

# Computable analysis and control synthesis over complex dynamical systems via formal verification

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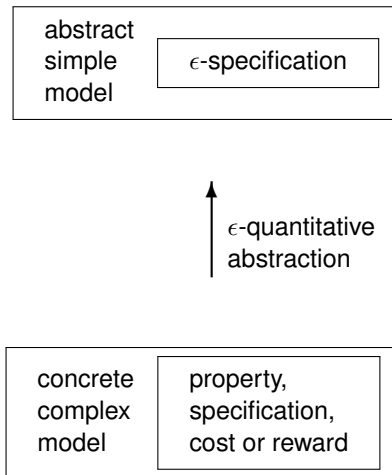
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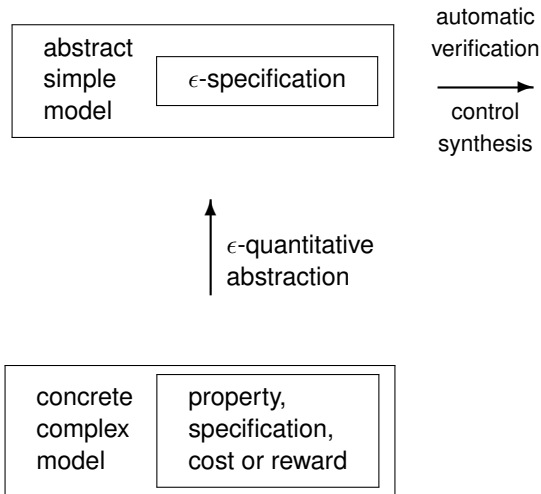
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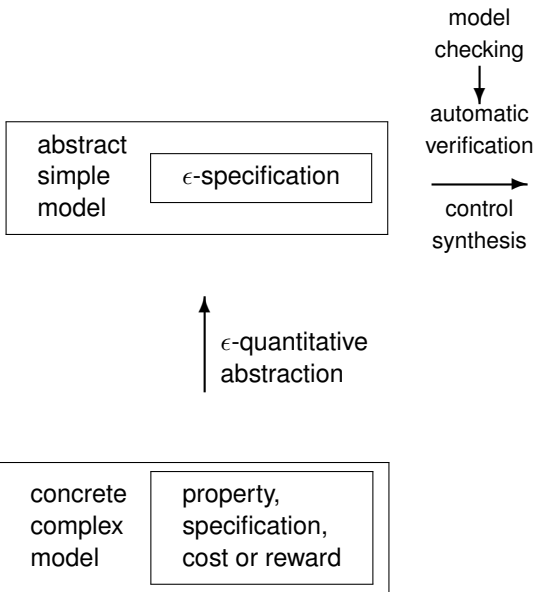
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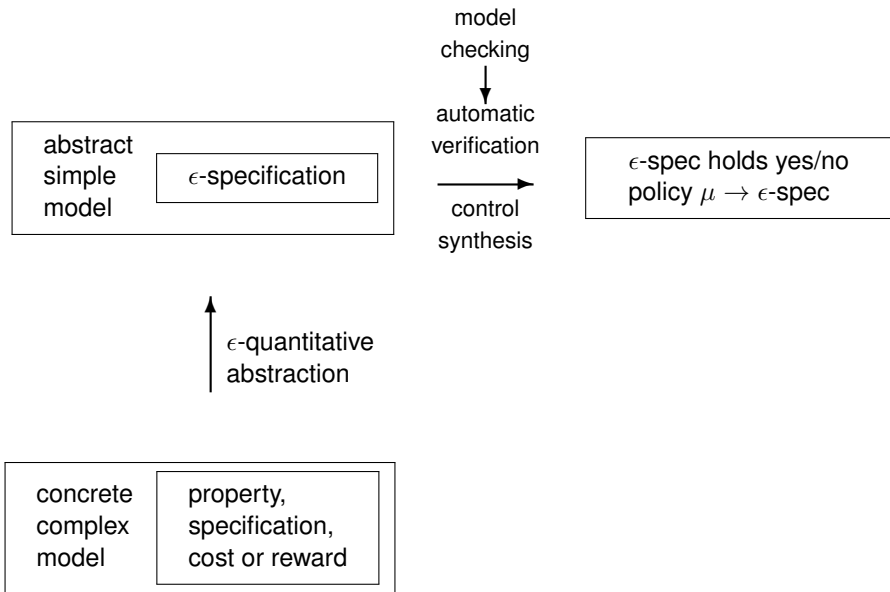


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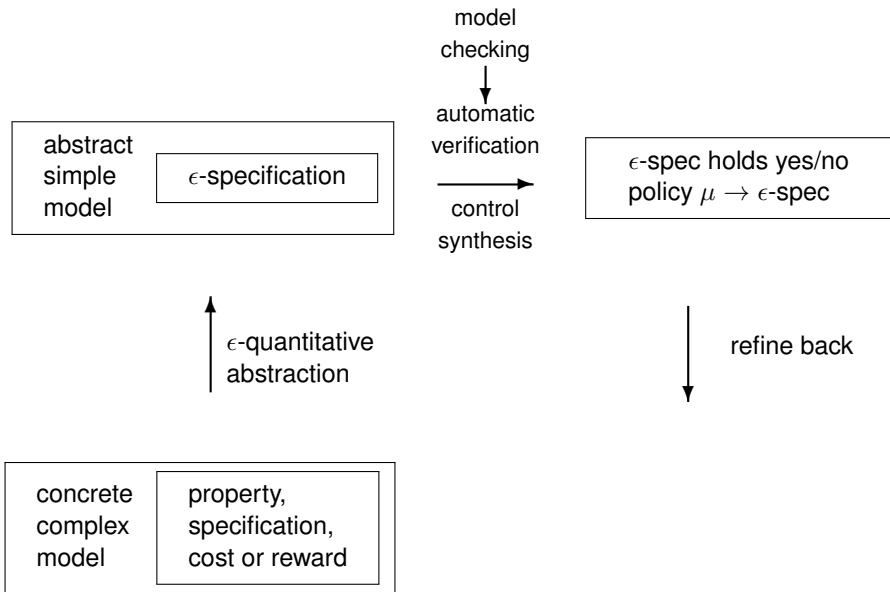




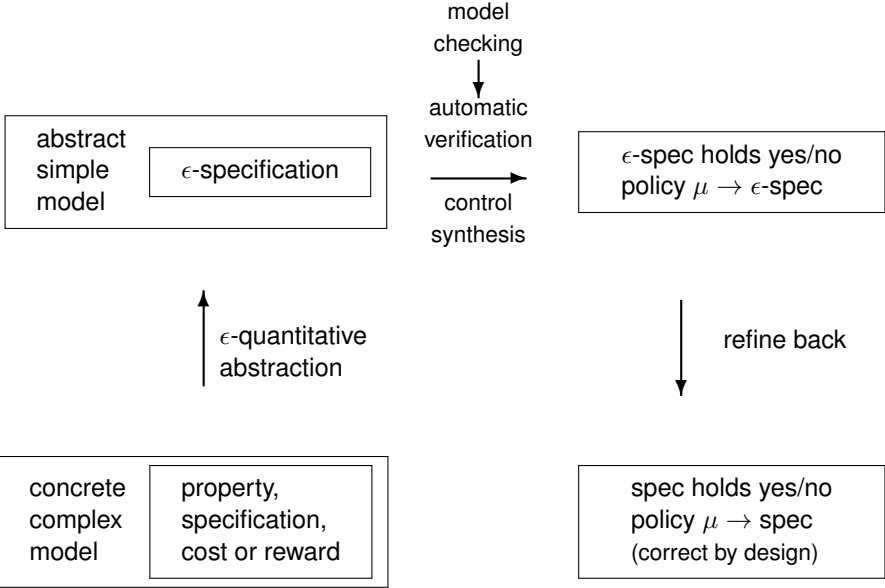
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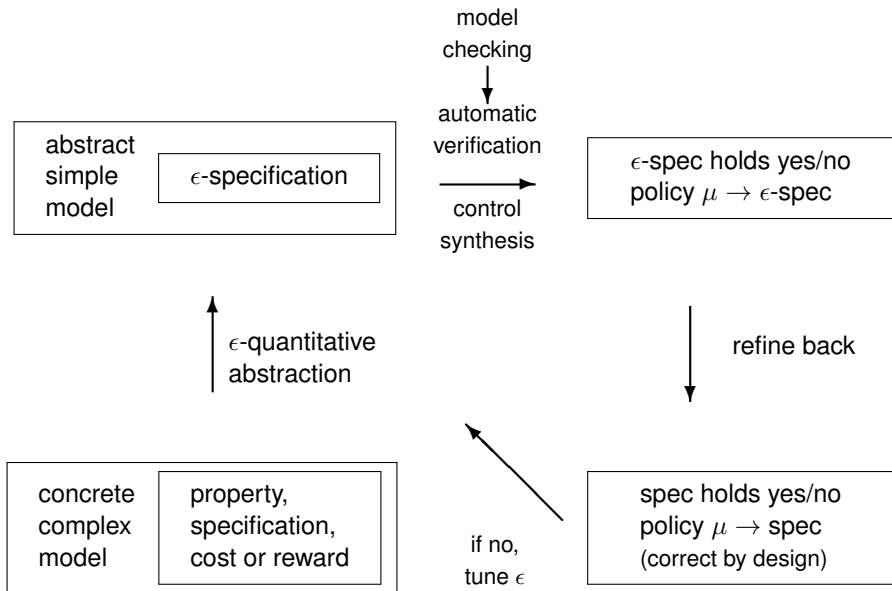
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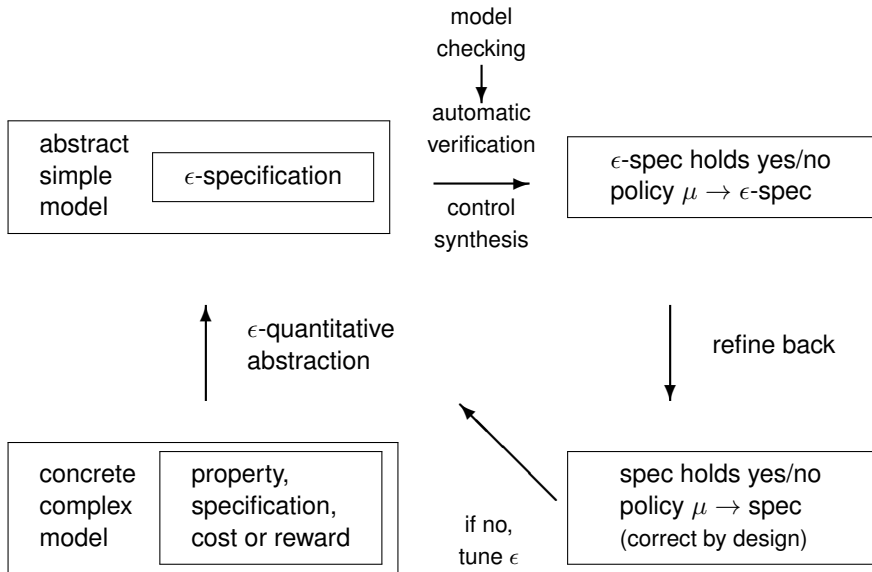
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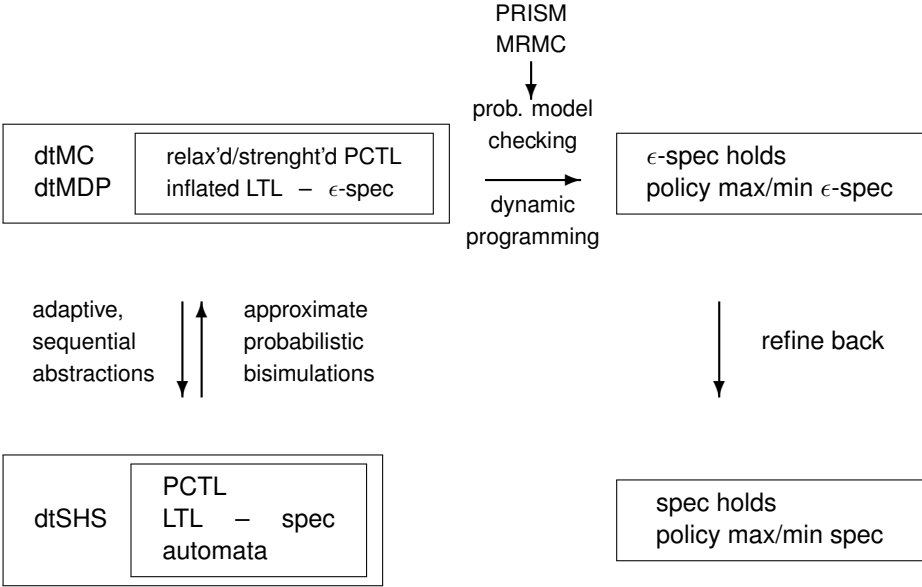
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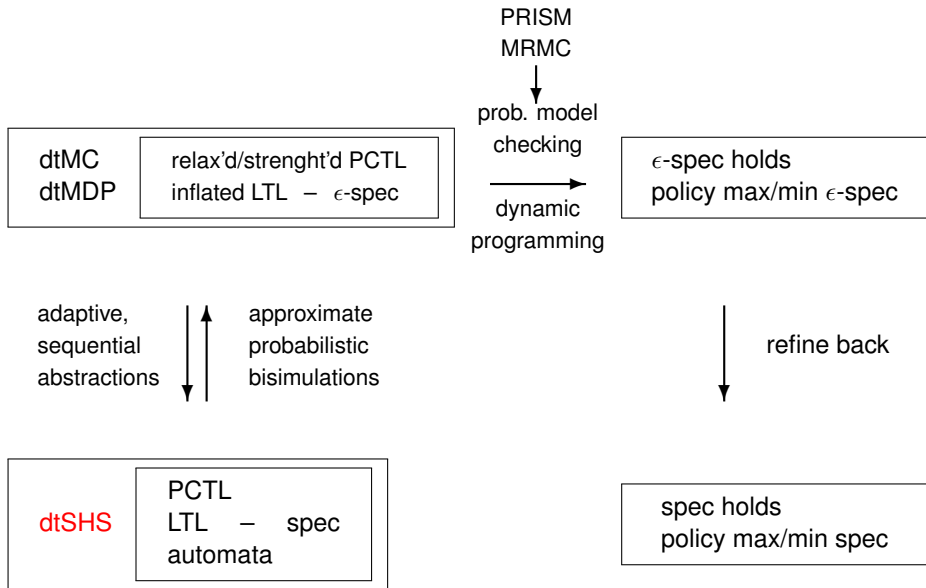
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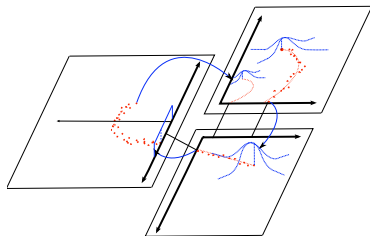
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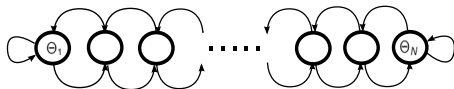
- **policy**  $\mu$ : “string” of controls
- equivalent dynamical representation:  $s_{k+1} = f(s_k, \xi_k, u_k)$

[AA et al - Automatica 08]

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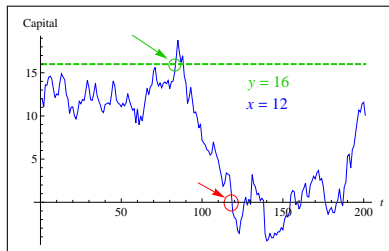
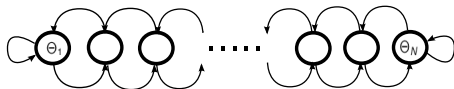
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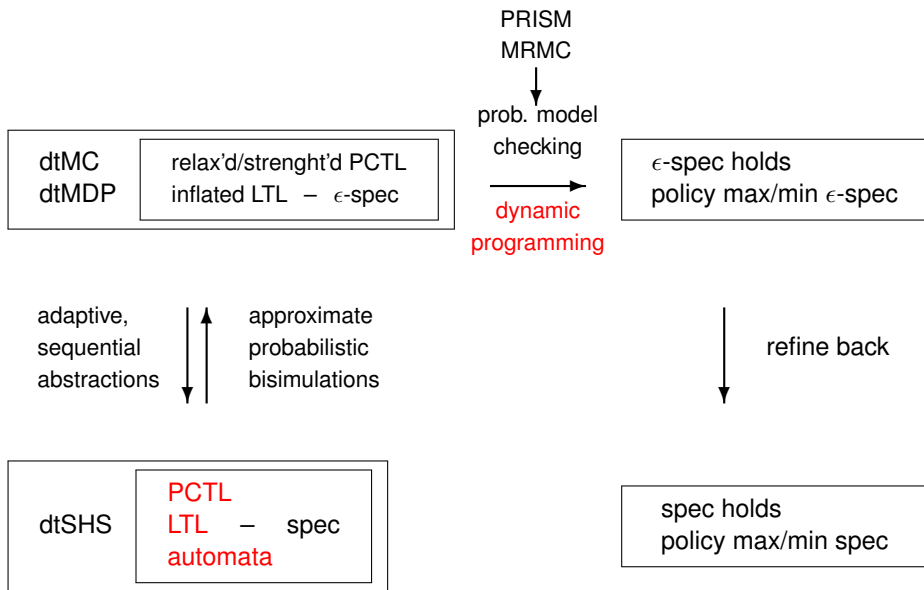
- **objective:** what is the probability that, starting from initial capital  $Z_0 = x$ , high capitalization  $y$  is reached, while company's bankruptcy is avoided

[I. Tkachev, AA - CDC 11 ]

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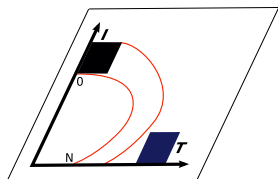
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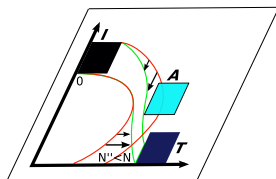




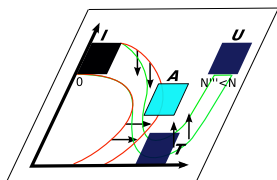
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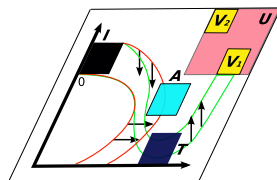
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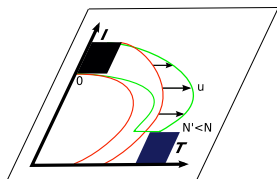
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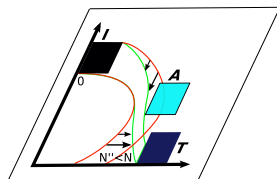
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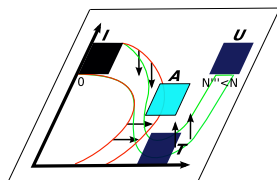
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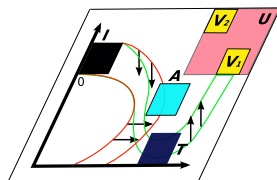
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- select  $\epsilon \in [0, 1]$  – **probabilistic safe/invariant set** with safety level  $\epsilon$  is

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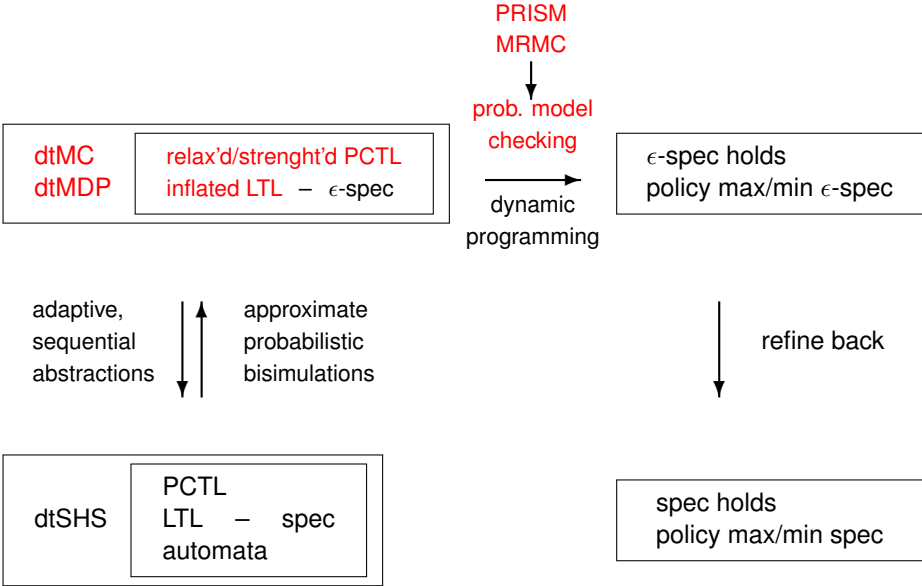
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- 2 select  $\eta > 0 : \eta/2 \in (0, 1 - \epsilon)$
- 3 pick  $\delta : f(\delta, N) \leq \eta/2$
- 4 compute  $Z_\delta(\epsilon + \eta/2)$
- 5 define  $\hat{S}_\eta(\epsilon) \doteq \{s \in \mathcal{S} \leftrightarrow z \in Z_\delta(\epsilon + \eta/2)\}$

$\Rightarrow$

$$S(\epsilon + \eta) \subseteq \hat{S}_\eta(\epsilon) \subseteq S(\epsilon)$$



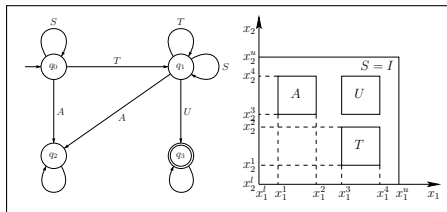
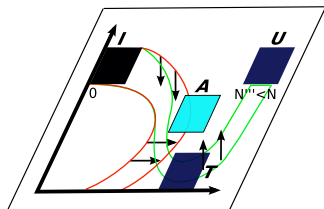
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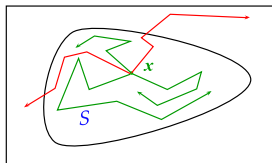
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  - compute  $g(\Psi, f)$ , a function based on formula & error
  - model check  $\mathbb{P}_{\sim\epsilon \pm g(\Psi, f)}(\Psi)$  on  $(\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{T})$
- 1 if PCTL formula is “robust”, then conclusion holds for  $\mathbb{P}_{\sim\epsilon}(\Psi)$  on SHS
  - 2 else refine  $\delta \rightarrow$  reduce  $f(\delta, N) \rightarrow$  decrease  $g(\Psi, f)$

# Approximate model checking of automata specifications



- generalization to “richer” set of properties over dtSHS
- specifications expressed as a **DFA** or a **Büchi automata**
- probabilistic reachability-like computation over product construction

# Characterization & computation of $\infty$ -horizon properties

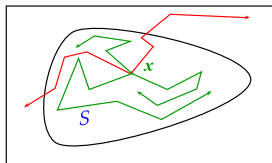


- consider target set  $T$ ; invariant set  $S = T^c = \mathcal{S} \setminus T; \forall s \in \mathcal{S}$ :

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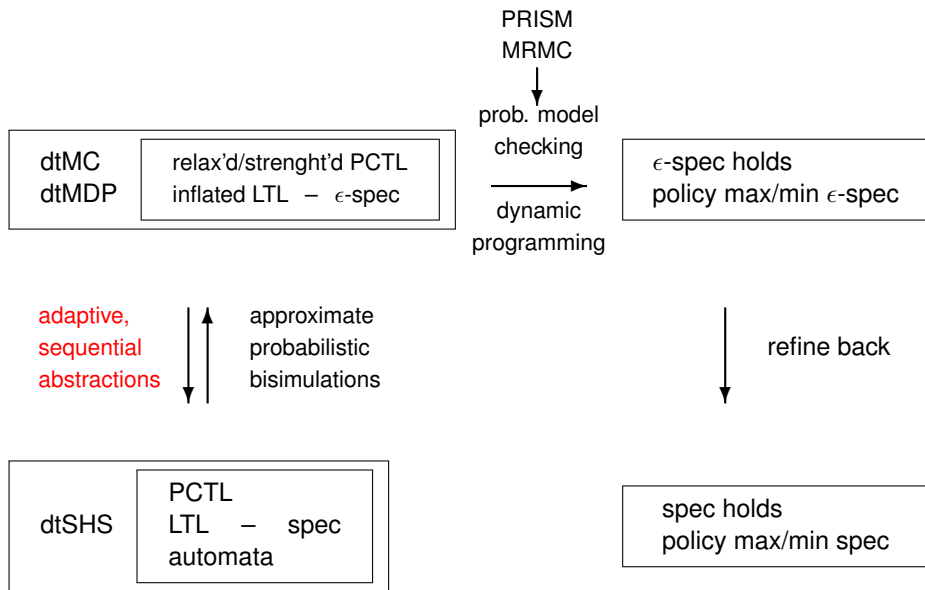
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- existence and computation of **absorbing set**  $B : \forall x \in B, T_s(B|x) = 1$
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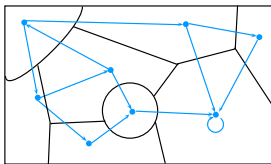
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- approximation via  $\delta$ -partitioning:  $\mathbf{S} = \cup_{q \in \Omega} \{q\} \times \mathbf{S}_q = \cup_{q \in \Omega, i=1, \dots, m_q} \{q\} \times \mathbf{S}_q^i$



- under Lip-continuity assumptions on density of kernel  $T_s$ ,

$$h(i, j), \quad i, j = 1, \dots, m_q, q \in \Omega$$

- for any  $z_q^i \in \mathbf{S}_\delta$ ,  $\forall s : s \wedge z_q^i \in \mathbf{S}_q^i$ , error is

$$f(\delta, N) \doteq \left| \mathcal{P}_s(\mathbf{S}) - \mathcal{P}_{z_q^i}(\mathbf{S}_\delta) \right| \leq \max_{i=1, \dots, m_q, q \in \Omega} N \delta_{q,i} \sum_{j=1, \dots, m_r, r \in \Omega} h(i, j),$$

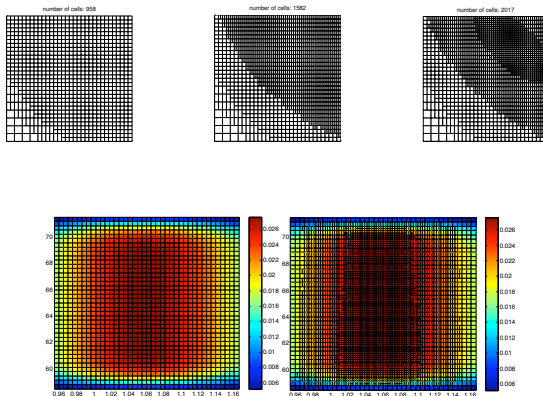
$$\delta = \max_{i=1, \dots, m_q, q \in \Omega} \delta_{q,i}, \quad \delta_{q,i} = \text{diam}(\mathbf{S}_q^i)$$

error is linear in  $N, \delta_{q,i}$  and depends on local constants  $h(i, j) \rightarrow$  local tuning

[AA et al. - EJC 11, S. Soudjani, AA - QEST 11]

# On the approximation error $f(\delta, N)$

- software (in the making) for **sequential**, **adaptive** grid generation based on approximation error
- **formula-based** abstractions



[S. Soudjani, AA - QEST 11, HSCC 12, ATVA12, SIAM 13]



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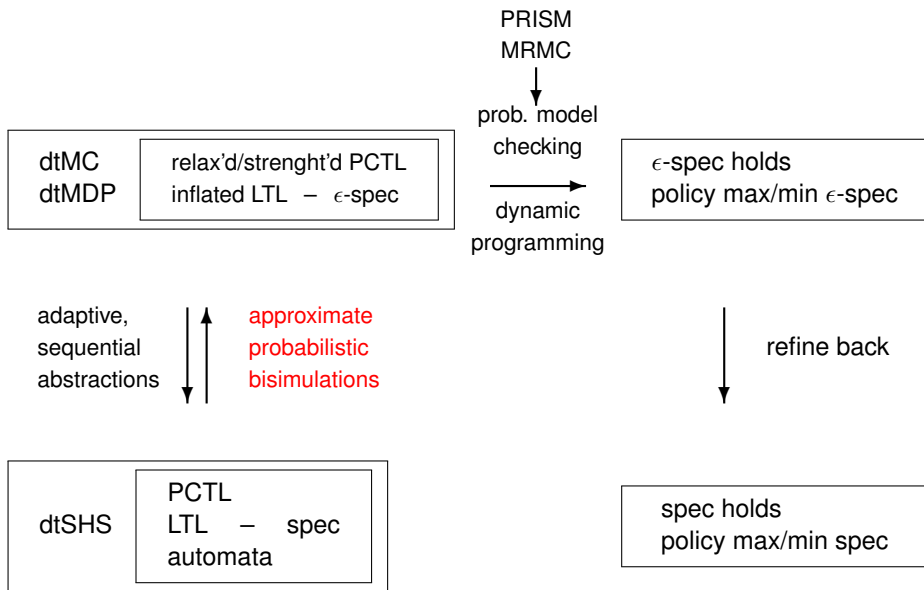
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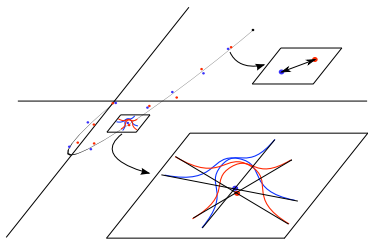
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- above abstraction leads to **approximate probabilistic bisimulation** [Larsen & Skou, 91] - alternatively ...



- consider models  $(T_{s,i}, \mathcal{S}_i)$  with solution processes  $s_i(k), i = 1, 2, k \geq 0$
- parallel composition of models with output  $s_{1,2}(k) = s_1(k) - s_2(k)$

## Definition

A function  $\psi : \mathcal{S}_1 \times \mathcal{S}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is a **probabilistic bisimulation function** if  $\psi(s_{1,2}) \geq \|s_1 - s_2\|^2$  and if  $\psi_{s_0}(s_{1,2}(k))$  is a *supermartingale*.

- $\psi$  is an upper bound on the distance btw solutions of two models:

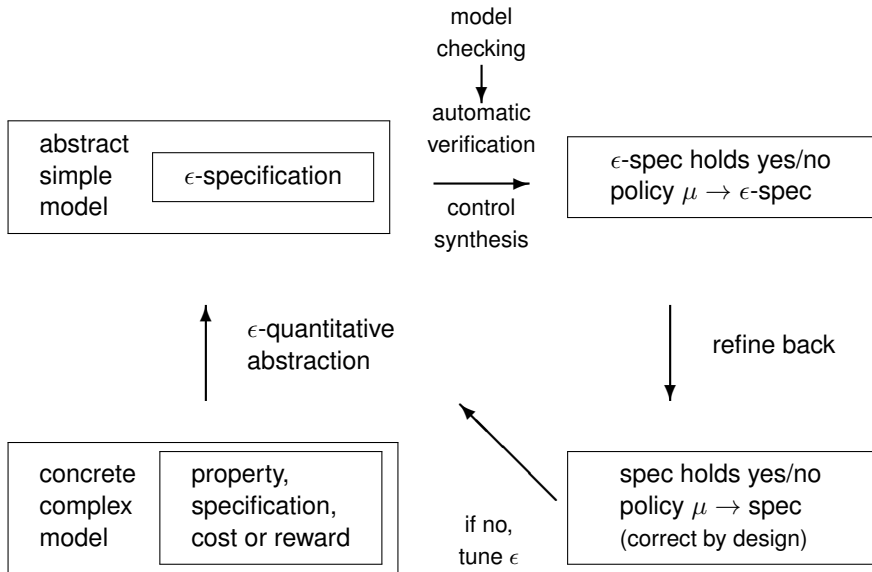
$$P_{s_0} (\sup_{k \geq 0} \|s_1(k) - s_2(k)\|^2 \geq \epsilon) \leq \psi_{s_0}(s_{1,2}(0)) / \epsilon$$

[AA - ENTCS 13]

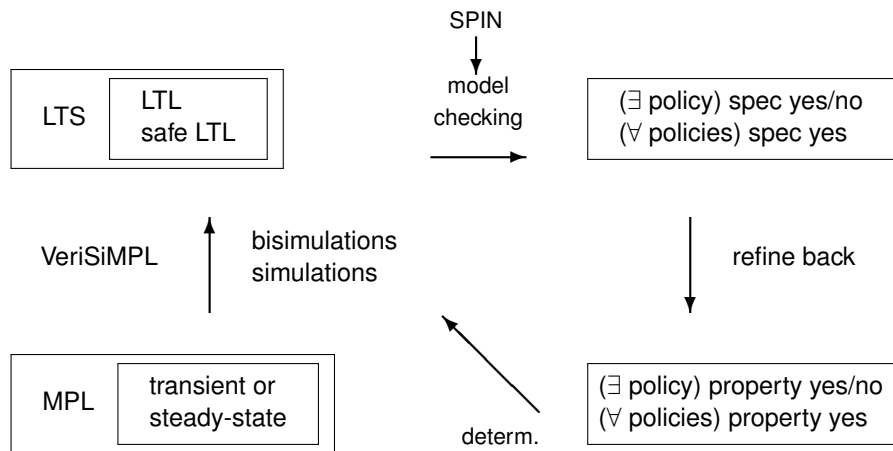
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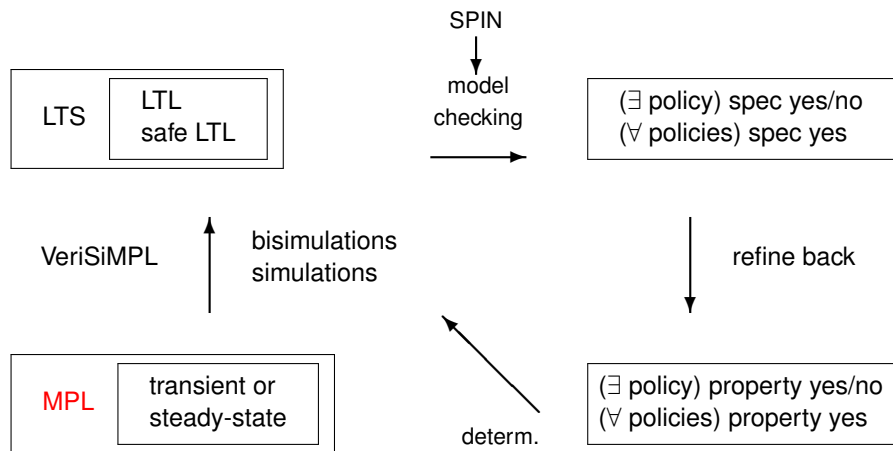
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# Formal abstractions for verification of MPL models



# Introduction to MPL systems





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- **Max-Plus-Linear (MPL) systems** are event-driven models
- applications: railway scheduling, planning of production lines, network calculus



- $x(k)$  is the time of  $k$ -th event,  $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$
- timing updates: **maximization** ( $\oplus$ ) and **addition** ( $\otimes$ ) operations  
→ **max-plus algebra**

# Max-plus algebra

- $\epsilon = -\infty$ ,  $\mathbb{R}_\epsilon = \mathbb{R} \cup \{\epsilon\}$
- $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}_\epsilon$ ,  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}_\epsilon^{m \times p}$ ,  $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}_\epsilon^{p \times n}$
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- $[A \otimes C]_{i,j} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigoplus_{k=1}^p [A]_{i,k} \otimes [C]_{k,j}$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, m$  and  $j = 1, \dots, n$

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$$x(k+1) = A \otimes x(k) \oplus B \otimes u(k),$$

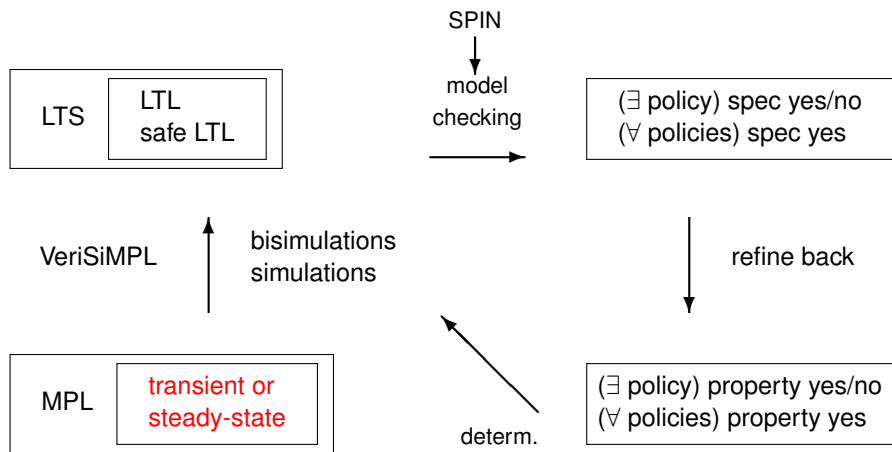
where  $B \in \mathbb{R}_\epsilon^{n \times m}$  and  $u \in \mathbb{R}^m$  (synthesis = scheduling)

[Baccelli et al., 92]

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- study of transient and periodic regimes, of asymptotics
- classical analysis based on **algebraic** or **geometric** properties

## Definition

- 1 **max-plus eigenvector**  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ :  $A \otimes x = \lambda \otimes x \Rightarrow x(k+1) = \lambda \otimes x(k)$
- 2 **cycles on precedence graph**  $\Rightarrow$  periodic regime with period  $c$ :  
 $\forall k \geq k_0, x(k+c) = \lambda^{\otimes c} \otimes x(k)$

## Example

- 1 eigenspace (periodic regime with period 1 and  $\lambda = 4$ ):

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- 2 periodic regime with period  $c = 2$  (transient  $k_0 = 3$ ):

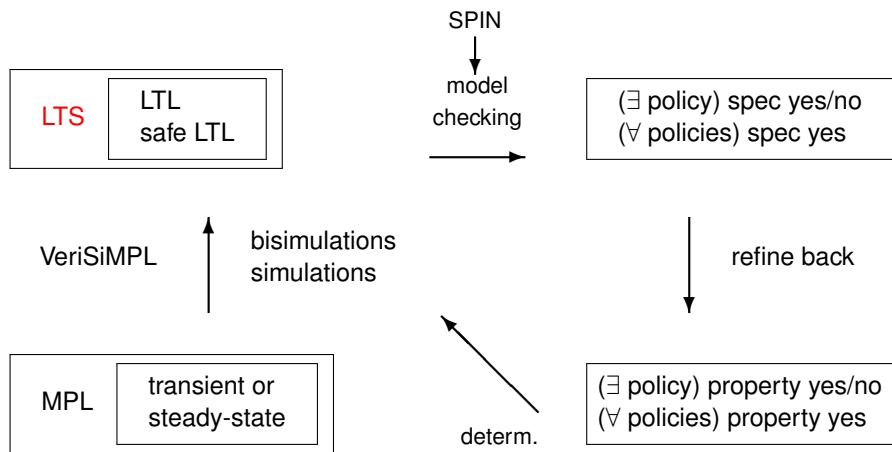
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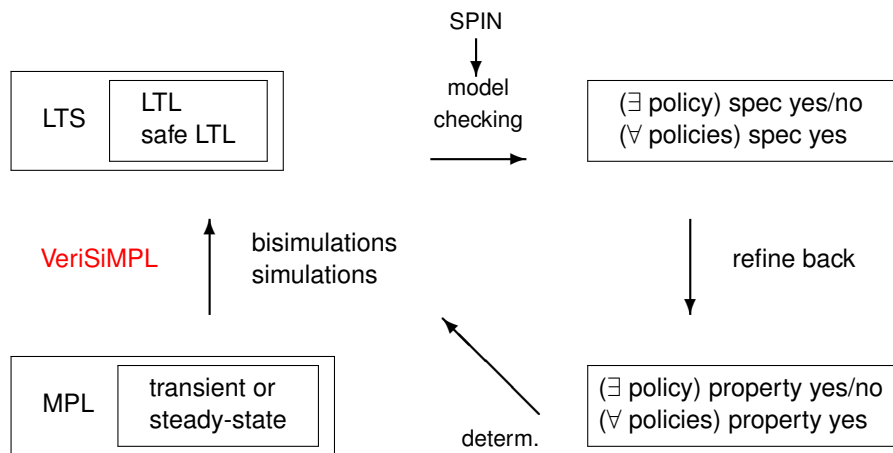
- consider  $AP$ , a set of atomic propositions

## Definition

A **labeled transition system**  $(L, S, \delta)$  consists of

- $S$ : a set of states
  - $L$ : a set of labels in  $2^{AP}$
  - $\delta \subseteq S \times L \times S$ : a transition relation
- 
- labels can be defined over states
  - LTS can be **deterministic** vs **non-deterministic**
  - LTS can be **infinite** vs **finite**

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- partition is **not arbitrary**: it is adapted to underlying dynamics



# State-space partitioning, an example

## Example

- after refinement, total of 5 regions:

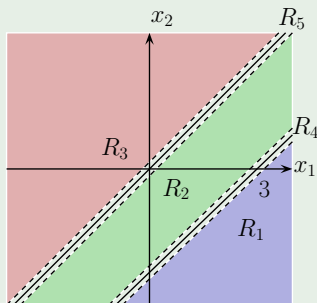
$$R_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x_1 - x_2 < 0\}$$

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$$R_3 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x_1 - x_2 > 3\}$$

$$R_4 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x_1 - x_2 = 3\}$$

$$R_5 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 < x_1 - x_2 < 3\}$$



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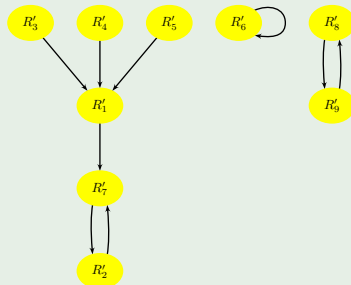
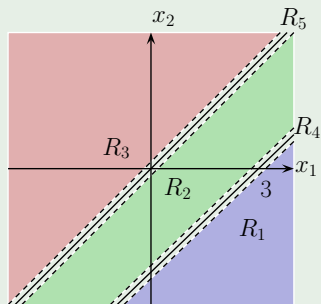
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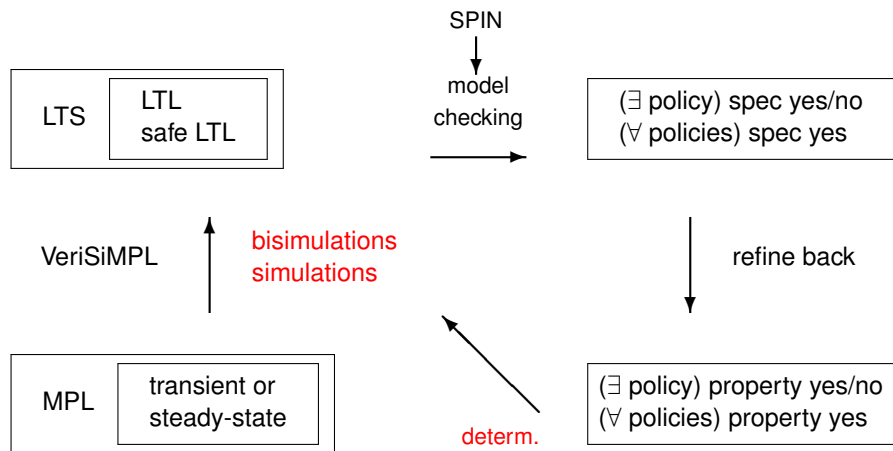
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## Example



- **determinism** vs **non-determinism** of obtained TS
- above  $R_i$  - **original** partitions,  $R'_i$  - **refined** partitions (determinization)

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## Theorem

- *TS **simulates** the original MPL model*
- *TS **bisimulates** the MPL model if and only if it is **deterministic***
  
- non-deterministic TS can be “determinized” by refining partitioning regions
- however, refinement procedure may not terminate

## Theorem

- *if TS is deterministic over the periodic regime, then TS is globally deterministic*
- *every **irreducible** MPL model admits finite deterministic TS abstraction*



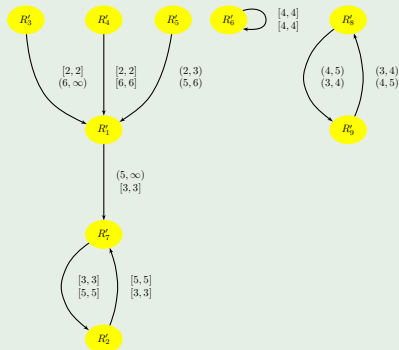
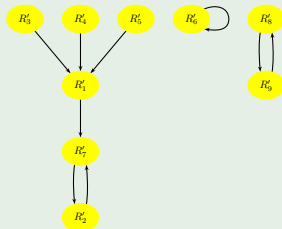
## Definition

- **state labels:**  
all possible values of  $x_i(k) - x_j(k)$ , for  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$   
time difference of **same-event variables**
- **transition labels:**  
all possible values of  $x_i(k + 1) - x_i(k)$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$   
time difference of **successive events**
- labels are **vectors of intervals**, can be represented as **DBM**

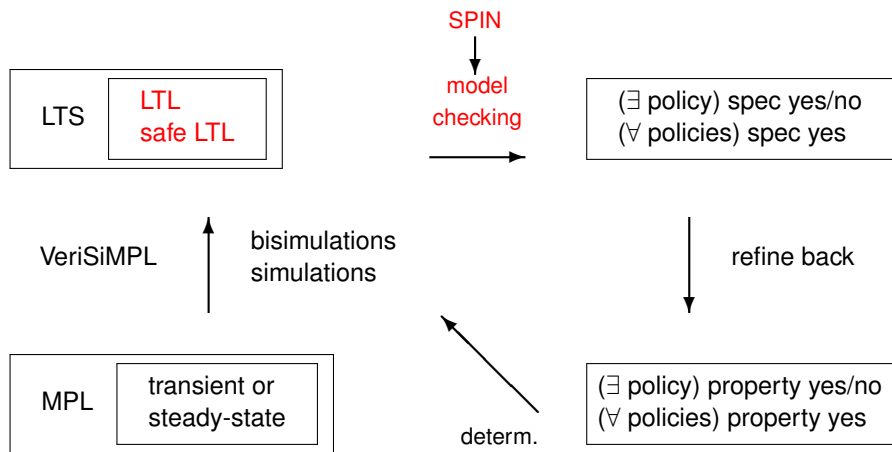
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- LTS **transition** labels



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size of MPL model	time for generation of states	time for generation of transitions	time for generation of labels	total number of LTS states	total number of LTS transitions
3	0.1 [s]	0.4 [s]	0.1 [s]	3.6	4.3
5	0.2 [s]	0.4 [s]	0.1 [s]	8.6	13.8
7	0.9 [s]	0.5 [s]	0.3 [s]	37.2	289.3
9	4.1 [s]	0.8 [s]	1.6 [s]	120.0	$1.7 \cdot 10^3$
11	24.8 [s]	15.2 [s]	16.1 [s]	613.2	$1.9 \cdot 10^4$
13	3.5 [m]	5.5 [m]	2.8 [m]	$1.9 \cdot 10^3$	$1.9 \cdot 10^5$
15	53.6 [m]	2.0 [h]	39.4 [m]	$7.4 \cdot 10^3$	$2.0 \cdot 10^6$

- coded in MATLAB, run over 12-core Intel Xeon, 3.47 GHz, 24 GB
- **bottleneck**: generation of transitions

# Computational benchmark for reachability analysis

- A randomly generated with elements taking values between 1 and 100
- row-finite matrix  $A$ : with 2 finite elements placed randomly in each row
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- set of initial conditions is selected as the unit hypercube

size of MPL model	time for generation of PWA system	number of regions of PWA system	time for generation of reach tube
3	0.09 [s]	5	0.09 [s]
10	4.73 [s]	700	8.23 [s]
18	29.13 [m]	$1.58 \cdot 10^5$	5.82 [h]

- comparison MPL vs MPT
- generation time for reach tube of 10-dimensional MPL model, different time horizons

time horizon	20	40	60	80	100
MPL	11.02 [s]	17.94 [s]	37.40 [s]	51.21 [s]	64.59 [s]
MPT	47.61 [m]	1.19 [h]	2.32 [h]	3.03 [h]	3.73 [h]

# Formal analysis of MPL models is now “very simple”

## VeriSiMPL – Verification via biSimulation of MPL models

- abstract MPL model as LTS (in [MATLAB](#))
- export LTS abstraction (as [PROMELA](#) script) into [SPIN](#) model checker
- consider properties in [LTL](#) logic
- verify property via SPIN over LTS and export outcome back to MPL model

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## VeriSiMPL (“very simple”)

Verification via biSimulations of Max-Plus Linear Models

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### VeriSiMPL

- is a software tool for concrete MPL models implemented in Matlab, which exports abstract LTS models to SPIN in Promela language

### Documentation

- comes as a text file: txt

### Download

- the toolbox as a compressed folder: zip

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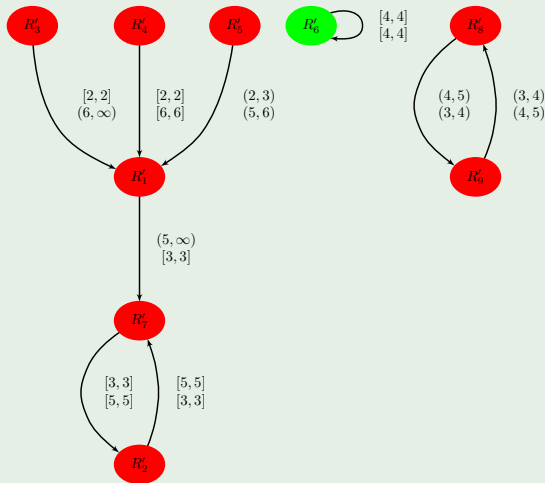
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<http://sourceforge.net/projects/verisimpl>

# MPL verification in practice

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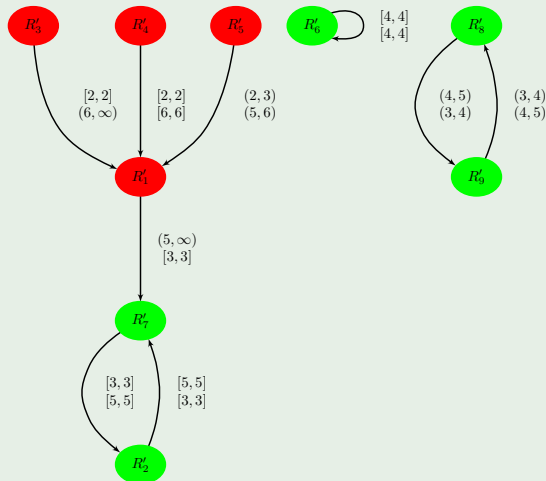
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## Example

- automatically identify MPL **periodic regime**:  $\Psi = \bigvee_{\varphi \in L=AP} \square(\varphi \wedge \bigcirc^c \varphi)$

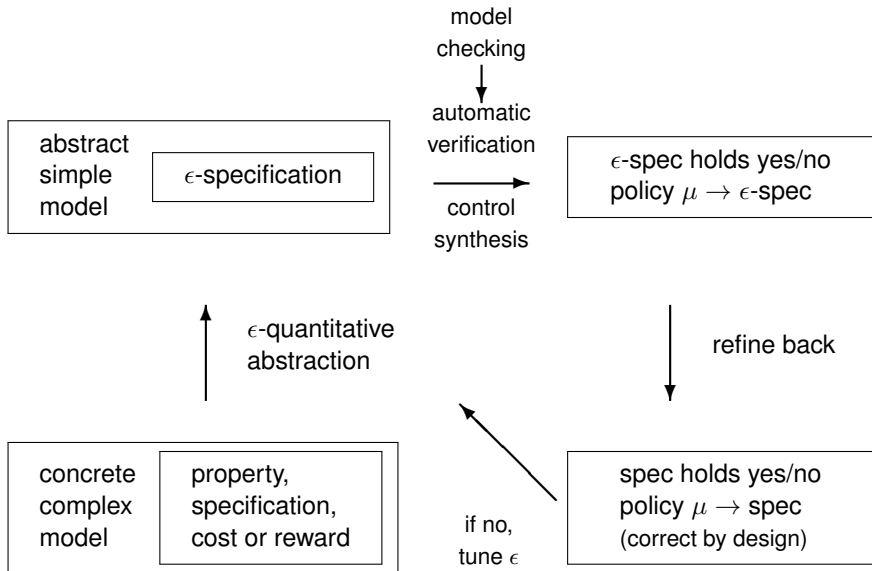




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# Computable analysis and synthesis via formal verification

- theory: correct-by-design controller synthesis
- computations: coupling abstraction techniques with existing model checking software
  
- SHS: composition, concurrency, continuous-time
- MPL models: probabilistic delays  $\rightarrow$  SHS techniques
  
- applications: energy, biology, networked control systems

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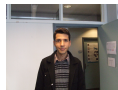
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