



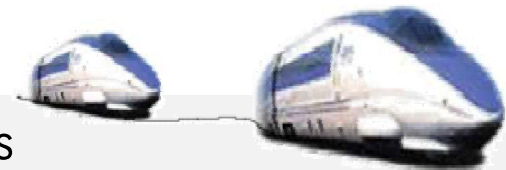
Stochastic, Hybrid and Real-Time Systems: From Foundations To Applications with Modest

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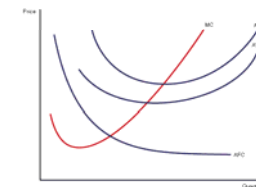
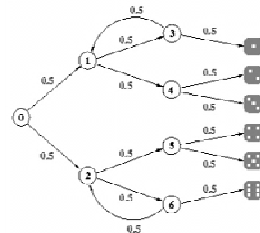
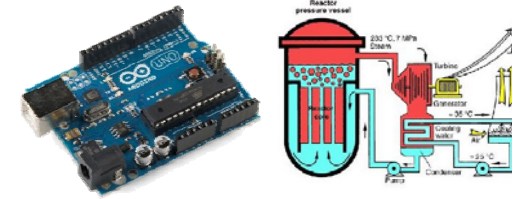
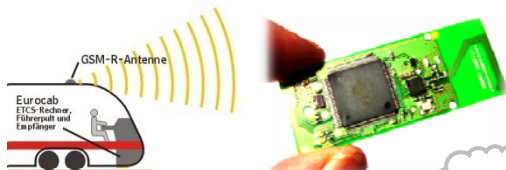
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Model $\xleftrightarrow{\text{model checking}}$ Requirements



this is what we want

System under study / implementation



correctness

safety

performance

costs

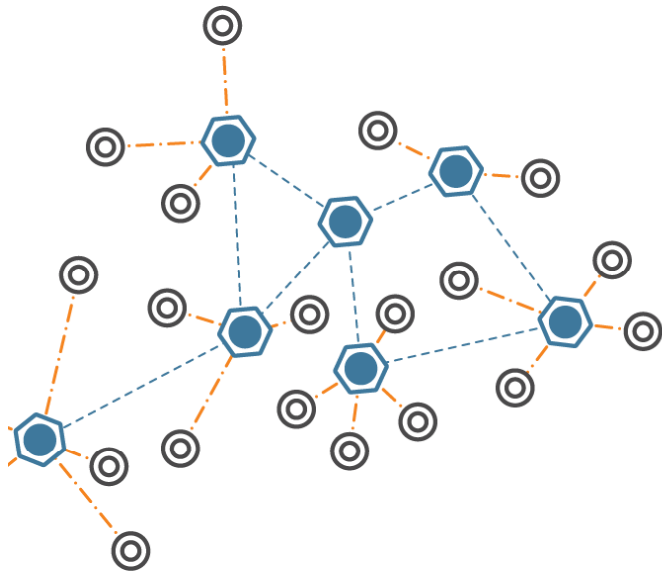
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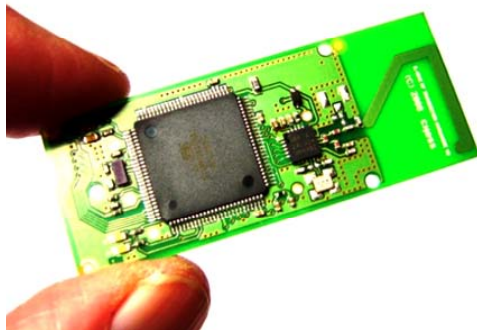
concurrency

message loss

transmission delays

randomised algorithms

limited battery power



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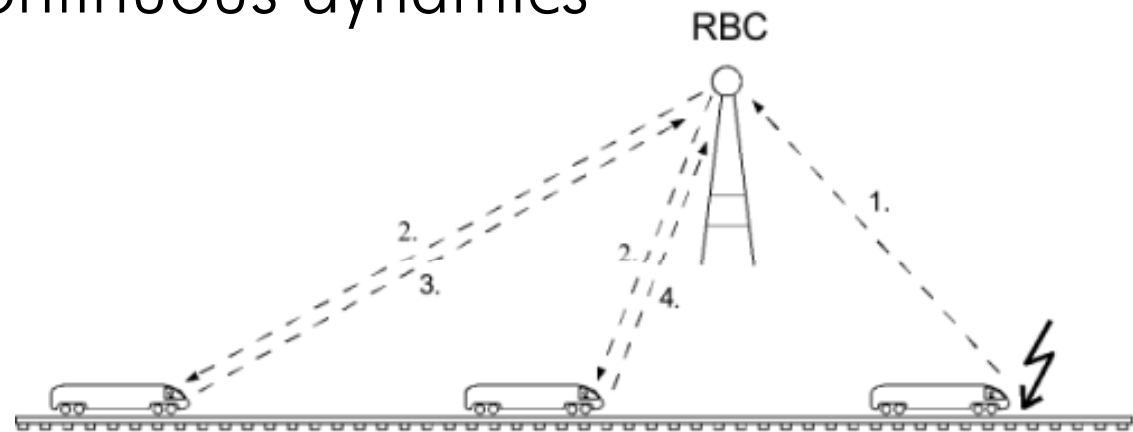
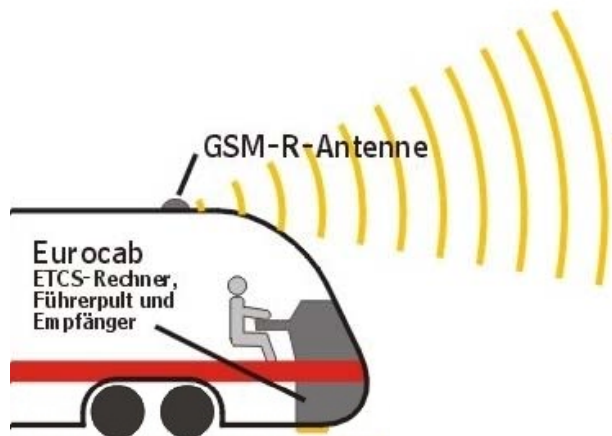
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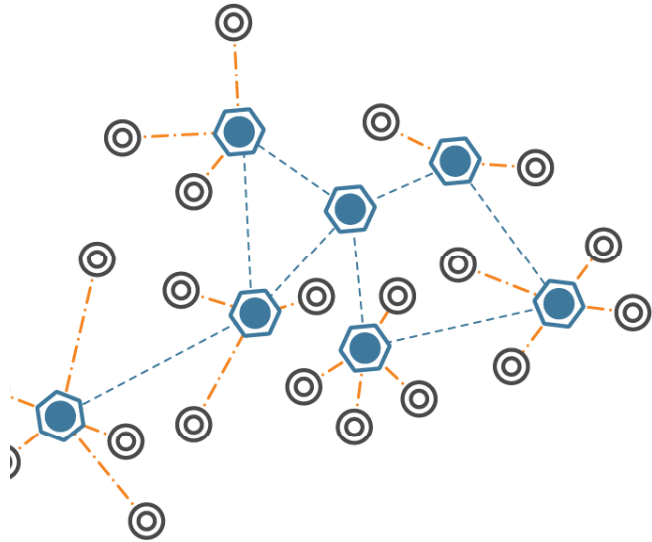
message loss

continuous dynamics



Systems, Models and Requirements

Quantitative models are useful.



1 % probability of message loss

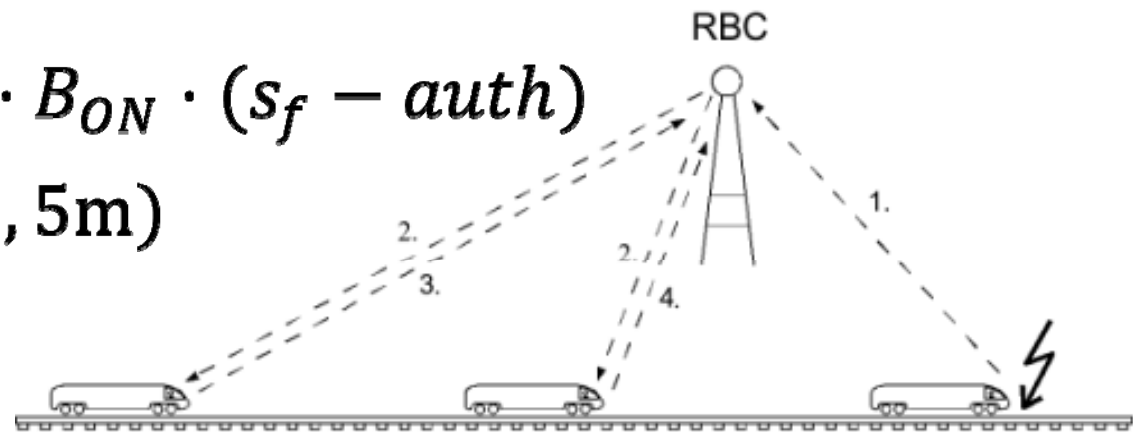
20 mW needed in send mode

Expected time for transmission ≤ 8 s ?

Fraction of time in send mode ≤ 0.2 ?

$$\dot{v} = a \wedge v \cdot v_{max} \leq 2 \cdot B_{ON} \cdot (s_f - auth)$$

$$pos_{seen} = \mathcal{N}(pos_{real}, 5m)$$



Prob(crash within 15 years) $\leq 10^{-5}$?

Systems, Models and Requirements

Quantitative models are useful.

Quantities in models

time



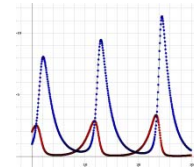
probabilities



costs



continuous dynamics



$$\dot{v} = a \wedge v \cdot v_1$$

Quantities in requirements/properties

Quantified safety

Prob(crash within 15 years) $\leq 10^{-5}$?

Performance

Expected time for transmission ≤ 8 s?

Dependability, Performability, Survivability, ...

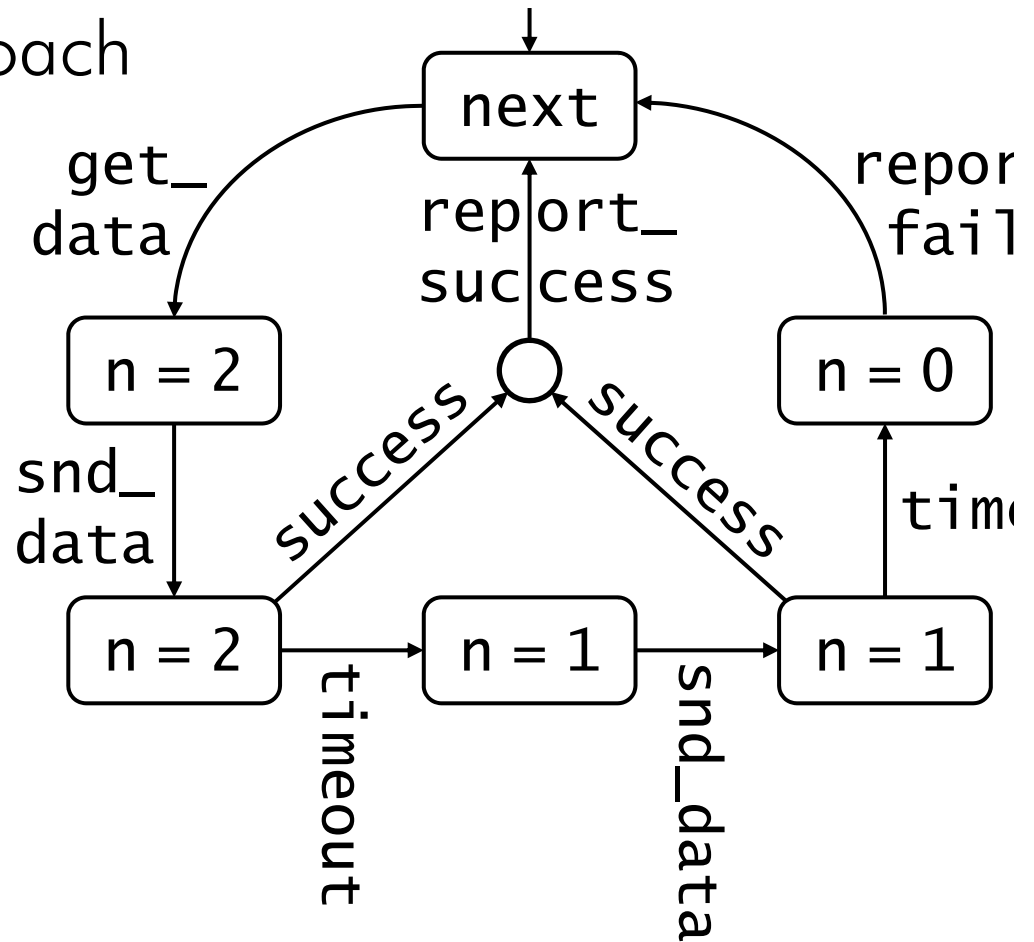
+ qualitative requirements in a quantitative setting

Modelling and Verification

The automata-based approach

reactive system

```
while(true)
  next:
  get_data(buf);
  n = 2;
  while(n > 0)
    e = snd_data(buf);
    if(e == SUCCESS)
      report_success();
      goto next;
    if(e == TIMEOUT)
      n = n - 1;
  report_failure();
```



Modelling and Verification

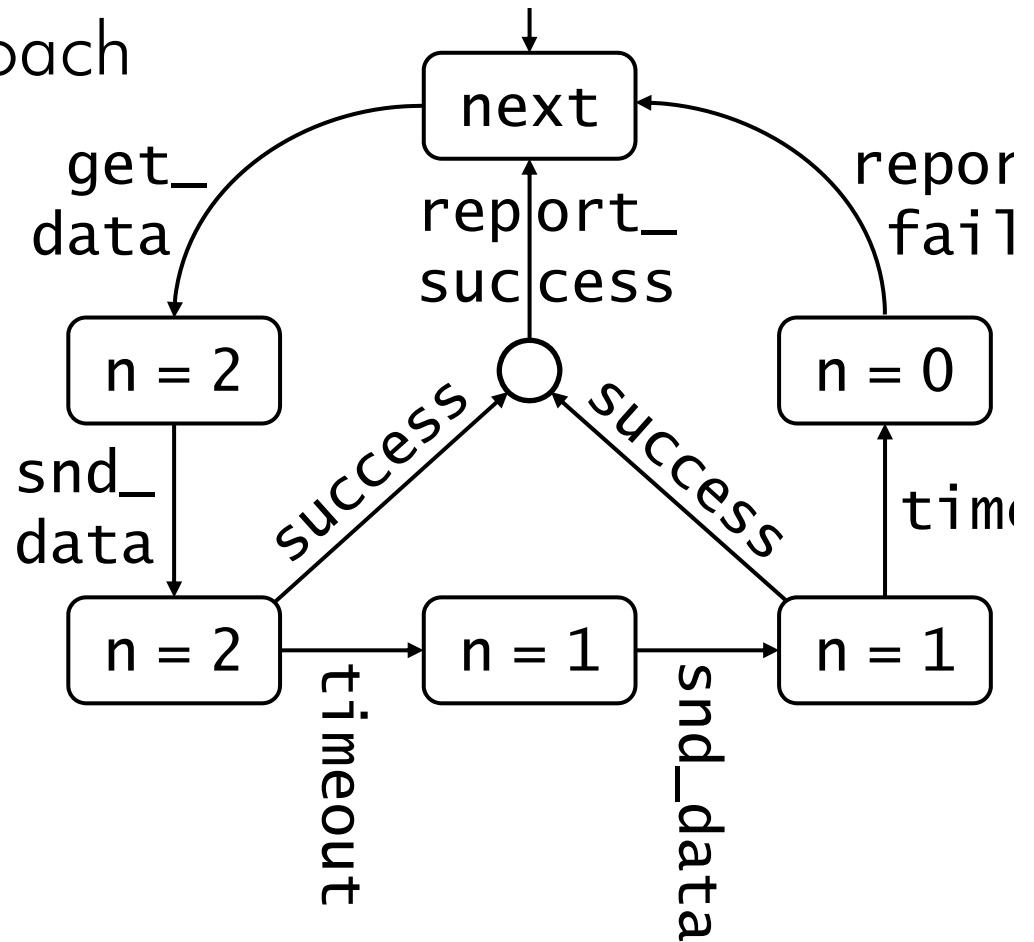
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Properties of interest

- Absence of deadlocks
- Safety
- Liveness
- LTL or CTL formulas

e.g. $\forall \square \exists \diamond success$

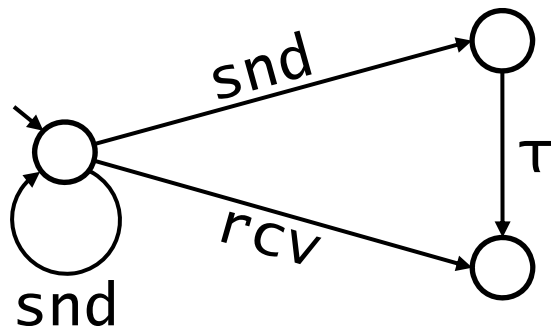
Boolean requirements



Quantitative Models

A quantitative automata family

Labelled Transition Systems



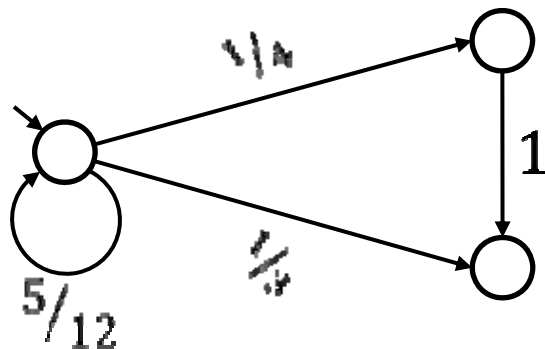
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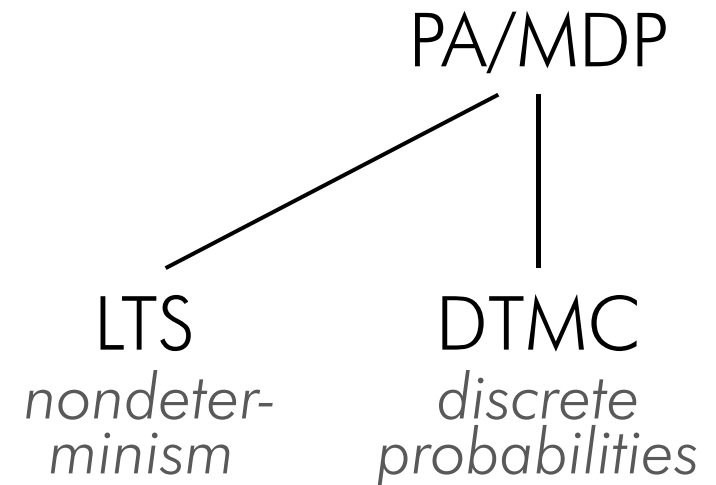
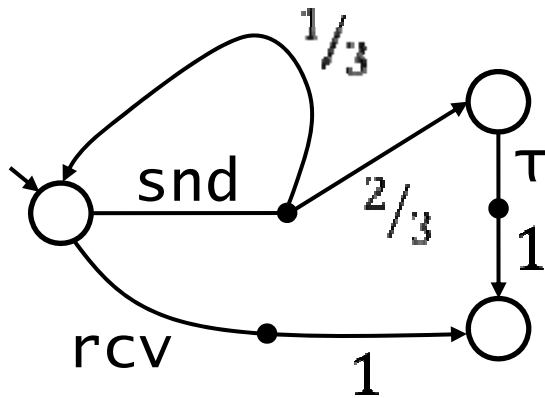
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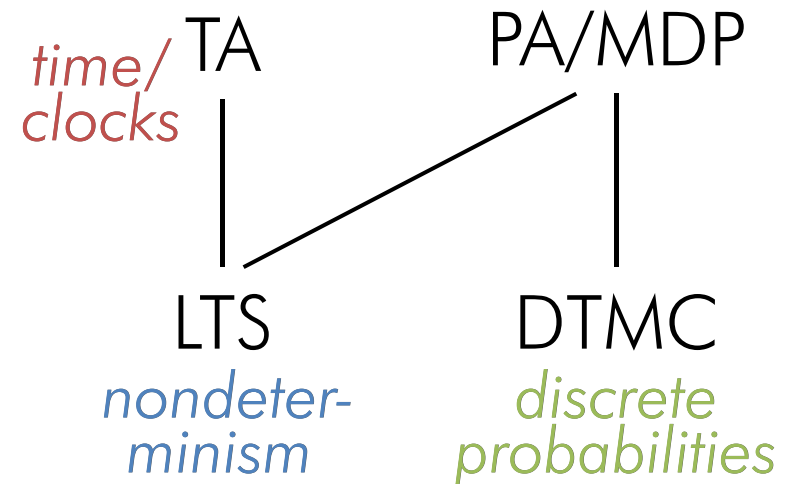
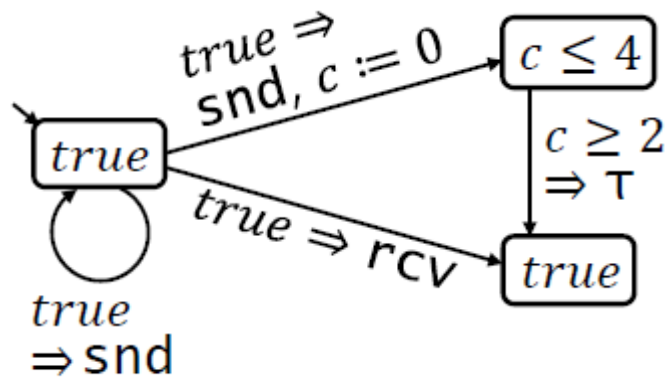
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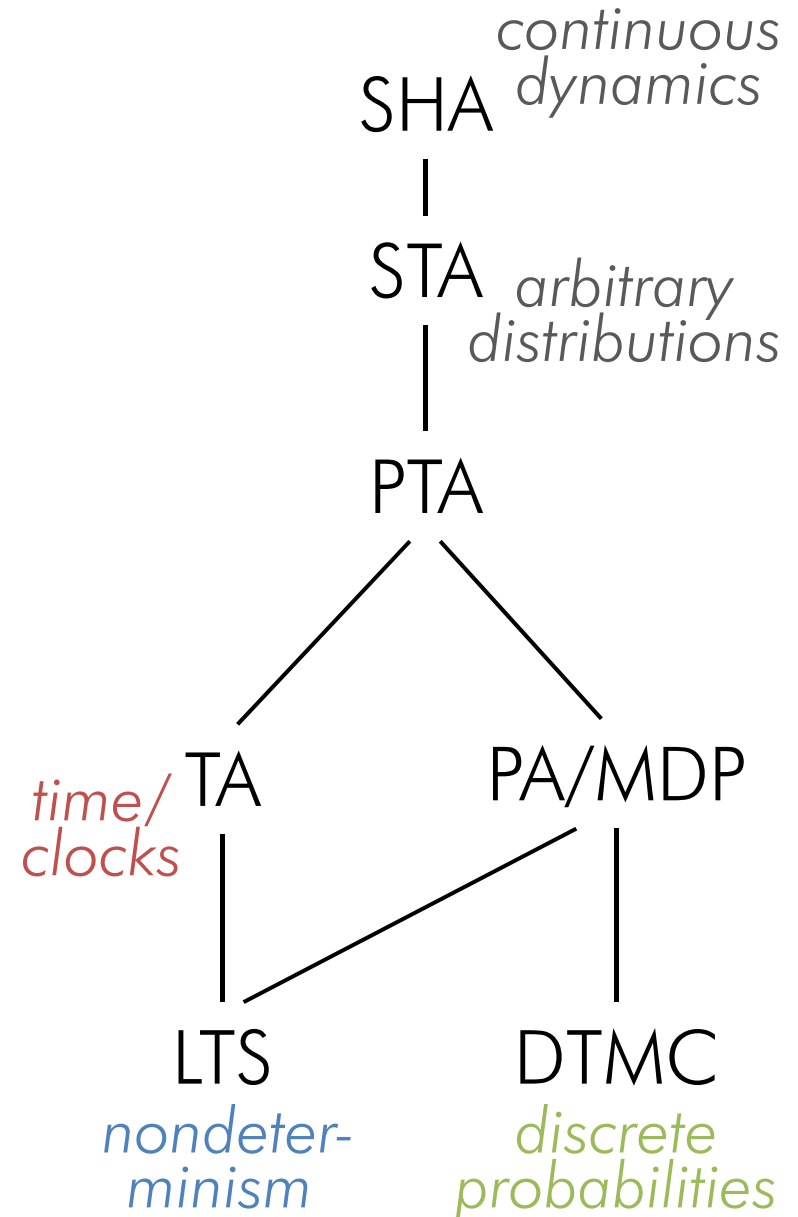
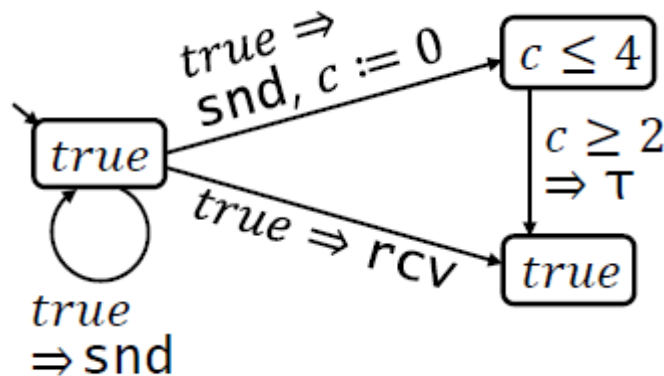
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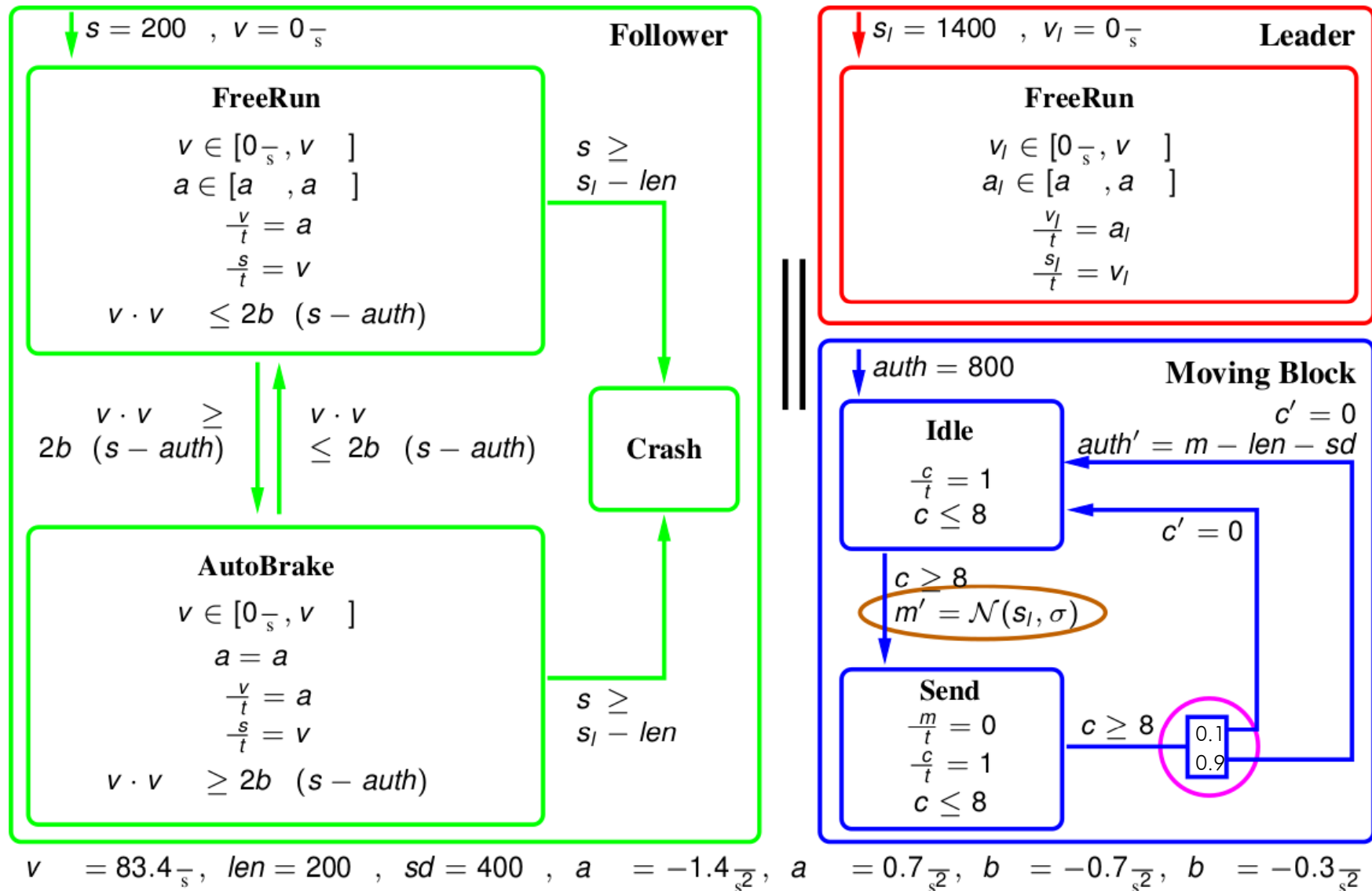
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Probabilistic Timed Automata

Stochastic Timed /
Hybrid Automata



A Stochastic Hybrid Automaton (Network)



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Nondeterminism

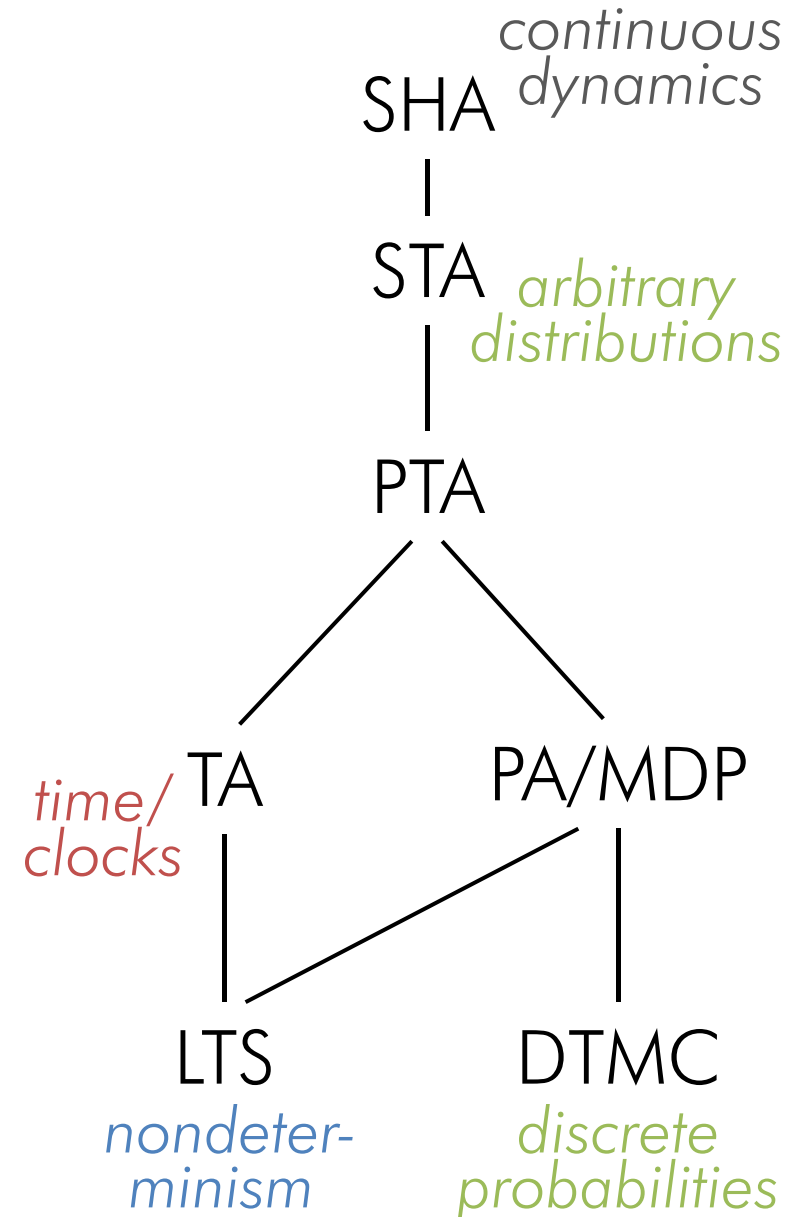
– structural or temporal

Probabilistic choices

– discrete or continuous
– over next state or delay

Time

– discrete or continuous
– nondeterministic
or random delays



Quantitative Models

Automata modelling formalisms
and model checking tools

Modest

– The Modest Toolset

Guarded commands

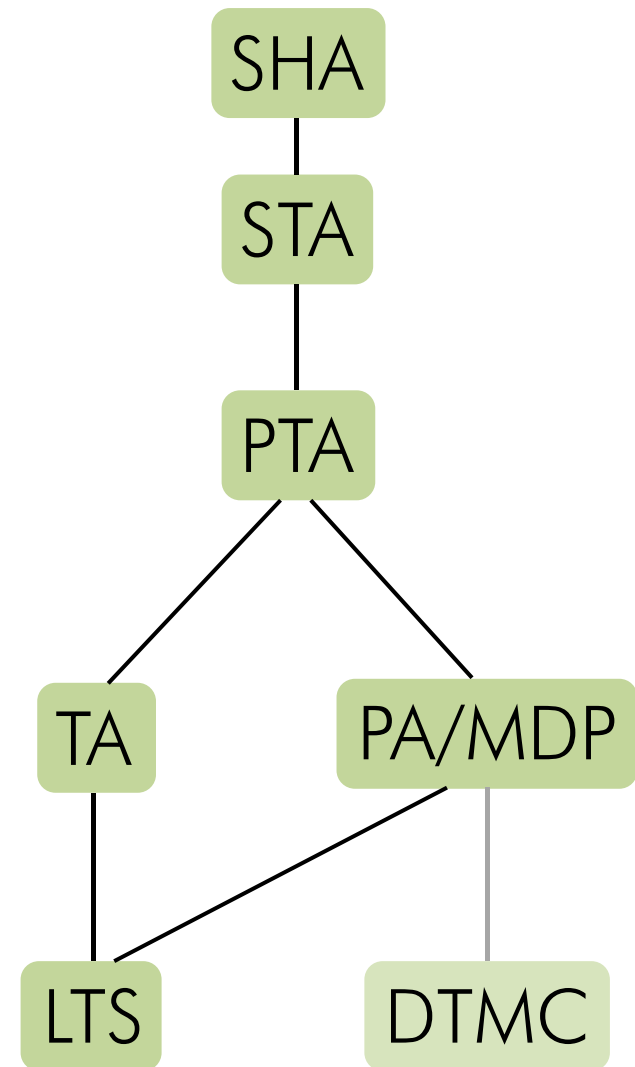
– PRISM, PASS, ...

graphical

UPPAAL_{TA} – UPPAAL

Promela etc – SPIN etc

"assembly language"



Models for Simulation

Modest: A Modelling and Description Language
for Stochastic Timed Systems

Language features:

Variables and assignments

bool, int, arrays

Processes and recursion

Clocks

Exception handling

Rewards/costs

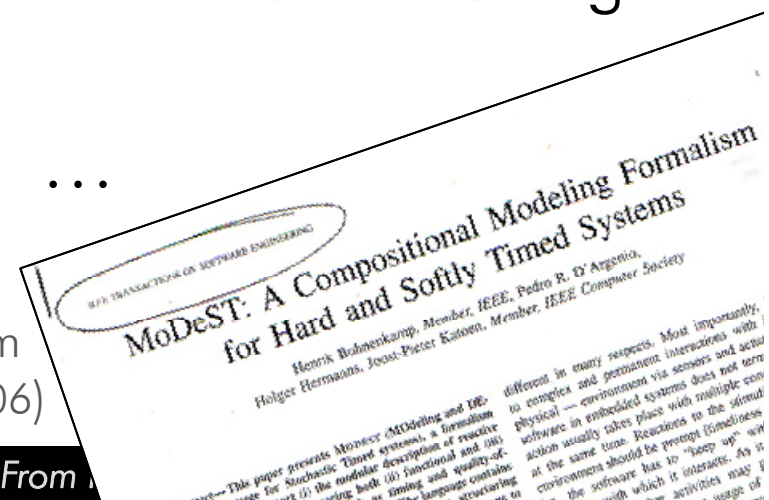
Deadlines & invariants

Probabilistic branching

Random variable sampling

...

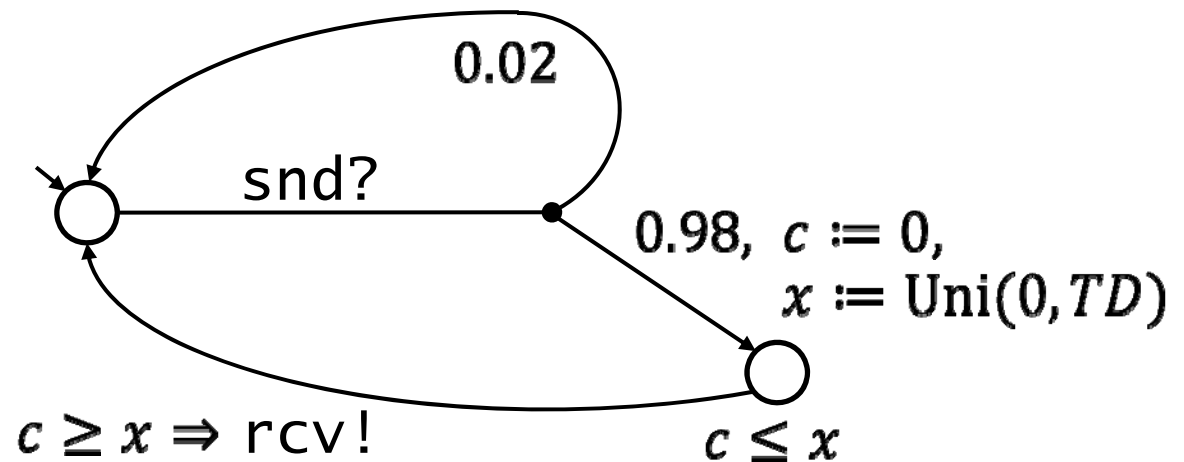
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MoDeST: A Compositional Modeling Formalism
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Example: Lossy channel with transmission delay

```
process channel() {  
  clock c;  
  snd? palT {  
    : 2: {==} // msg lost  
    :98: {= c = 0, x = Uni(0, TD) =};  
    invariant(c <= x) when(c >= x) rcv!  
  };  
  Channel()  
}
```

**Stochastic Timed
Automata Semantics**



Modest – the language

high-level language

focus on readability, expressivity and conciseness

```
process Sender() {
    bool bit;
    int(0..MAX) rc;
    new_file {= i = 0, rc = 0 =};
    try {
        do {
            :: when(i < N) {= i = i + 1 =};
            do {
                :: put_k {= ff = (i == 1), lf = (i == N), ab = bit =}
                alt {
                    :: get_l {= bit = !bit, rc = 0 =};
                    break
                    :: when(rc == MAX && i < N)
                        s_nok {= rc = 0 =};
                        throw(error)
                }
            }
        }
        ...
    }
}
```

The Modest Toolset

→ semantics

mctau – mcpta – prohver – modes – mime – mosta

→ four analysis tools

→ GUI

```
// Probabilistic time-bounded reachability pro
// "the maximum/minimum probability that the
// a successful transmission within 64 time un
property Dmax = Pmax(<> s_ok_seen && time <= 64)
property Dmin = Pmin(<> s_ok_seen && time <= 64)

// Expected reachability properties
// "the maximum/minimum expected time until th
// of the first file is finished (successfully)
property Emax = Xmax(time | first_file_done);
property Emin = Xmin(time | first_file_done);

process Sender()
{
  bool bit;
  int(0..MAX) rc;
  clock c;

  invariant(c <= 0) new_file {= i=0, rc=0 =};
  try {
    do {
      :: when(i < N) invariant(c <= 0)
      do {
        :: // send frame
        invariant(c <= 0) put
        invariant(c <= TS) all
        :: get_l {= bit=!bit;
        // ack received
        invariant(c <= 0)
        :: when(c == TS &&
        // timeout, retu
        {= rc=rc+1, c=0
        :: when(c == TS &&
        // timeout, no
        s_nok {= rc=0, c=0 =};
        invariant(c <= 0) throw(error)
        :: when(c == TS && rc == MAX && i ==
        // timeout, no retries left
```

```
Result: True
Time: 0.0 s

+ Property P_A
Result: 0
Time: 0.0 s

+ Property P_B
Result: 0
Time: 0.0 s

+ Property P_1
Result: 0.000423332873690399
Memory: 0.12 MB
Time: 3.4 s

+ Property P_2
Result: 2.64530799164126E-05
Memory: 0.12 MB
Time: 1.0 s

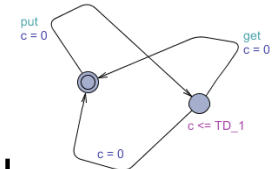
+ Property P_3
Result: 0.000185191171803529
Memory: 0.12 MB
Time: 2.0 s

+ Property P_4
```

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mctau Model-checking for TA using UPPAAL
Export from Modest to UPPAAL with layout
Overapproximation of probabilistic choices



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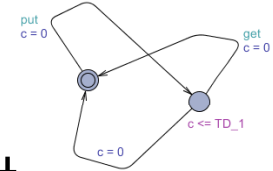
compositional modelling language
semantics in terms of stochastic
with several well-s
-be use

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	Results	Properties
forwards reachability [6], [7]	upper bound	max. probabilistic reachability
backwards reachability [8]	exact	full PTCTL
digital clocks [9]	exact	full probabilistic and expected reachability

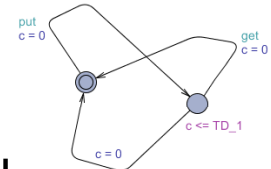
Table 1
CHECKING APPROACHES

Probabilistic timed automata (PTA) combine discrete choice, real time and nondeterminism. This automatic tool for model checking PTA and expected reachability properties and high-level compositionality enables

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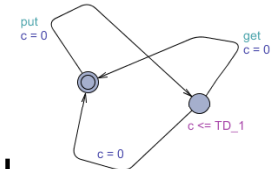
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Statistical model checking has become a promising technique
to space explosion problem in model-based verification.
via a probabilistic simulation and exploration
combined with effective a poster
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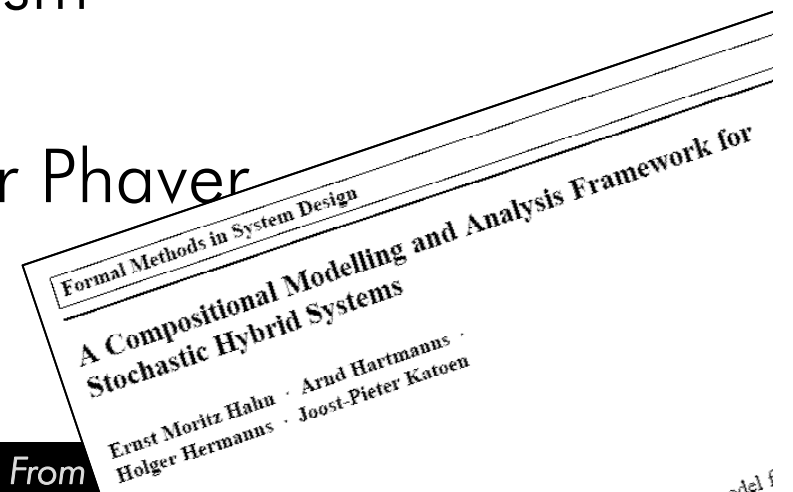
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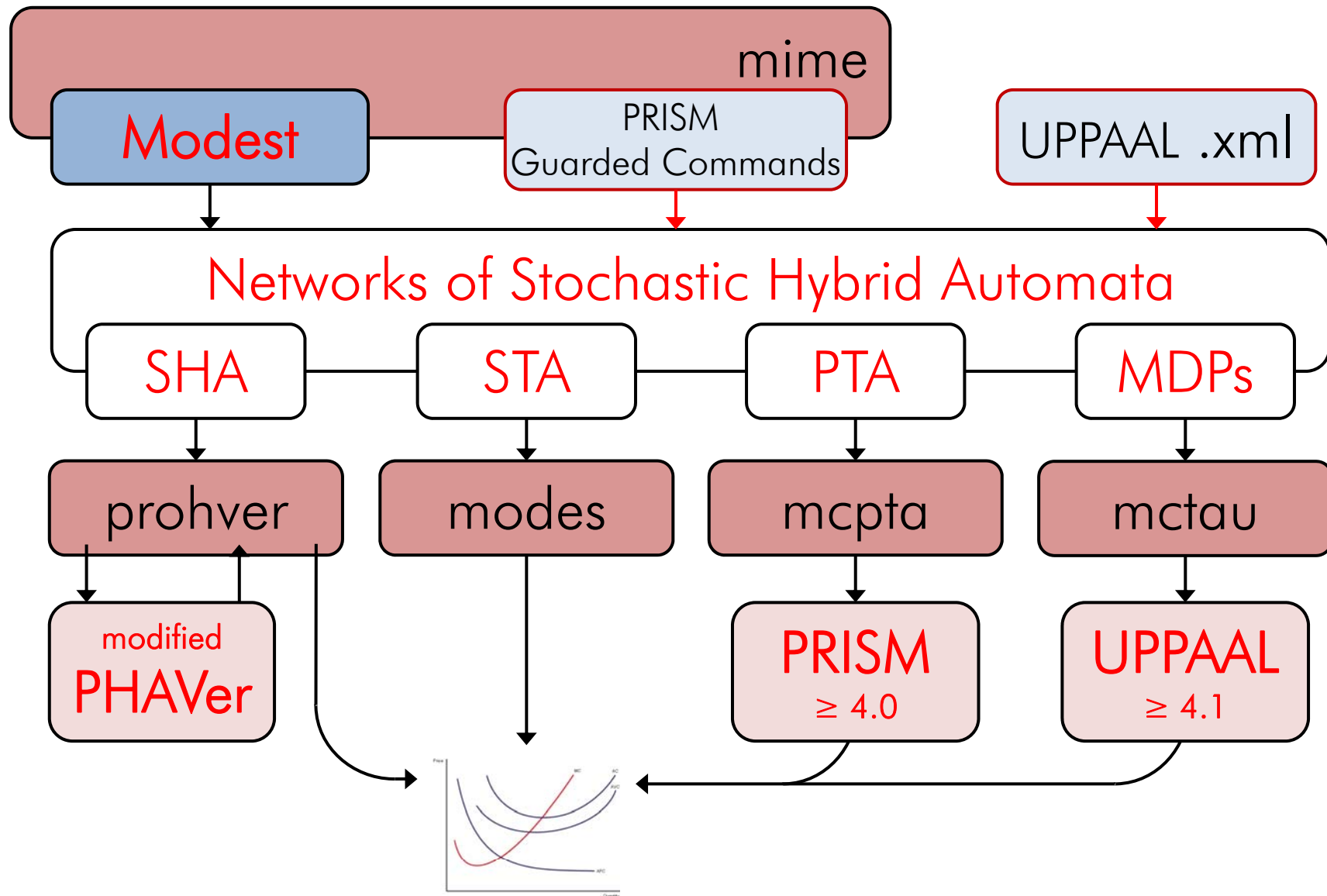
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prohver Safety Verification for SHA
Using (modified) HA Solver Phaver

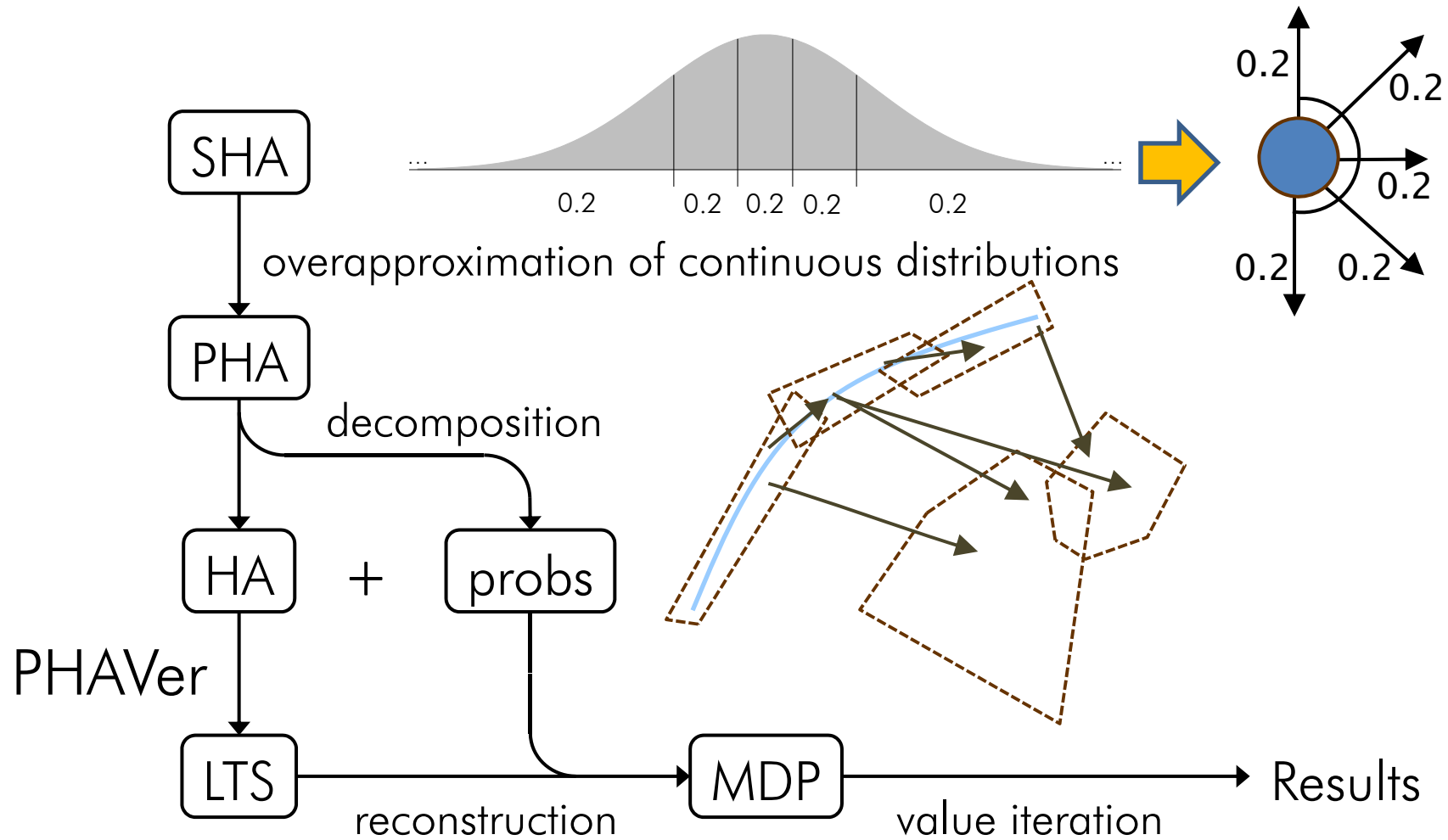
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Safety verification process for SHA in prohver



Case Study - ETCS level 3

SHA model

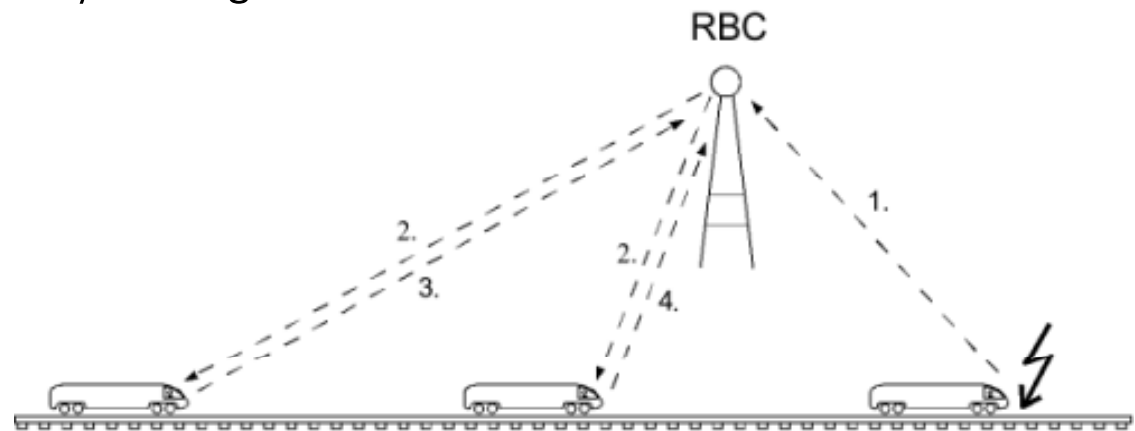
- two trains – **leader** and **follower** – and **Comm+RBC**

Continuous aspects

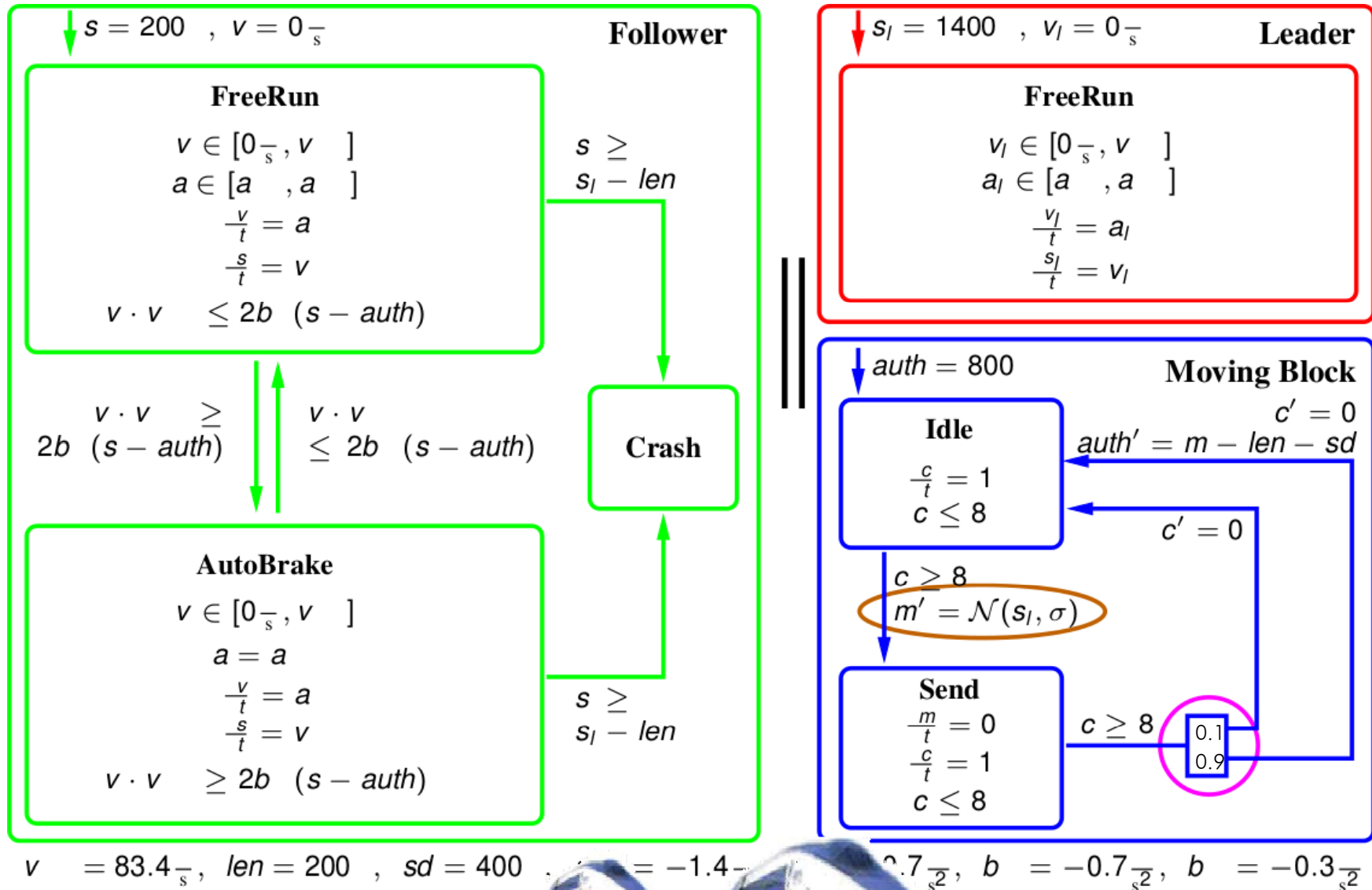
- acceleration, deceleration, speed
- acceleration of leader nondeterministic (within train limits)

Stochastic aspects

- position measurements scattered with normal distribution
- message loss probability during communication



Case Study - ETCS level 3



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```

const real TIME_BOUND;
property P_Crash = Pmax(<> (s_f >= s_l - L) && time <= TIME_BOUND);

process Leader()
{
  var a; // acceleration
  var v = 0; der(v) = a; // speed

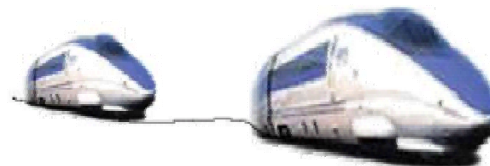
  // The leading train can exhibit any behaviour that is
  // within its acceleration and maximum speed
  // except for driving backwards
  invariant(der(s_l) == v
    && A_MIN <= a && a <= A_MAX &&
)
}

process Follower()
{
  var a; // acceleration
  var v = 0; der(v) = a; // speed

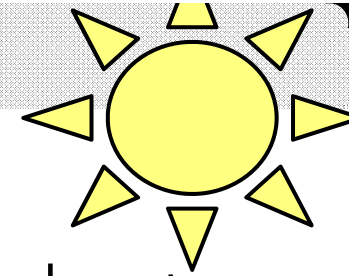
  invariant(der(s_f) == v && 0 <= v
    do {
      :: // train is running normal
      invariant(A_MIN <= a && a <= A_MAX
        && v * V_MAX <= 2 * B_ON * (s_f - auth))
      when(v * V_MAX >= 2 * B_ON * (s_f - auth)) tau;
      // forced braking by ETCS system
      invariant(a == A_MIN
        && v * V_MAX >= 2 * B_OFF * (s_f - auth))
    }
)
}

```

time bound	Abstraction A			build (s)	states
	probability ($\sigma = 10, 15, 20$)				
60s	7.110E-19	6.215E-09	2.141E-05	65	571
80s	1.016E-18	8.879E-09	3.058E-05	201	1440
100s	1.219E-18	1.066E-08	3.669E-05	470	2398
120s	1.524E-18	1.332E-08	4.587E-05	1260	4536
140s	1.727E-18	1.509E-08	5.198E-05	2541	6568
160s	2.031E-18	1.776E-08	6.116E-05	5764	10701



Case Study - Power Grid Control Strategies



All over Germany,
masses of photovoltaic microgenerators are rolled out:

2009: 10 GW 2011: 25 GW 2020: ?? GW

Current state of control:

EN 50438:2007, in force since 2007:

Switch off when frequency > 50.2 Hz

**"on-off"
controller**

VDE-AR-N 4105, required today:

Output linear function of frequency in $[50.2, 51.5]$ Hz

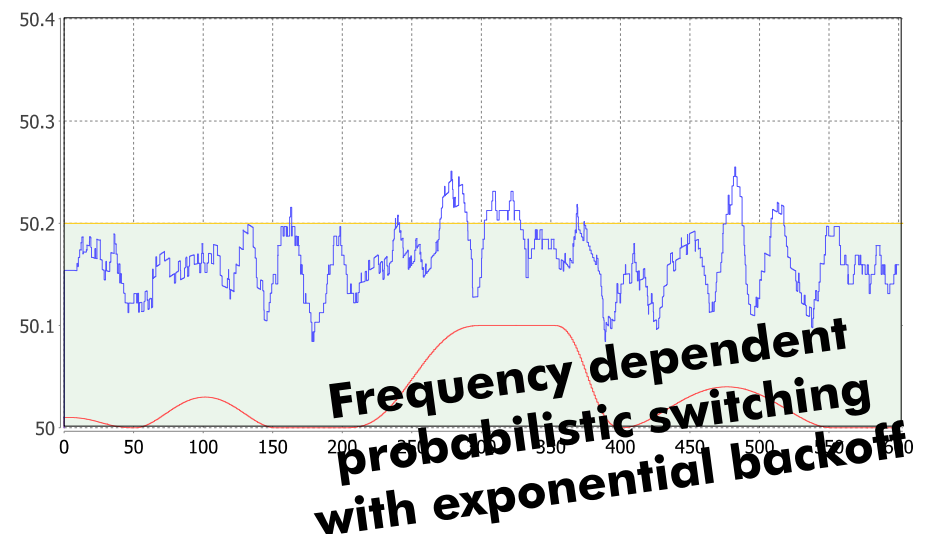
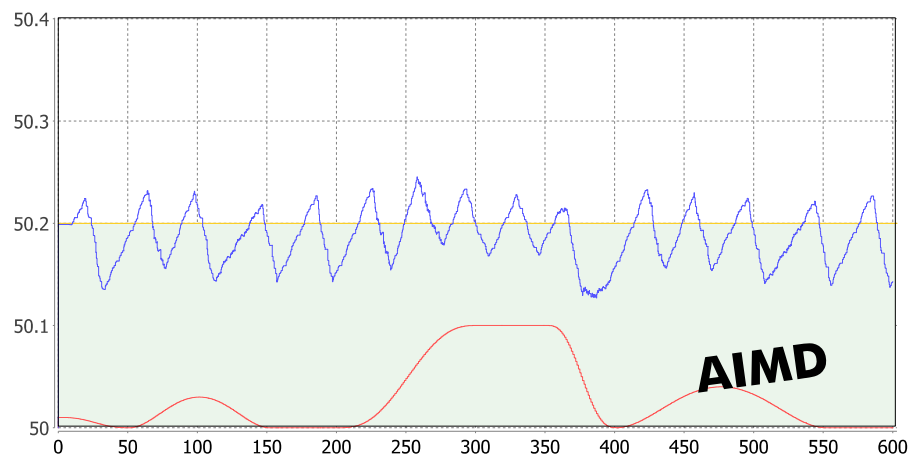
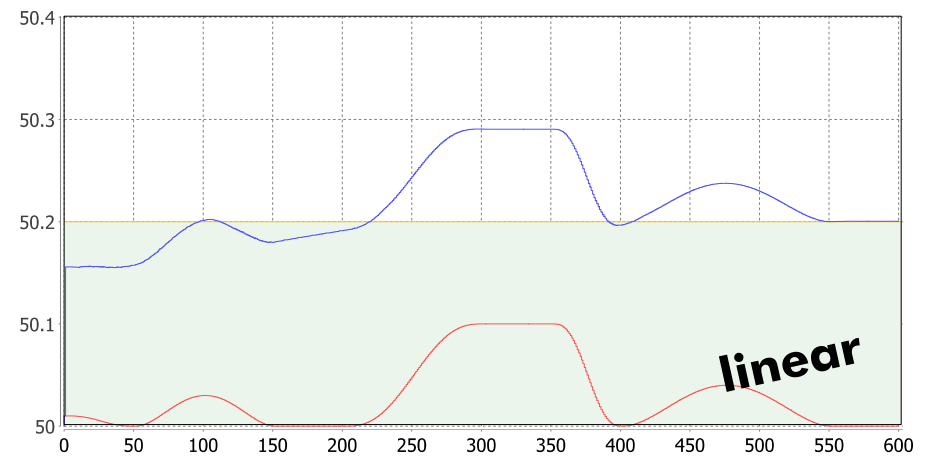
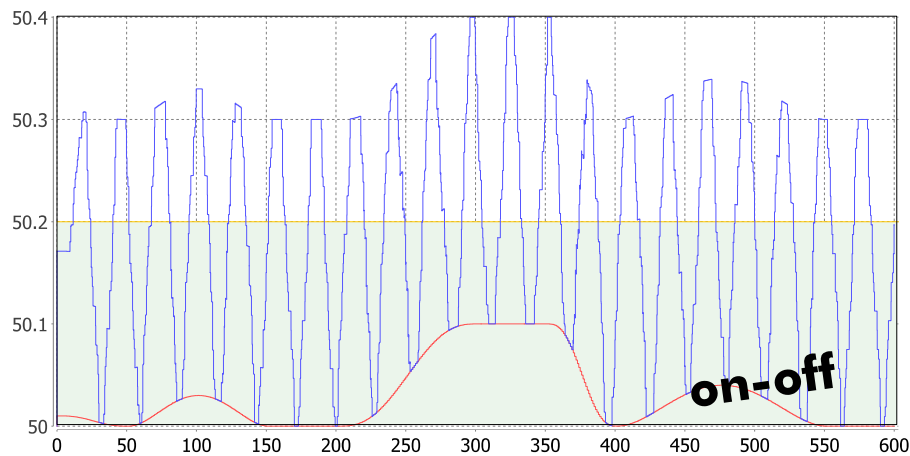
Emergency switchoff above 51.5 Hz

Switch on again when < 50.05 Hz for 1 minute

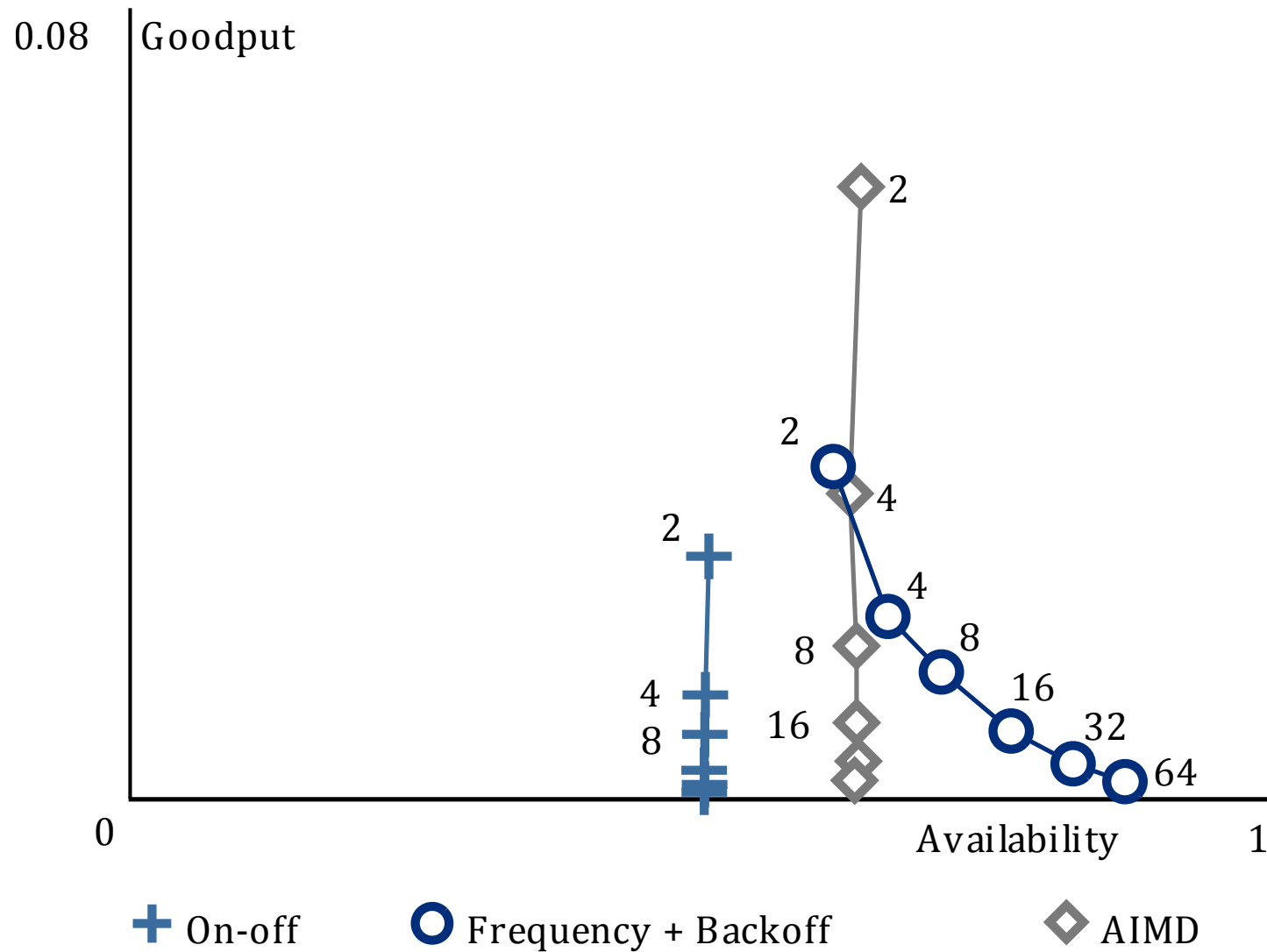
**"linear"
controller**

Stability of Grids and Controllers

Simulation of synthetic background load scenarios

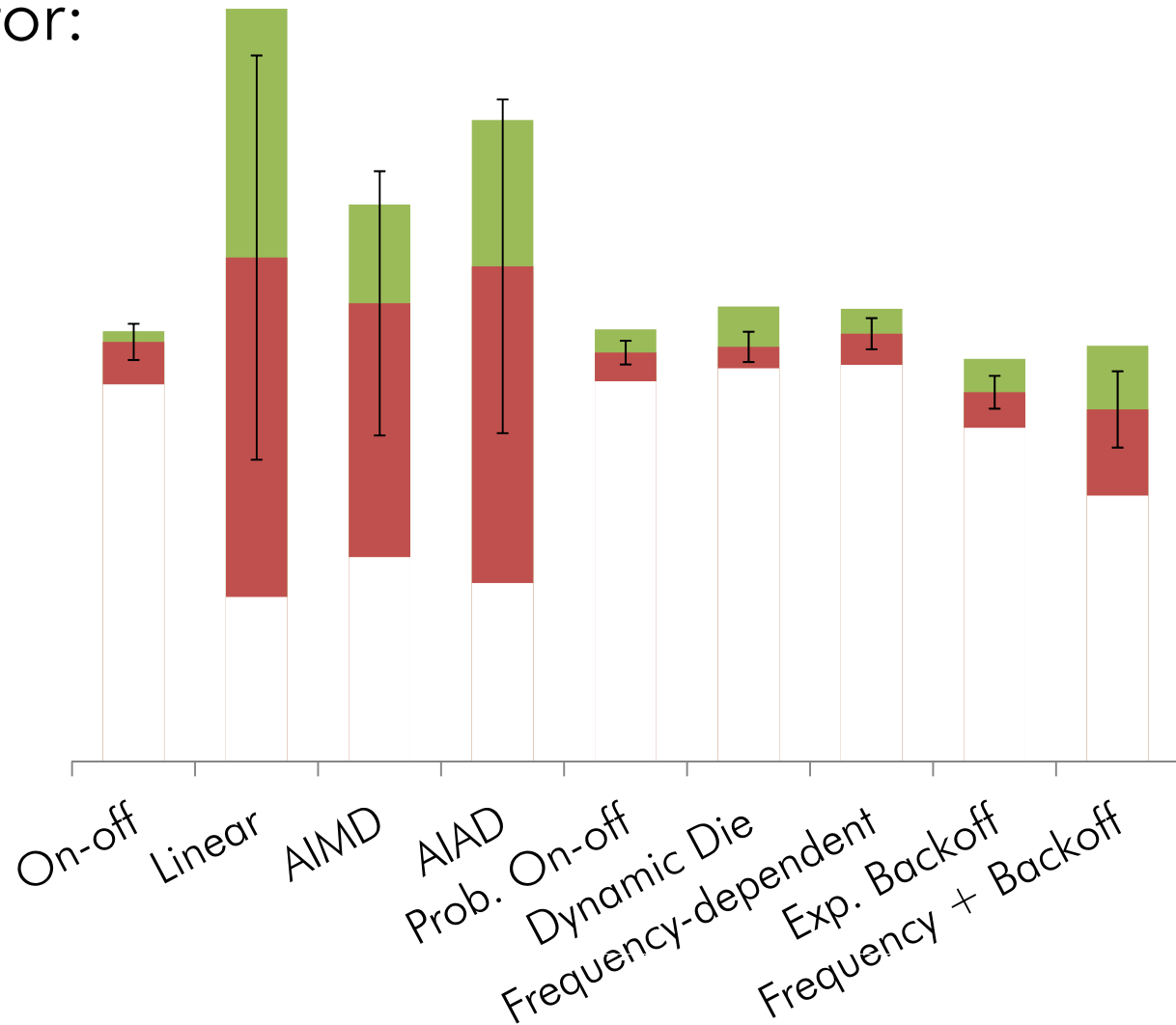


Availability vs. Goodput



Fairness of Controllers

Max/min/average
output per generator:



Modest Applications

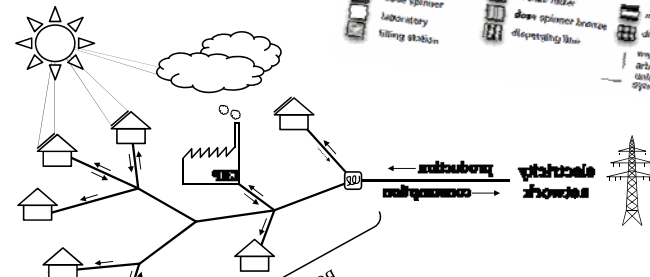
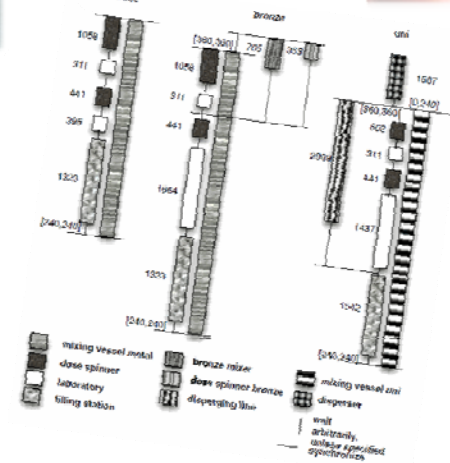
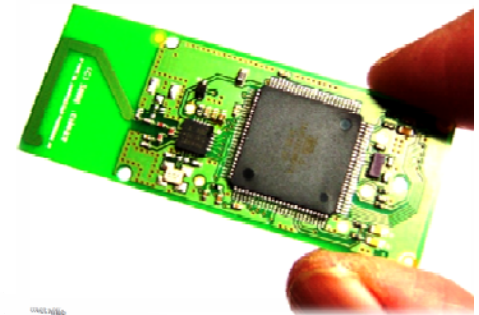
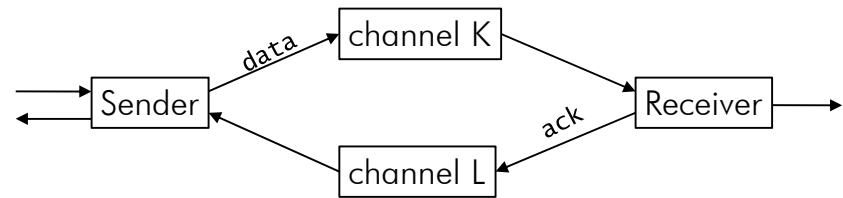
Communication protocols

Wireless sensor networks

Dependability evaluation

Industrial production scheduling

Renewable electric power generation



Modest - Summary

Modest and SHA

- language and model for quantitative systems with quantitative requirements



$\{= x = \text{Uni}(0, 3) =\}$ $E_{\max} [\text{time to finish}]$

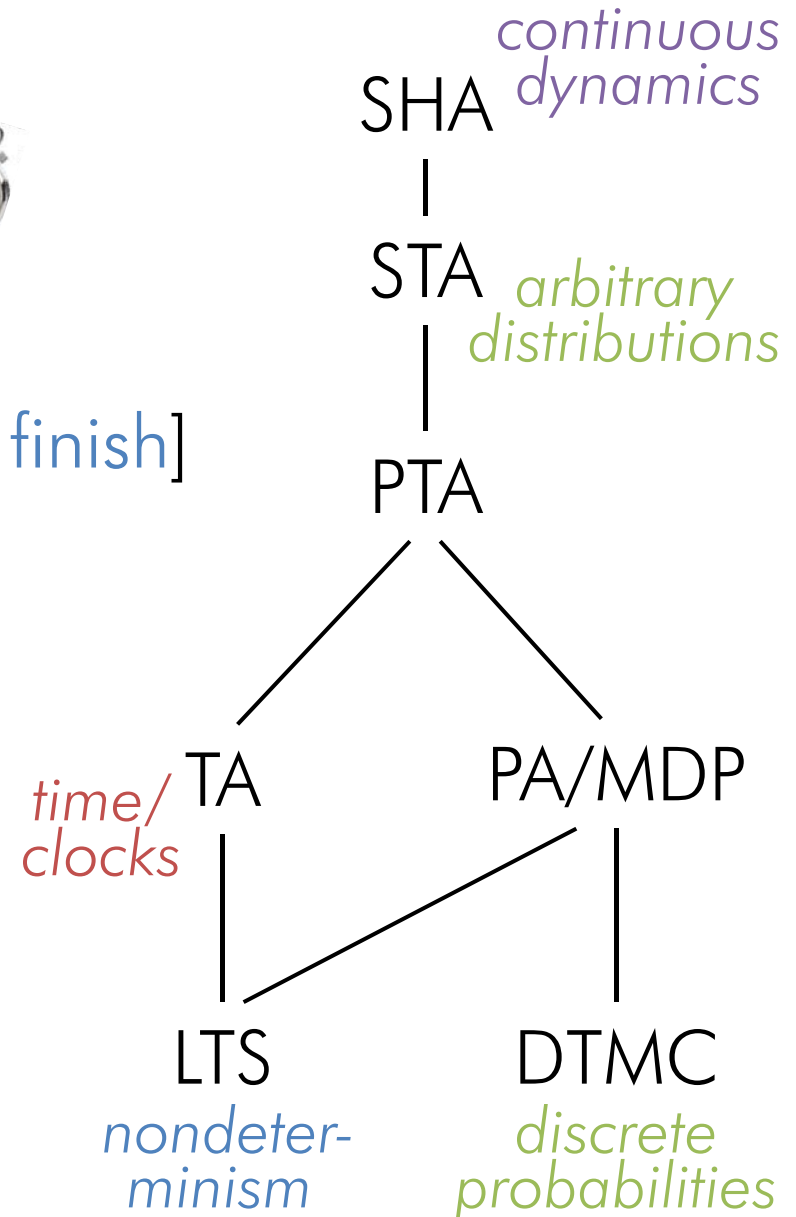
```
var v, a;  
invariant(der(v) == a) ...
```

```
invariant(c <= TD_MAX)
```

```
par {  
  :: Sender()  
  :: P()  
}  
  snd pal {  
    :99: rcv  
    : 1: tau }
```



*single-formalism,
multiple-solution approach*



The Modest Toolset - Summary

modelling language: Modest

+ PRISM guarded commands

+ UPPAAL xml

prohver for SHA - using Phaver

mcpta for PTA/MDP - using PRISM

mctau for TA - using UPPAAL

modes for simulation despite nondeterminism

Demo at demo session on Friday!

Installation assistance anytime!

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