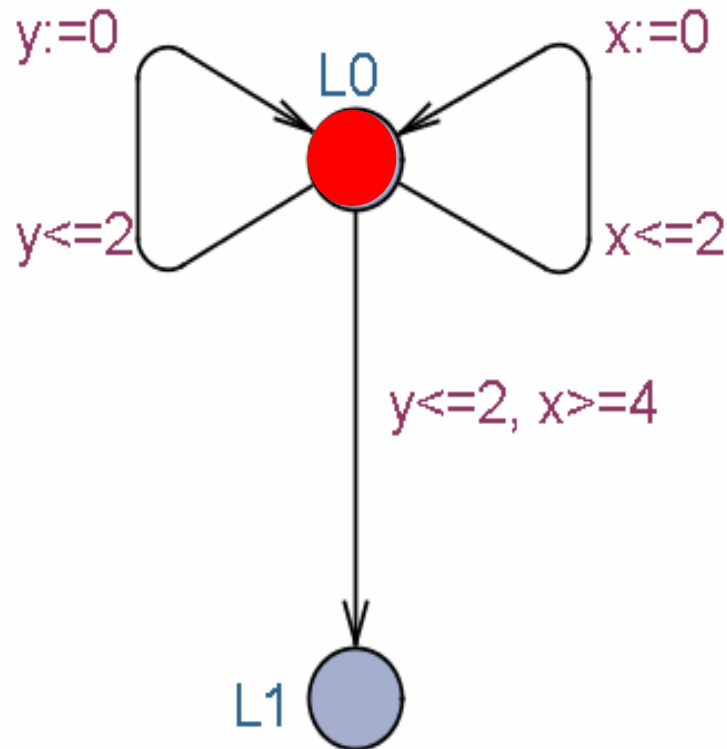
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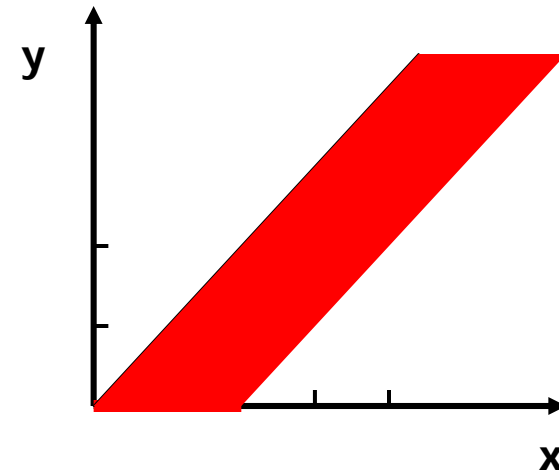
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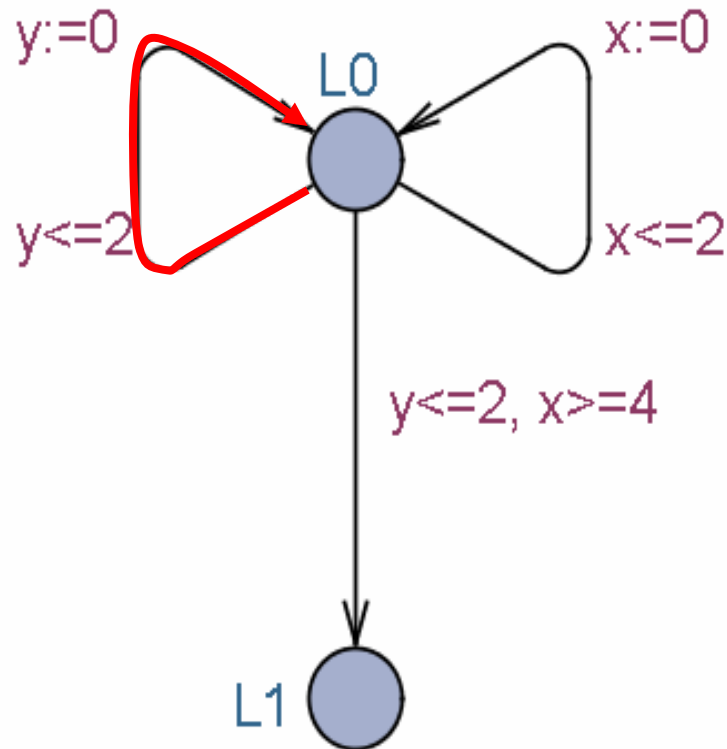


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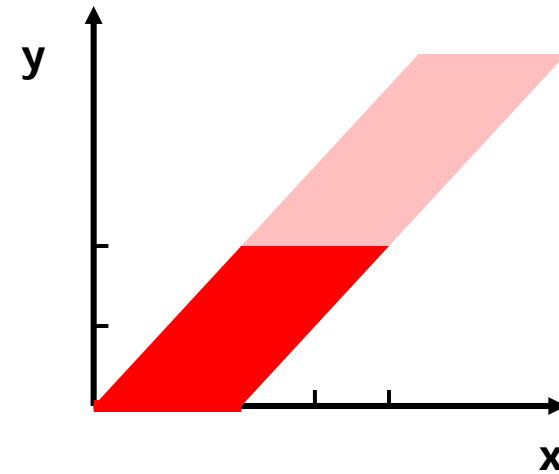


Delay

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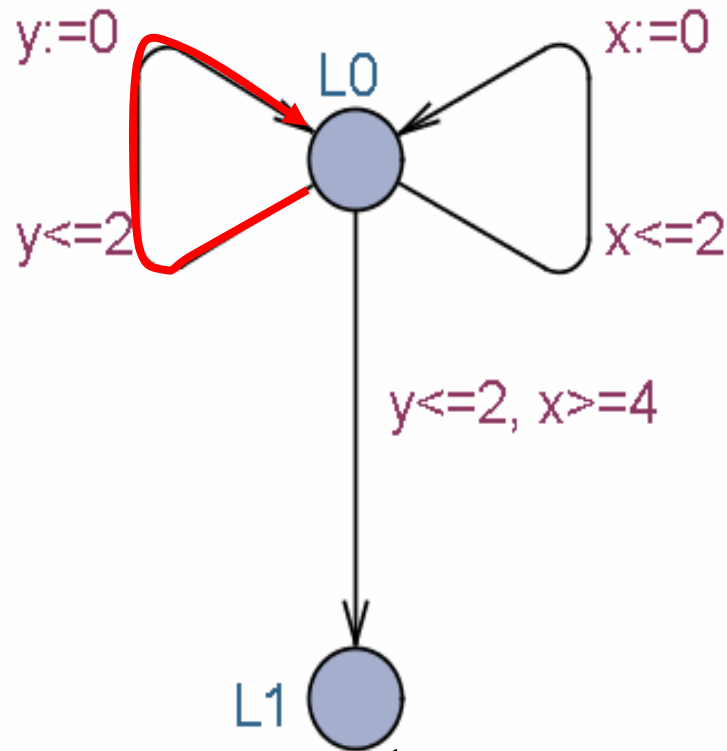


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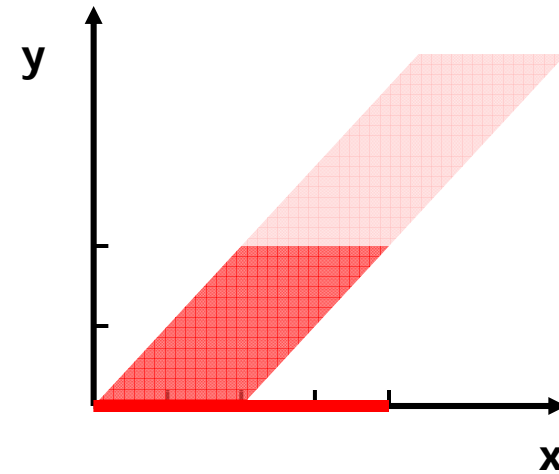


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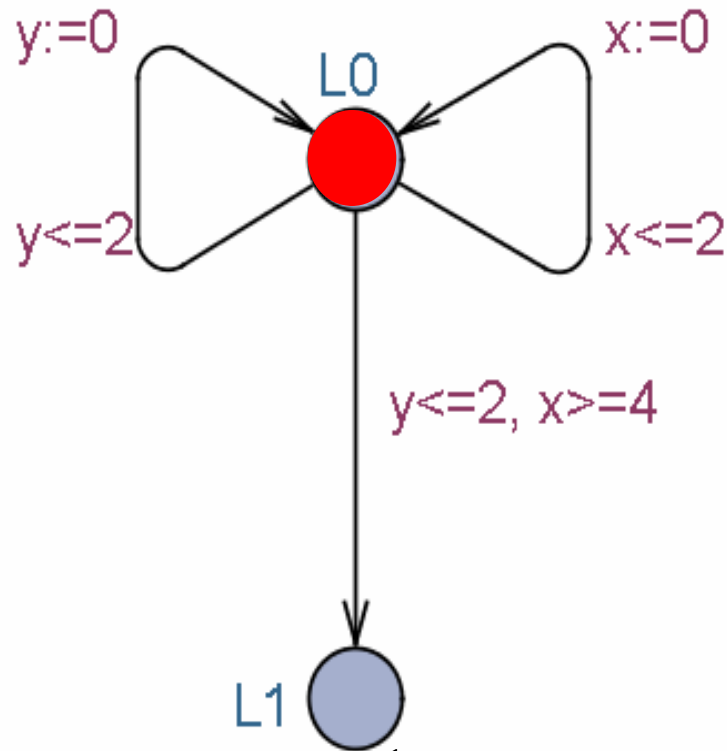


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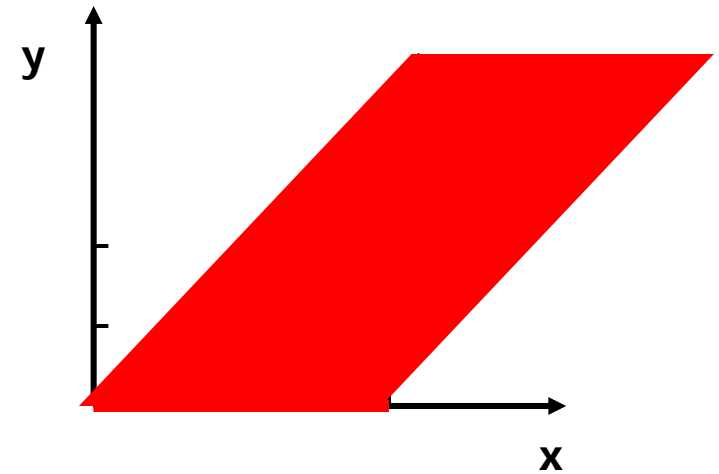


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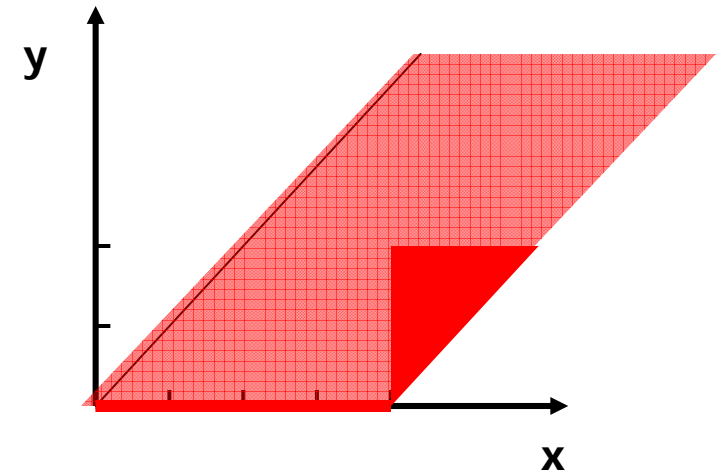
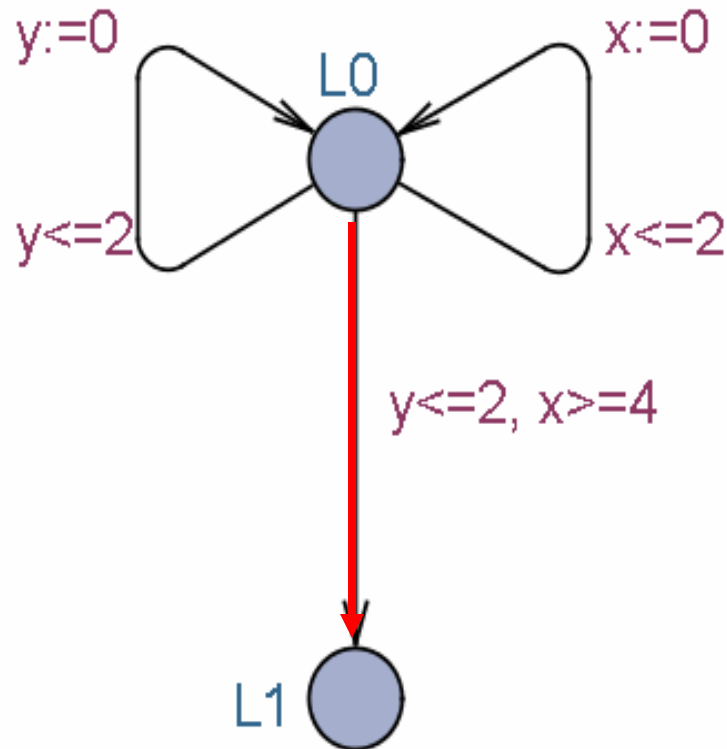


Reachable?



Delay

# Symbolic Exploration



Down

Reachable?

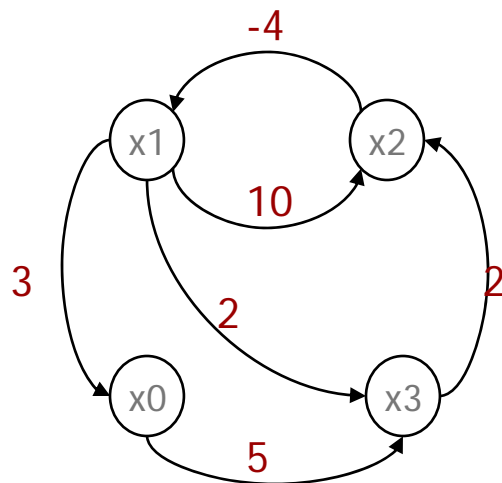
# Canonical Datastructures for Zones

## Minimal Constraint Form

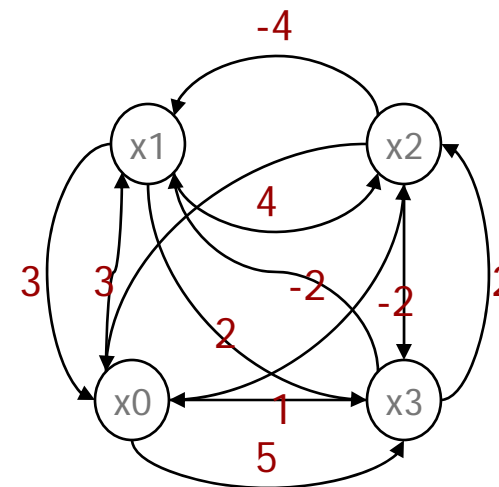
RTSS 1997

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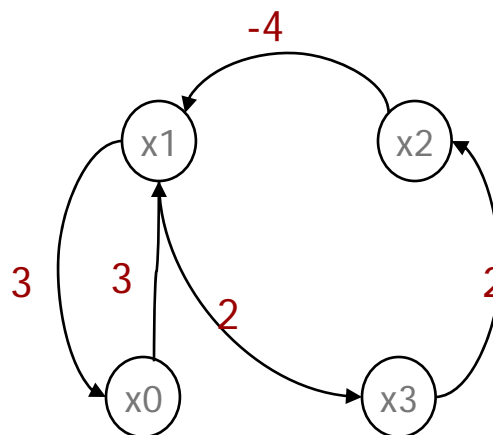
x1-x2 <= 4
x2-x1 <= 10
x3-x1 <= 2
x2-x3 <= 2
x0-x1 <= 3
x3-x0 <= 5
    
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**Shortest Path Closure**  
 $O(n^3)$



**Shortest Path Reduction**  
 $O(n^3)$



**Space worst**  $O(n^2)$   
practice  $O(n)$

# Verification Options

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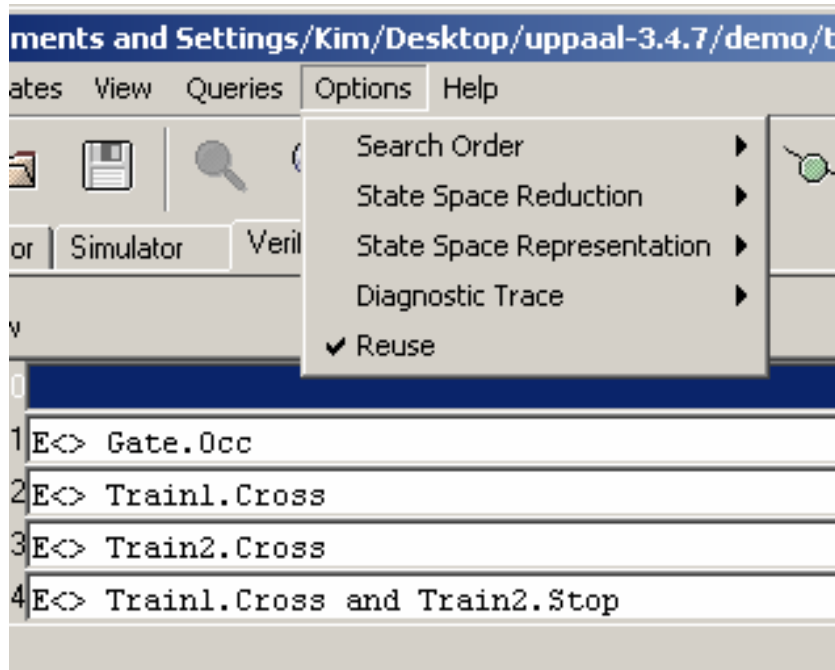
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# Verification Options



## Search Order

- Depth First
- Breadth First

## State Space Reduction

- None
- Conservative
- Aggressive

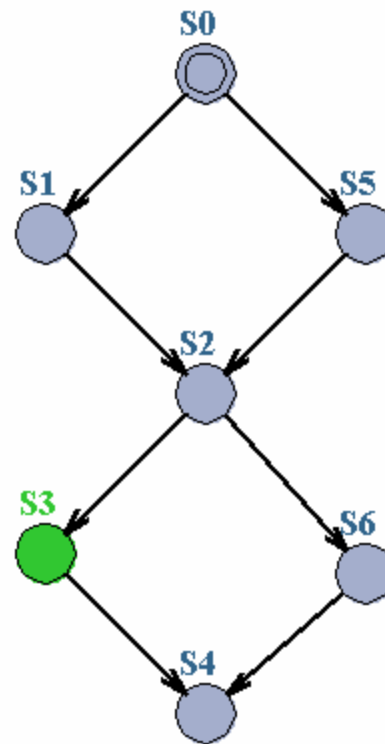
## State Space Representation

- DBM
- Compact Form
- Under Approximation
- Over Approximation

## Diagnostic Trace

- Some
- Shortest
- Fastest

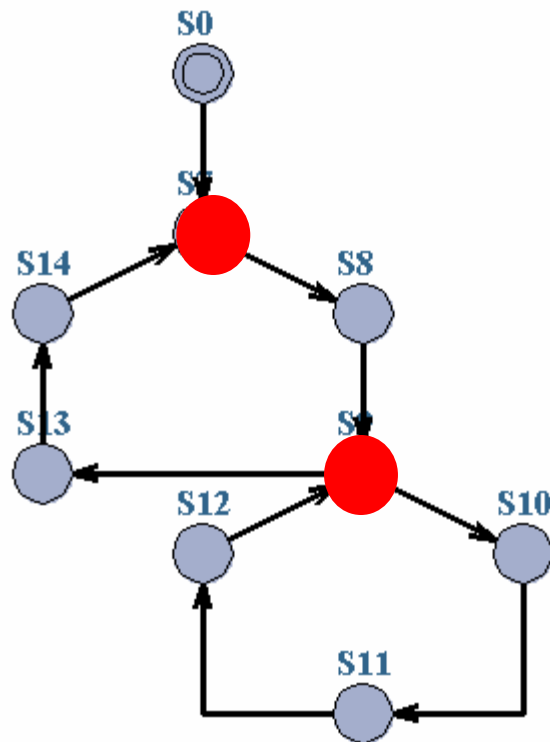
# State Space Reduction



However,  
**Passed** list useful for  
efficiency

**No Cycles:** **Passed** list not needed for *termination*

# State Space Reduction



## Cycles:

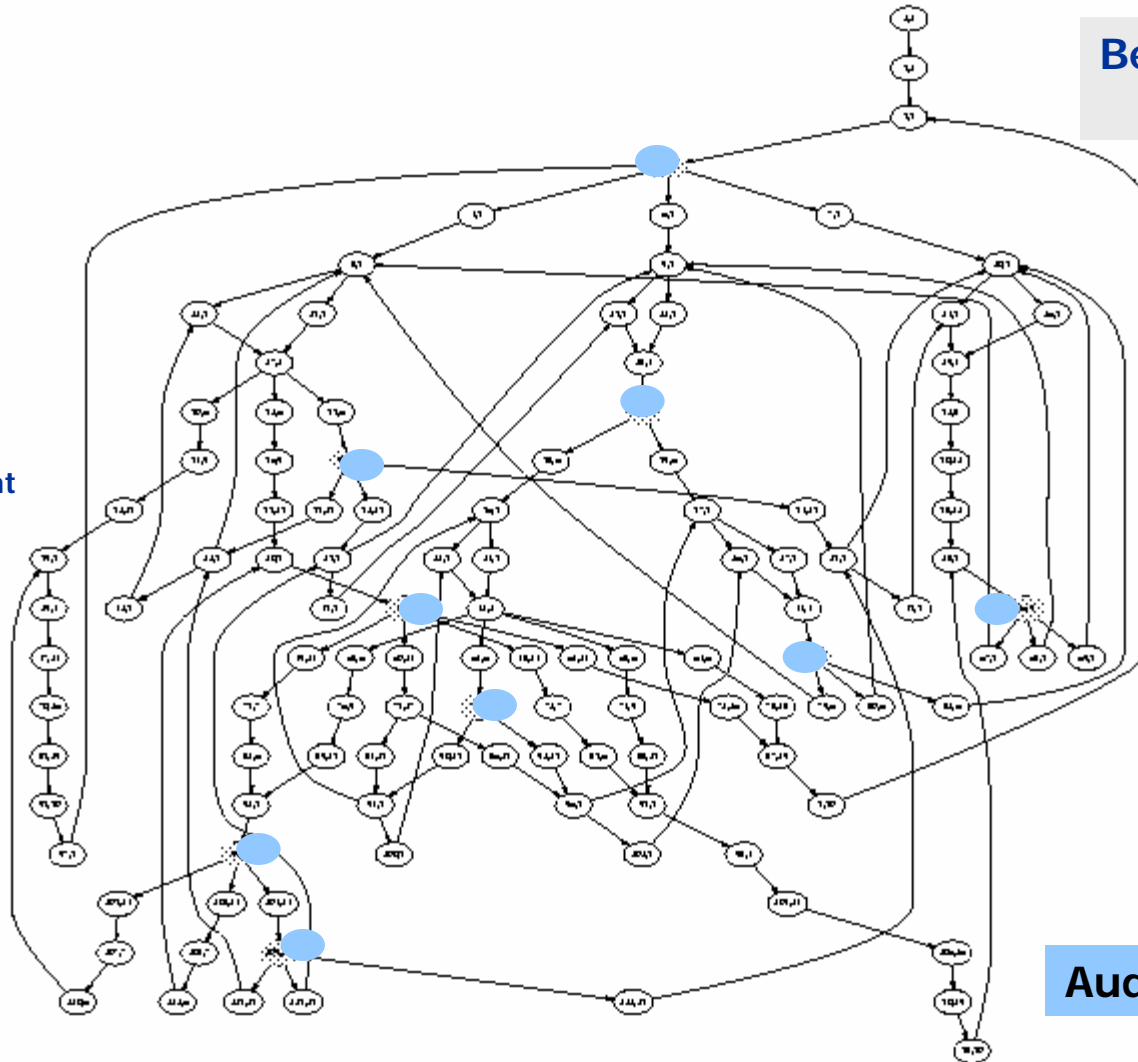
Only symbolic states involving loop-entry points need to be saved on **Passed** list

# To Store or Not To Store

Behrmann, Larsen,  
 Pelanek 2003

117 states<sub>total</sub>  
 →  
 81 states<sub>entrypoint</sub>  
 →  
 9 states

Time OH  
 less than 10%



Audio Protocol

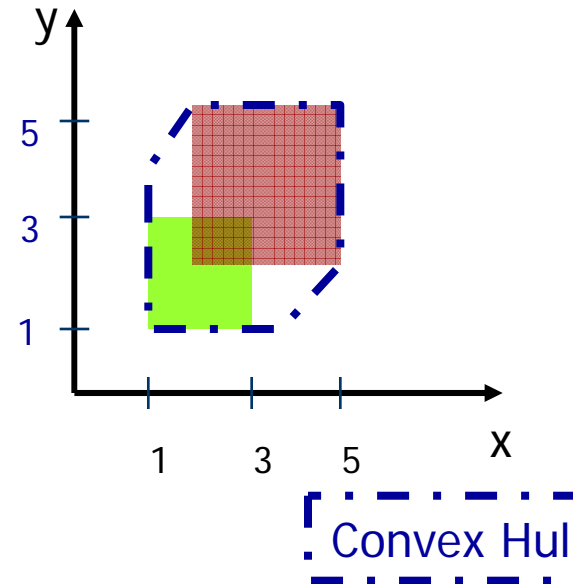
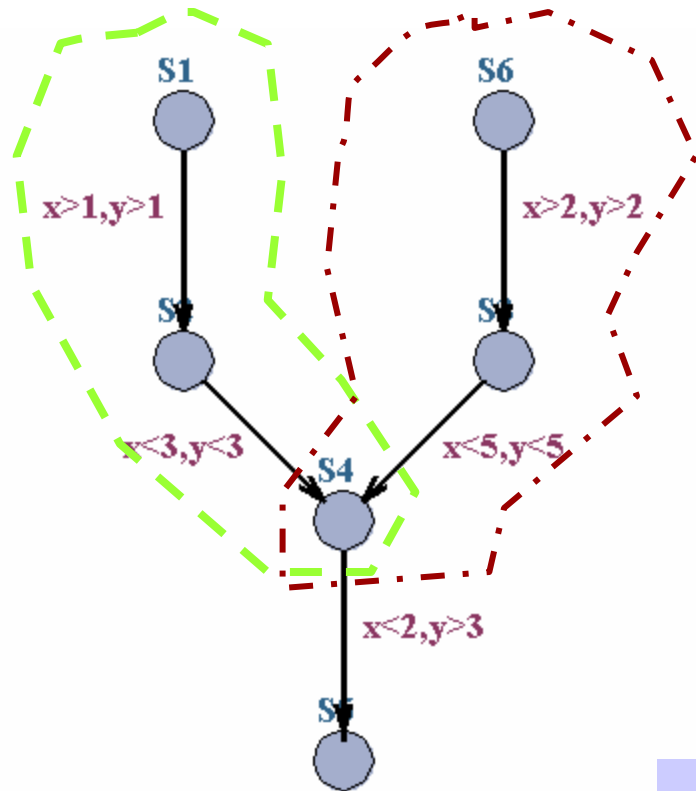
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|                         | entry<br>points | covering<br>set | successors    | random<br>$p = 0.1$ | distance<br>$k = 10$ | combination<br>$k = 3$ |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Fischer<br>3,077        | 27.1%<br>1.00   | 42.1%<br>1.66   | 47.9%<br>1.00 | 53.7%<br>4.51       | 67.6%<br>2.76        | 56.9%<br>6.57          |
| BRP<br>6,060            | 70.5%<br>1.01   | 16.5%<br>1.20   | 19.8%<br>1.03 | 18.3%<br>1.78       | 15.8%<br>1.34        | 7.6%<br>1.68           |
| Token Ring<br>15,103    | 33.0%<br>1.16   | 10.3%<br>1.46   | 20.7%<br>1.03 | 17.2%<br>1.63       | 17.5%<br>1.43        | 16.8%<br>7.40          |
| Train-gate<br>16,666    | 71.1%<br>1.22   | 27.4%<br>1.55   | 24.2%<br>1.68 | 31.8%<br>2.90       | 24.2%<br>2.11        | 19.8%<br>5.08          |
| Dacapo<br>30,502        | 29.4%<br>1.07   | 24.3%<br>1.08   | 24.9%<br>1.07 | 12.2%<br>1.21       | 12.7%<br>1.16        | 7.0%<br>1.26           |
| CSMA<br>47,857          | 94.0%<br>1.06   | 75.9%<br>2.62   | 81.2%<br>1.40 | 105.9%<br>7.66      | 114.9%<br>2.83       | 120.3%<br>6.82         |
| BOCDP<br>203,557        | 25.2%<br>1.00   | 22.5%<br>1.01   | 6.5%<br>1.08  | 10.2%<br>1.02       | 9.3%<br>1.01         | 4.5%<br>1.09           |
| BOPDP<br>1,013,072      | 14.7%<br>2.40   | 13.2%<br>1.33   | 42.1%<br>1.02 | 15.2%<br>1.52       | 11%<br>1.14          | 4.3%<br>1.74           |
| Buscoupler<br>3,595,108 | 53.2%<br>1.29   | 13.6%<br>2.48   | 40.5%<br>1.18 | 31.7%<br>3.17       | 24.6%<br>2.13        | 14.3%<br>8.73          |

# Over-approximation

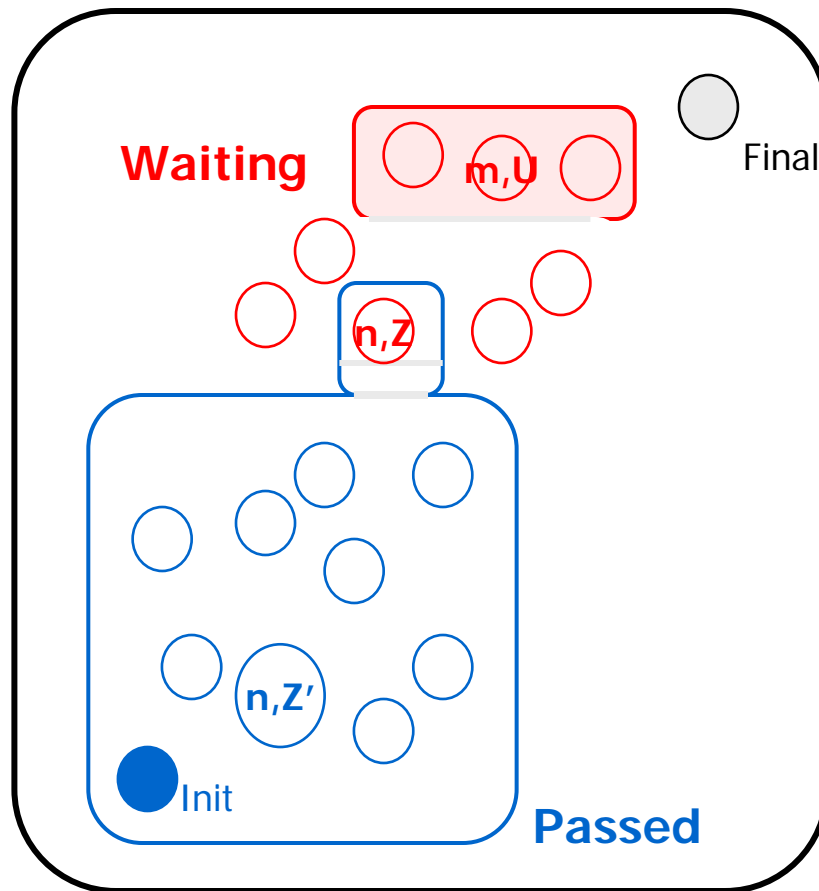
## Convex Hull



**TACAS04:** An **EXACT** method performing as well as Convex Hull has been developed based on abstractions taking max constants into account distinguishing between clocks, locations and  $\leq$  &  $\geq$

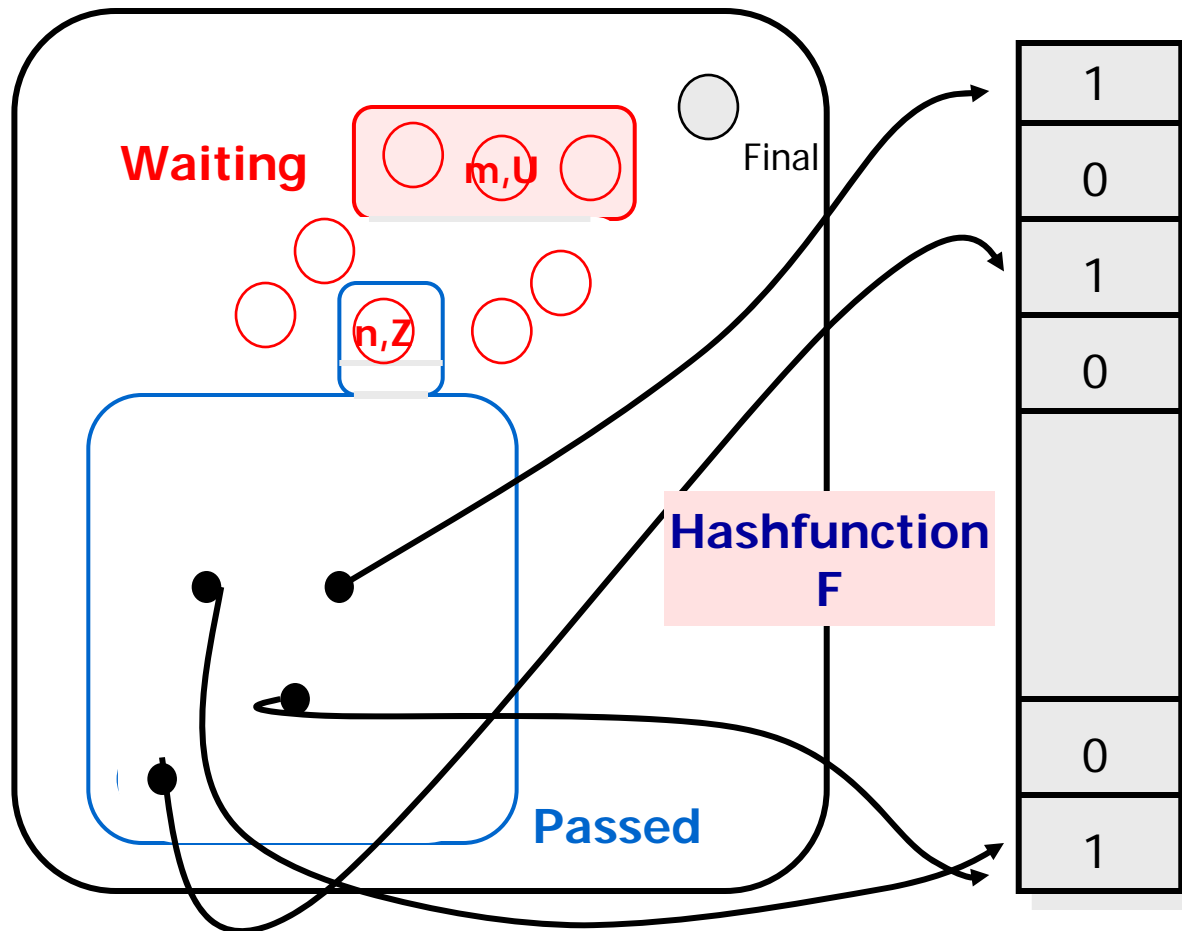
# Under-approximation

## *Bitstate Hashing*



# Under-approximation

## *Bitstate Hashing*



**Passed=**  
**Bitarray**

**UPPAAL**  
**8 Mbits**



# Modelling Patterns

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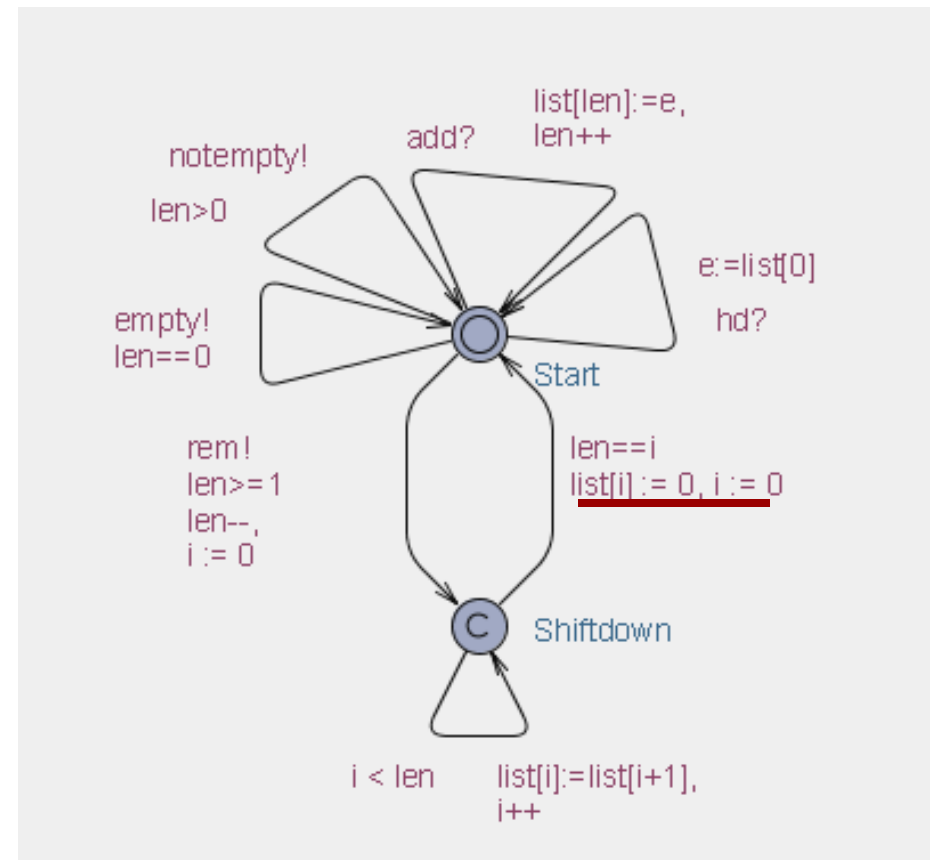
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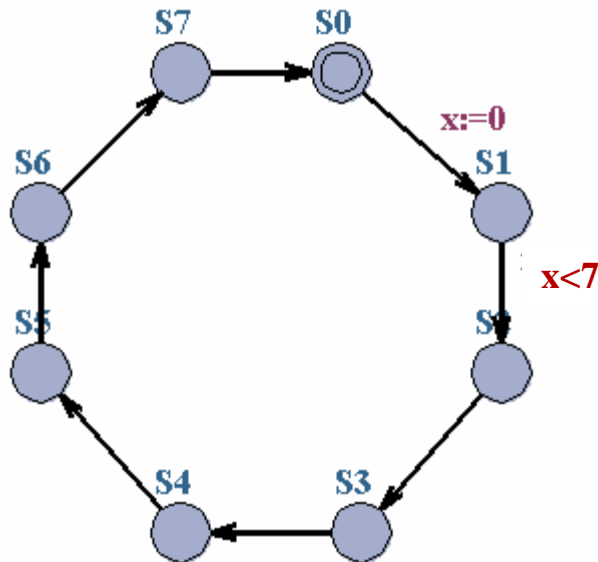
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# Variable Reduction

- Reduce size of state space by explicitly resetting variables when they are not used!
- Automatically performed for clock variables (active clock reduction)



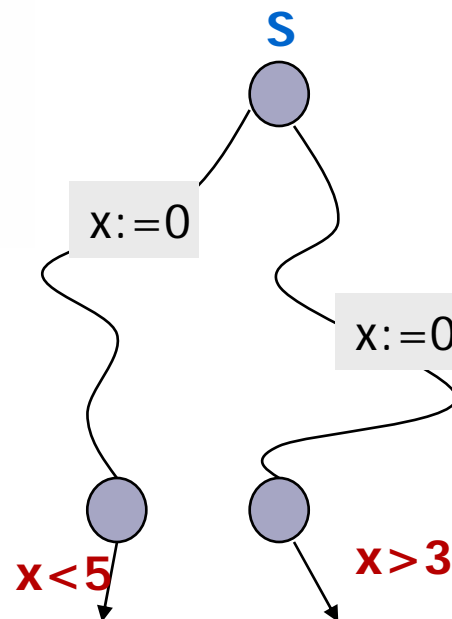
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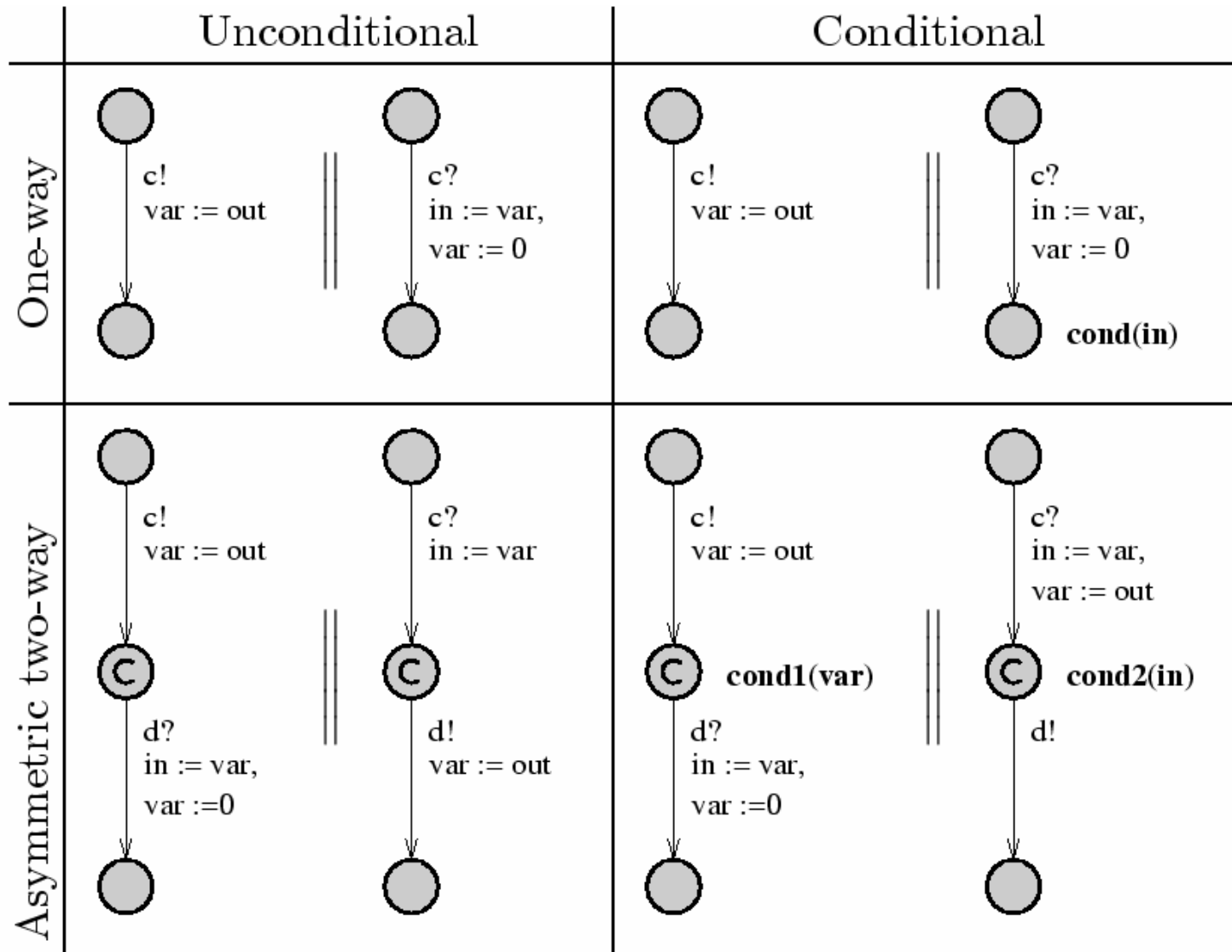
x is only *active* in location S1

## Definition

x is *inactive* at S if on all path from S, x is always reset before being tested.

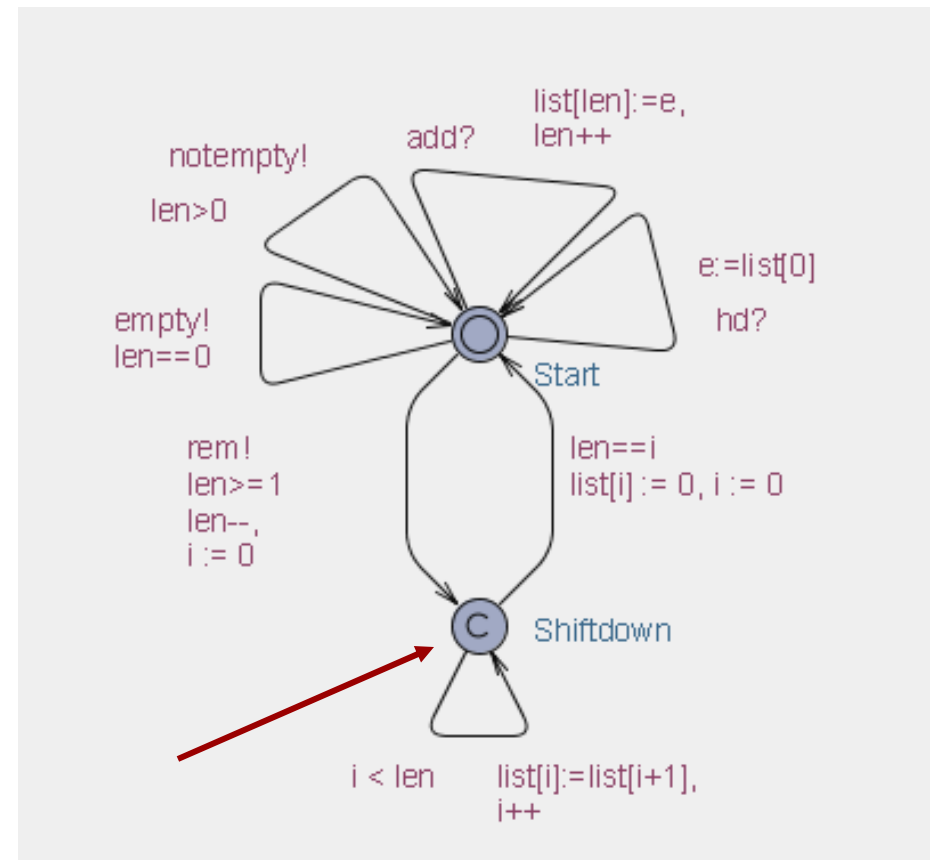


# Synchronous Value Passing



# Atomicity

- To allow encoding of control structure (for- or while-loops, conditionals, etc.) without erroneous interleaving
- To allow encoding of multicasting.
- Heavy use of committed locations.



# Optimal Real Time Planning & Scheduling

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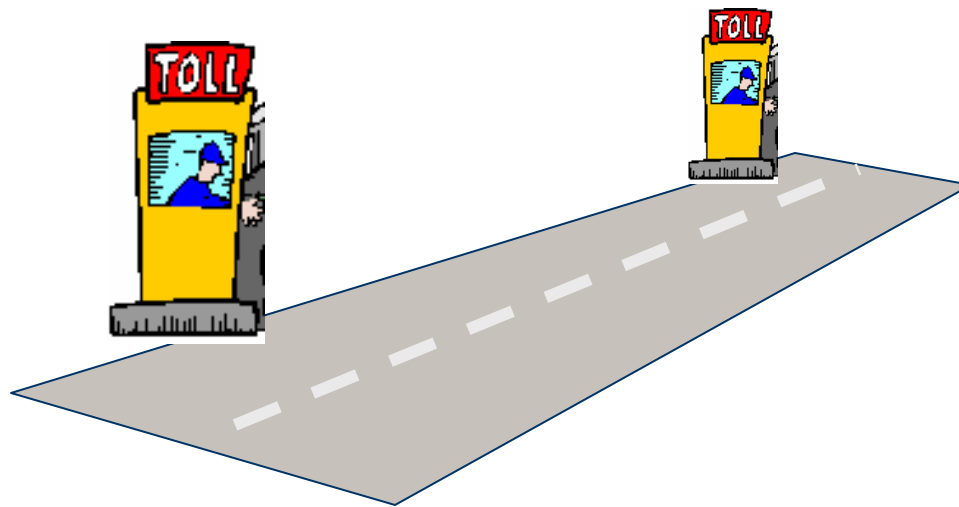
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# Real Time Scheduling

- Only 1 "BroBizz"
- Cheat is possible  
 (drive close to car with "Bizz")



**UNSAFE**



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Crossing Times



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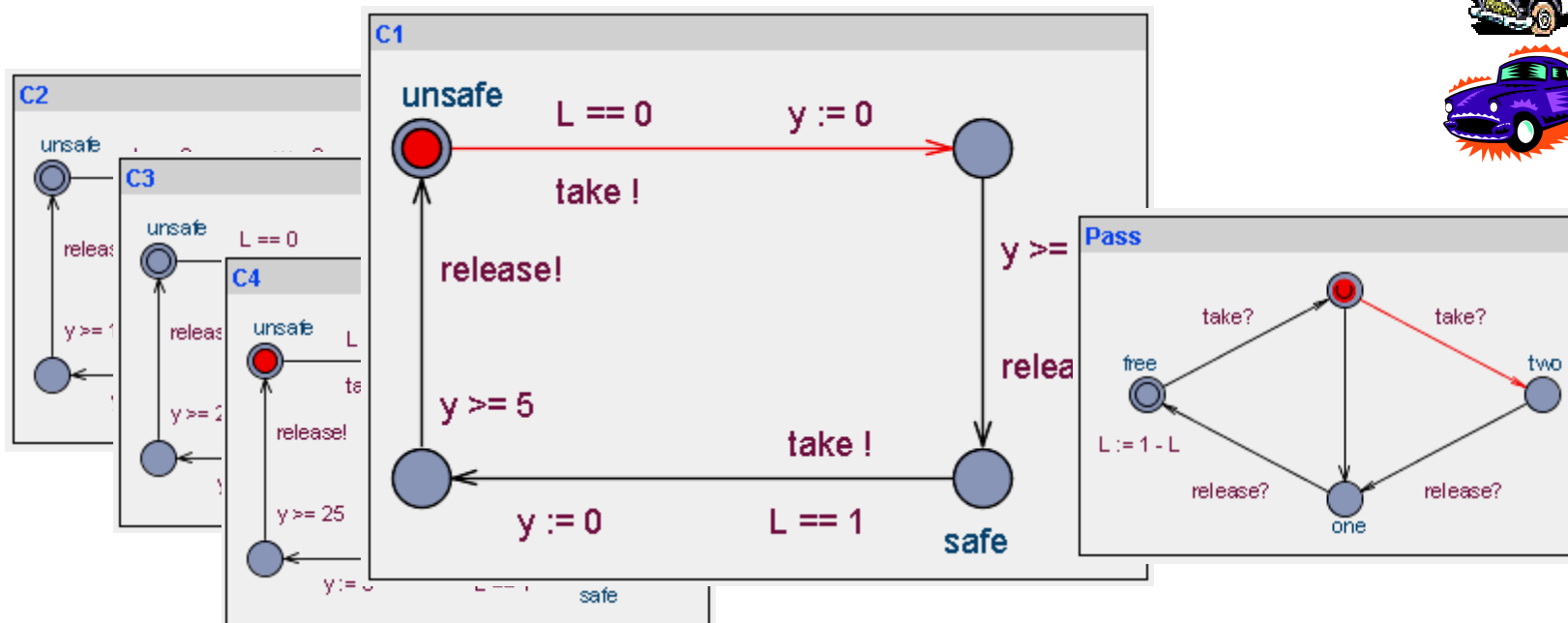
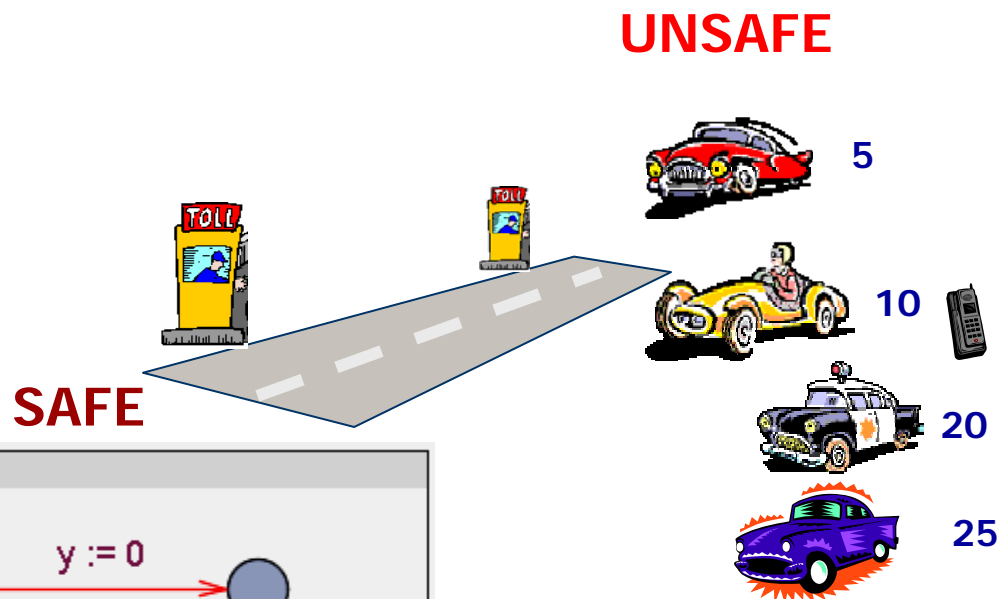
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**SAFE**

**CAN THEY MAKE IT TO SAFE WITHIN 70 MINUTES ???**

# Real Time Scheduling

Solve Scheduling Problem using **UPPAAL**





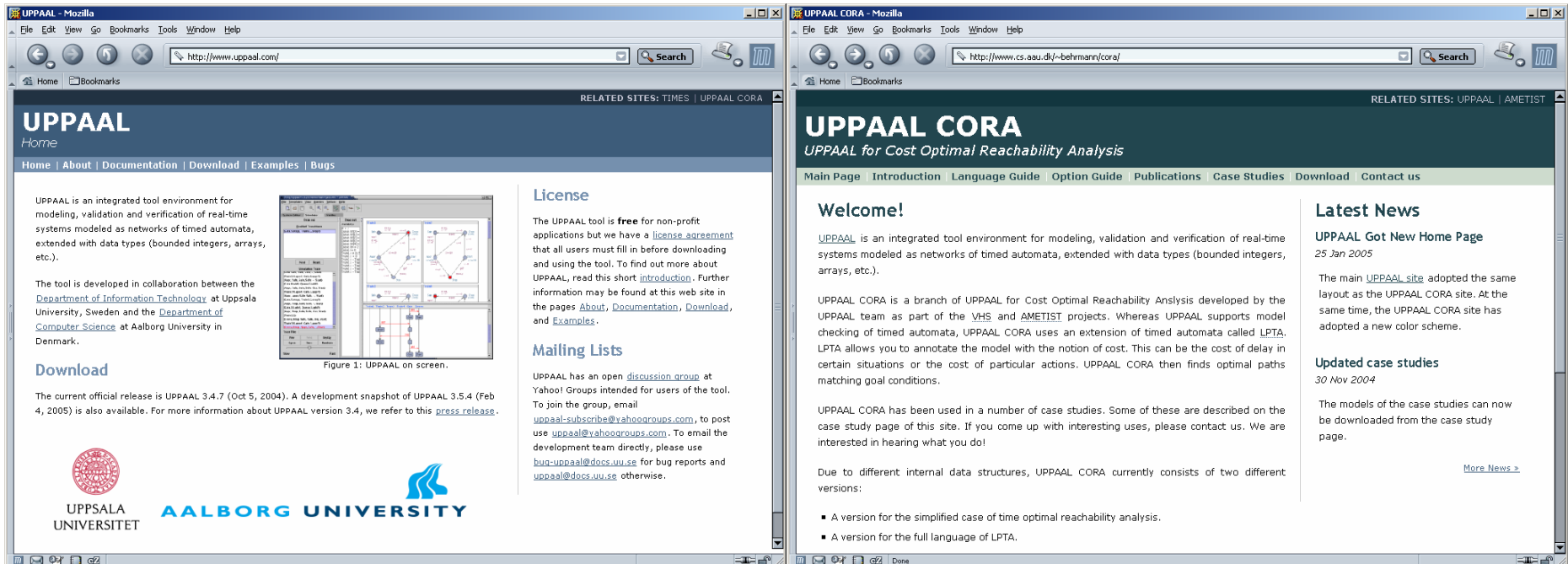
# Rush Hour



**OBJECTIVE:**  
Get your  
CAR out

EEF Summerschool on  
Concurrency,  
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