

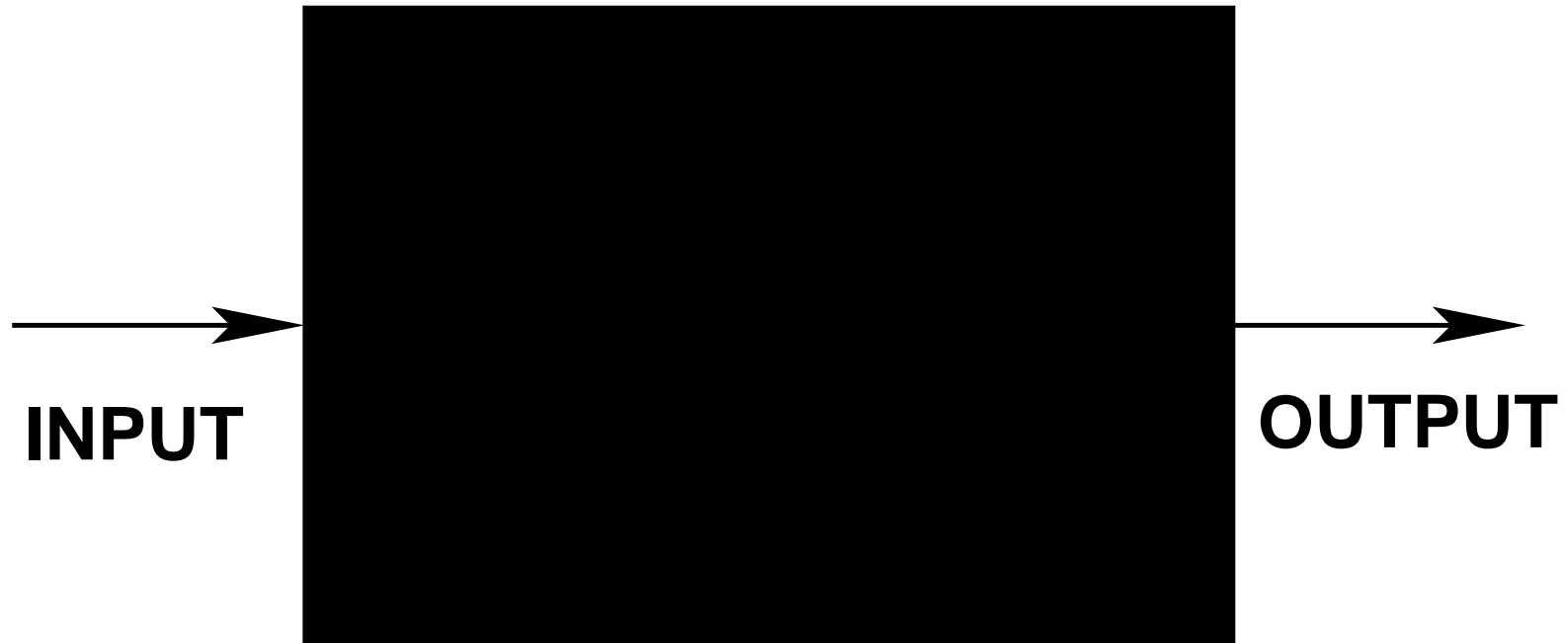
Structure and Hierarchy in Real-Time Systems

Modeling and Analysis

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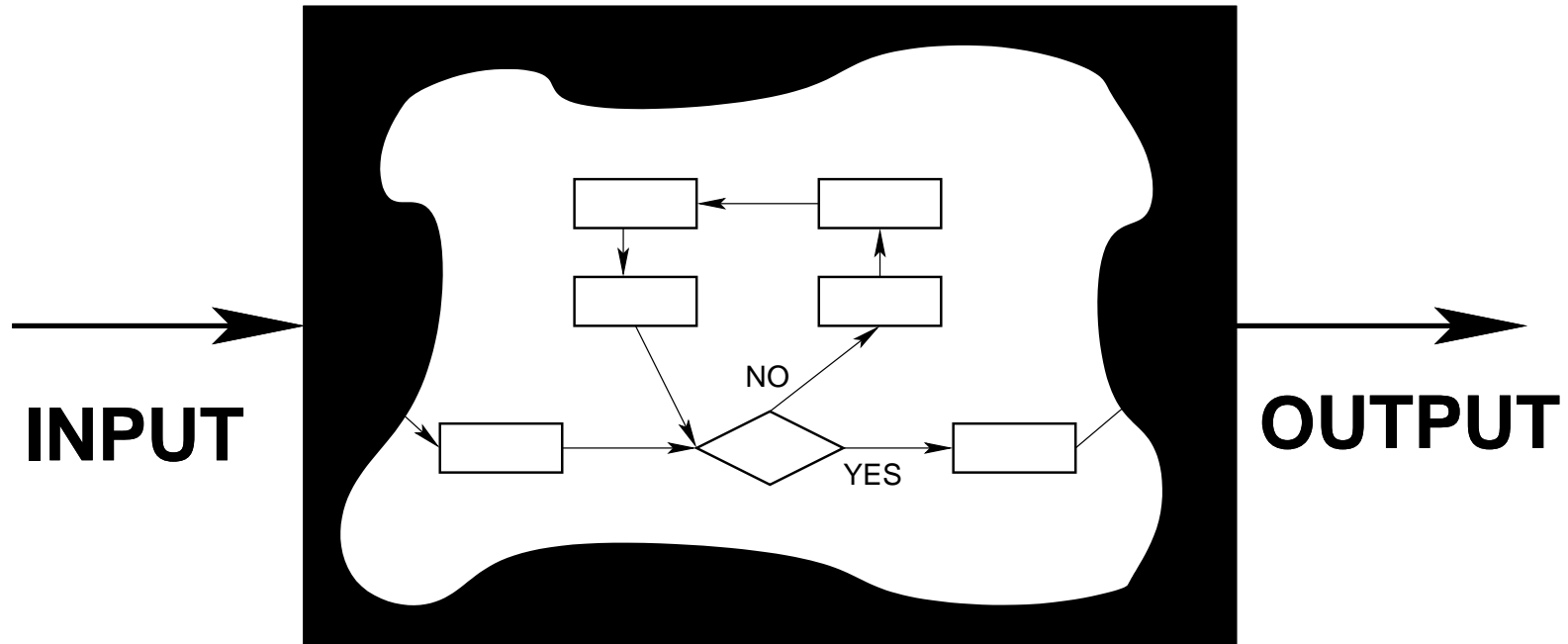
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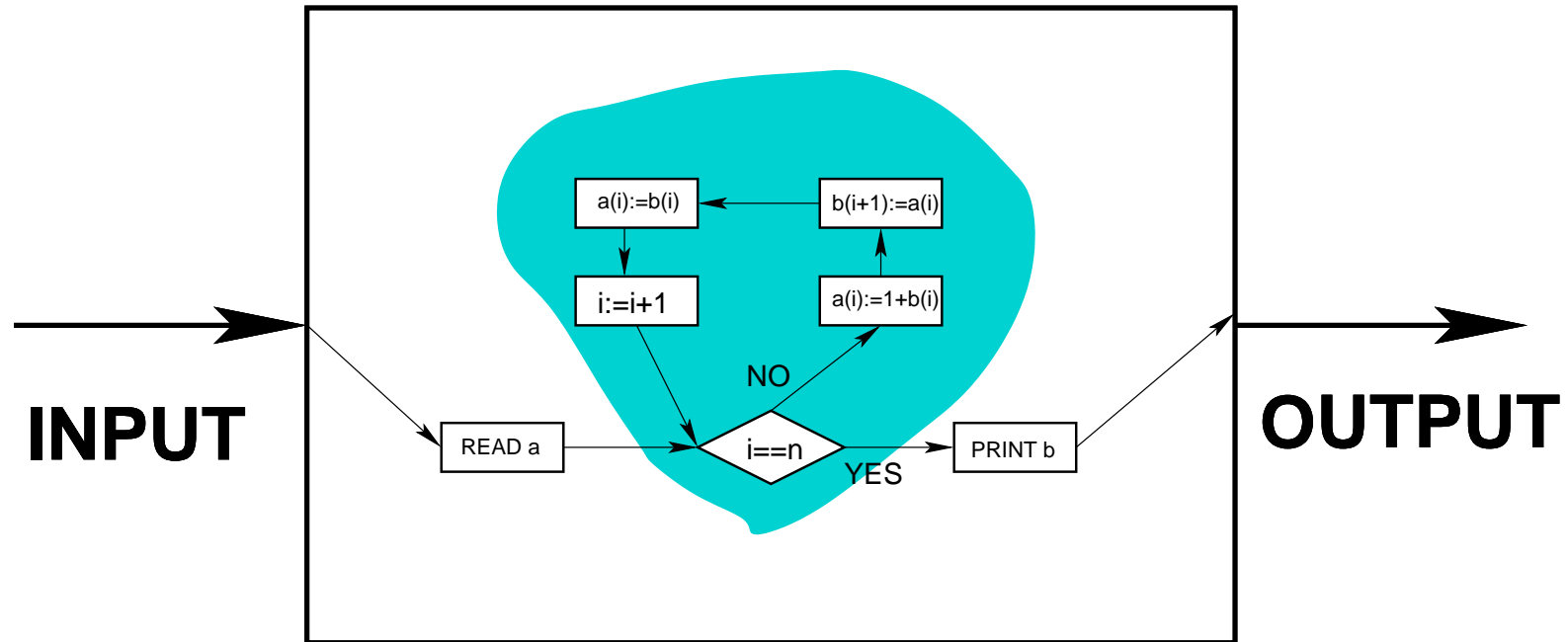
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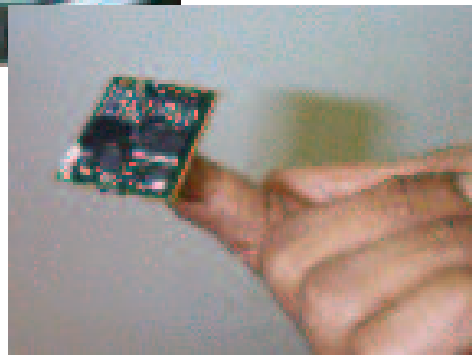
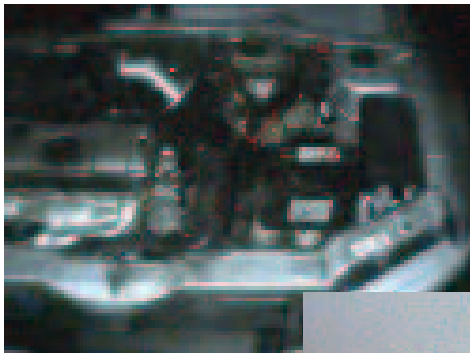
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Analysis := proof something for **ALL** inputs

can use **assertions** on sub-structures

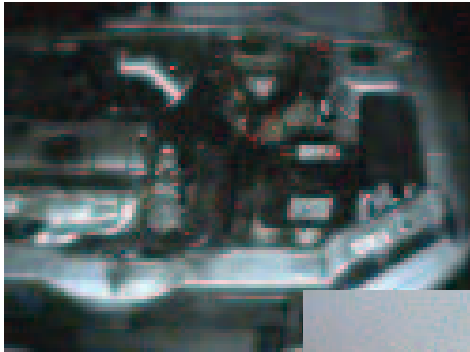
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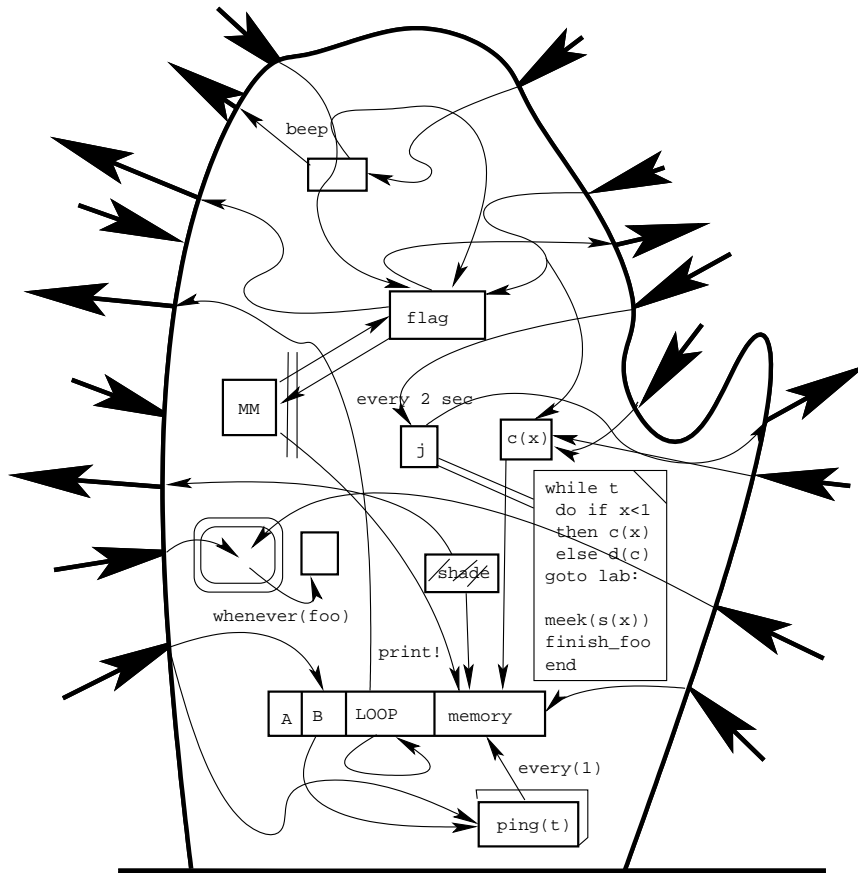
Correctness not only dependent
on the logical order of events,
but also on their **timing**

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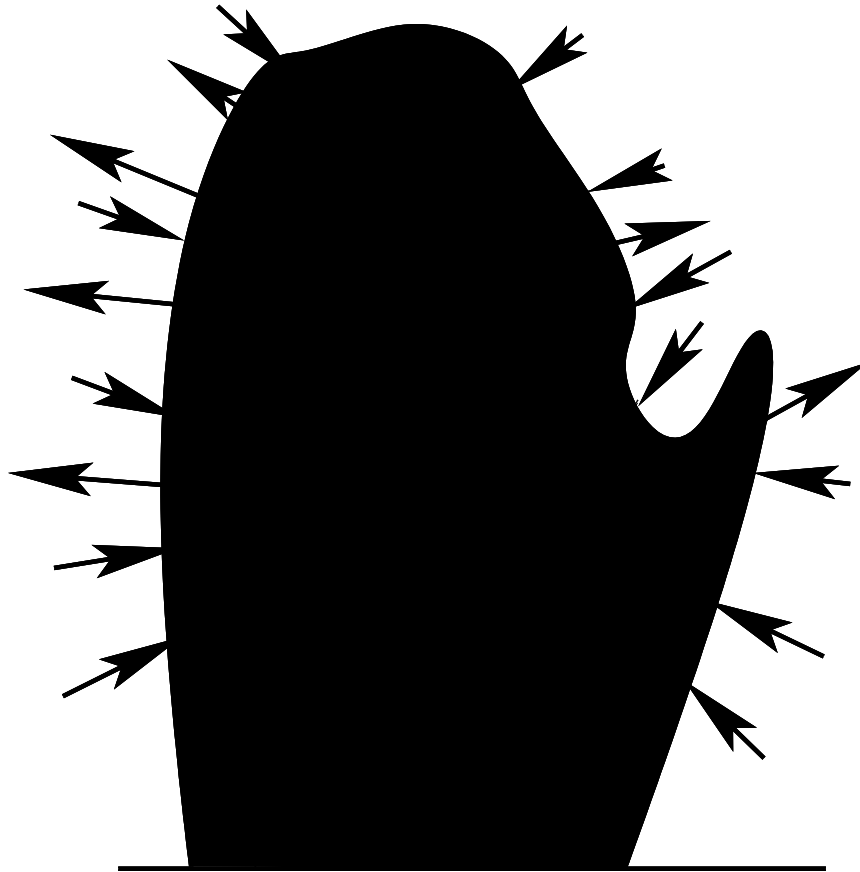
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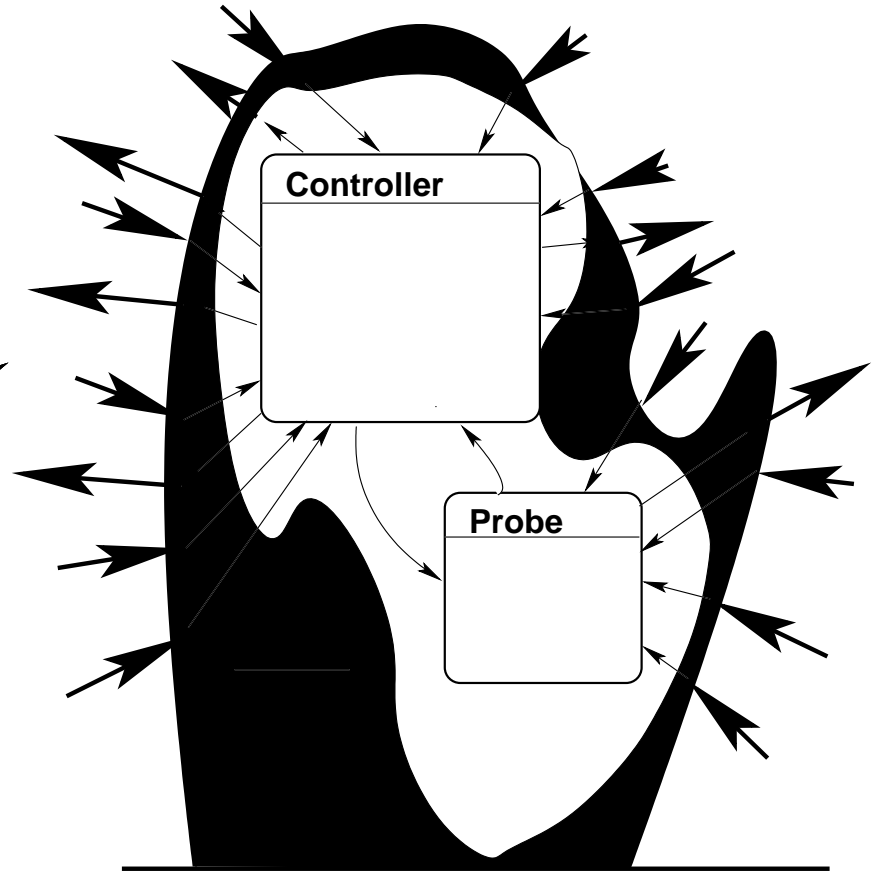
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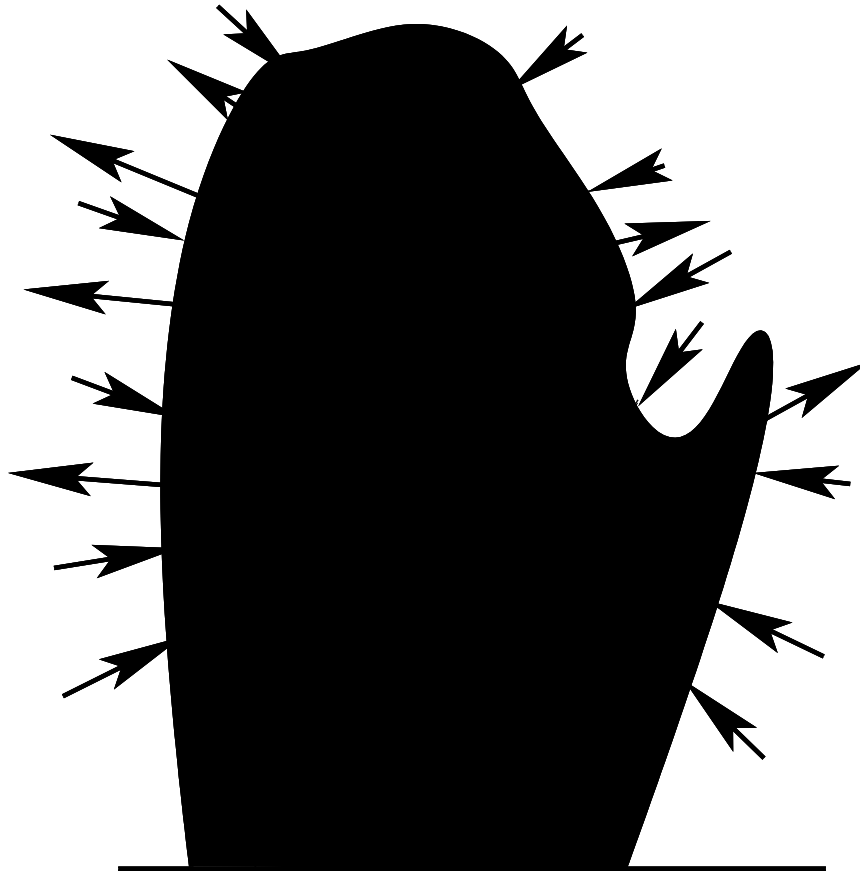
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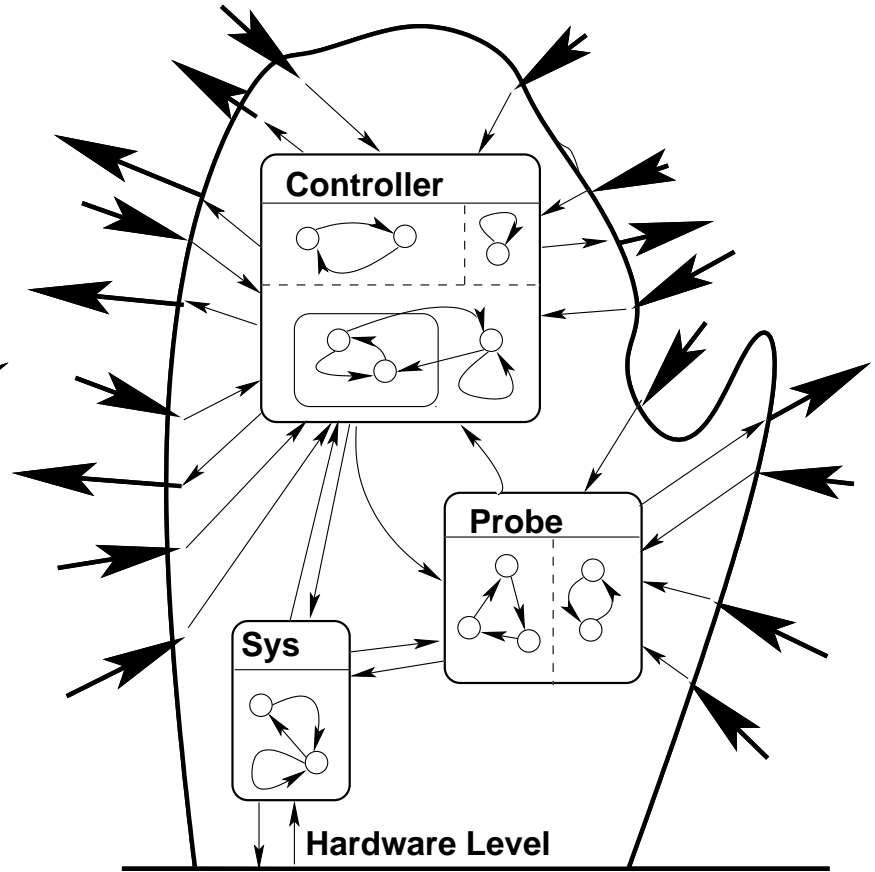
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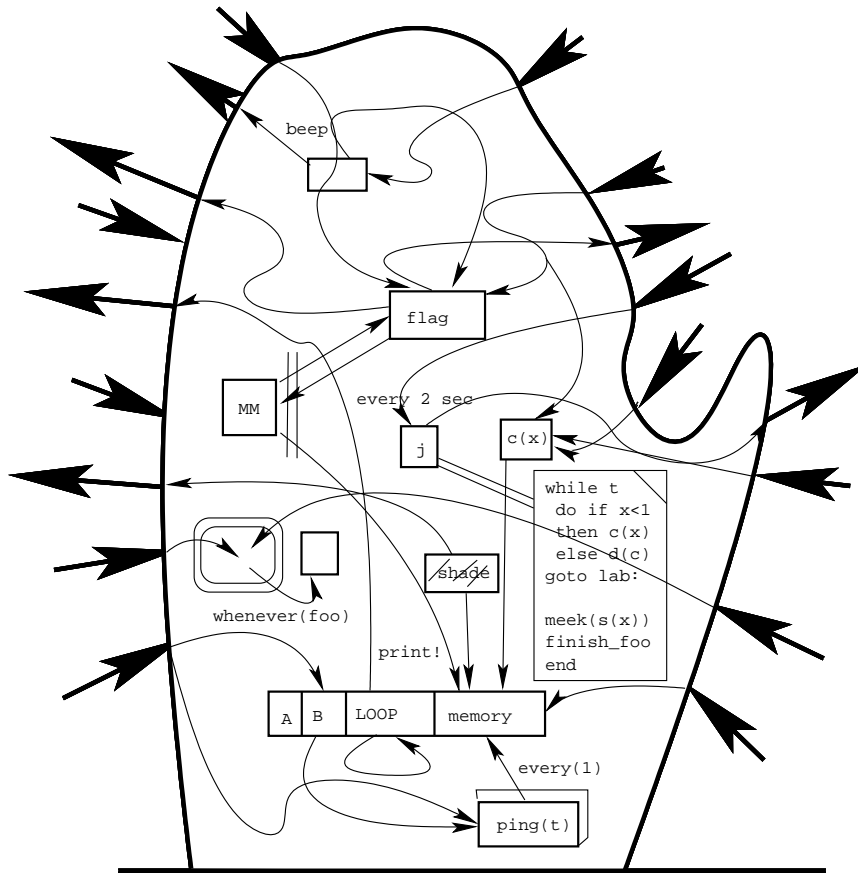
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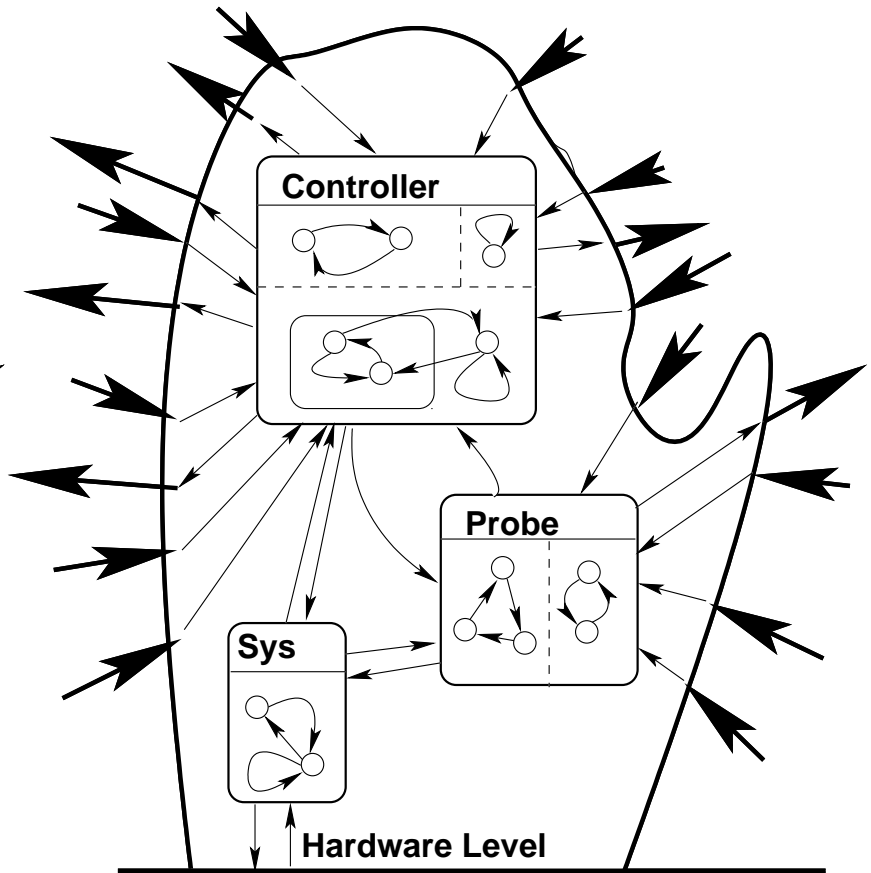
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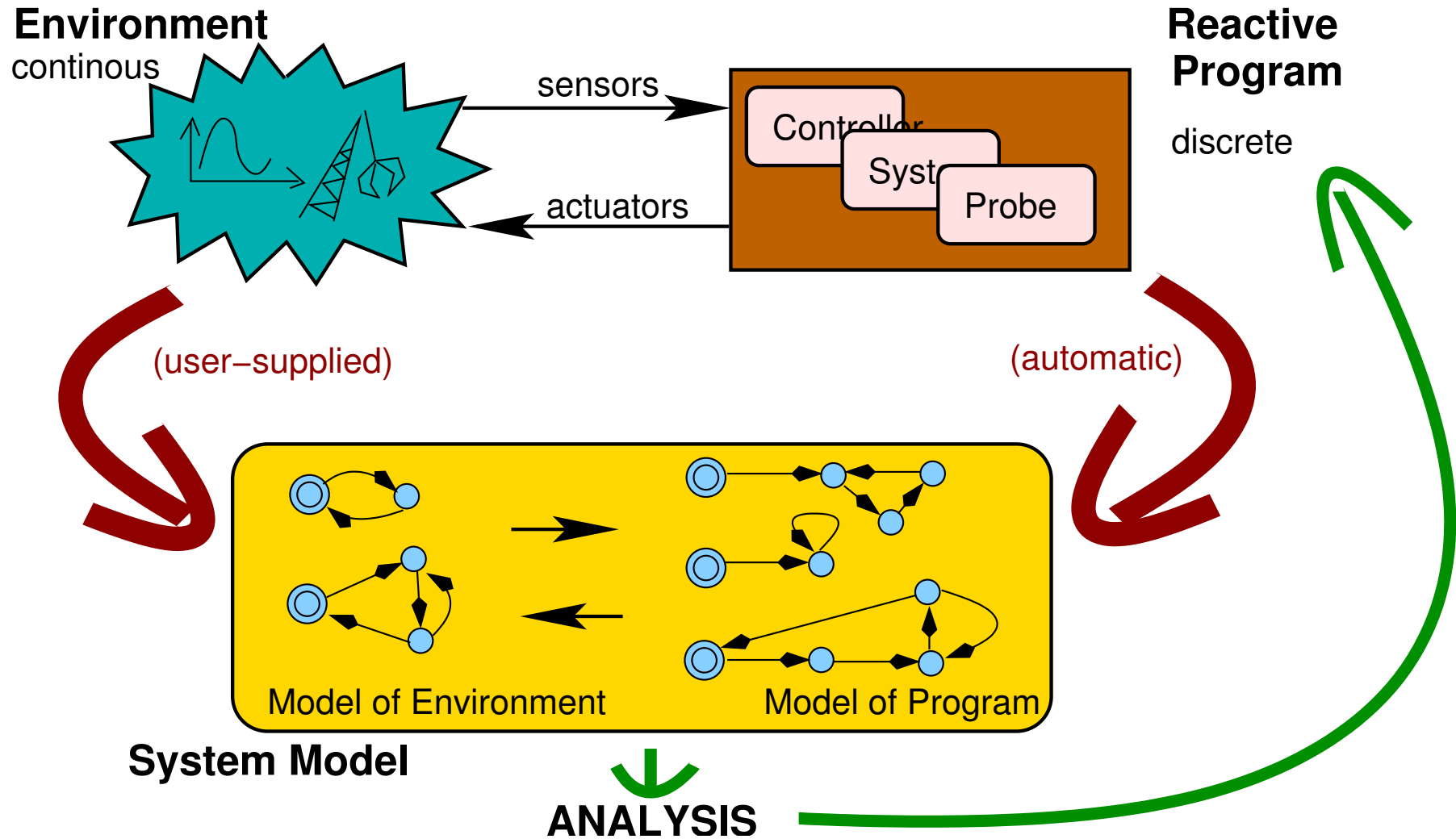
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Composing the Embedded System Model



The Big Questions

- What are appropriate **languages** to model a reactive system ?
- How do we perform **analysis** on partially completed systems ?

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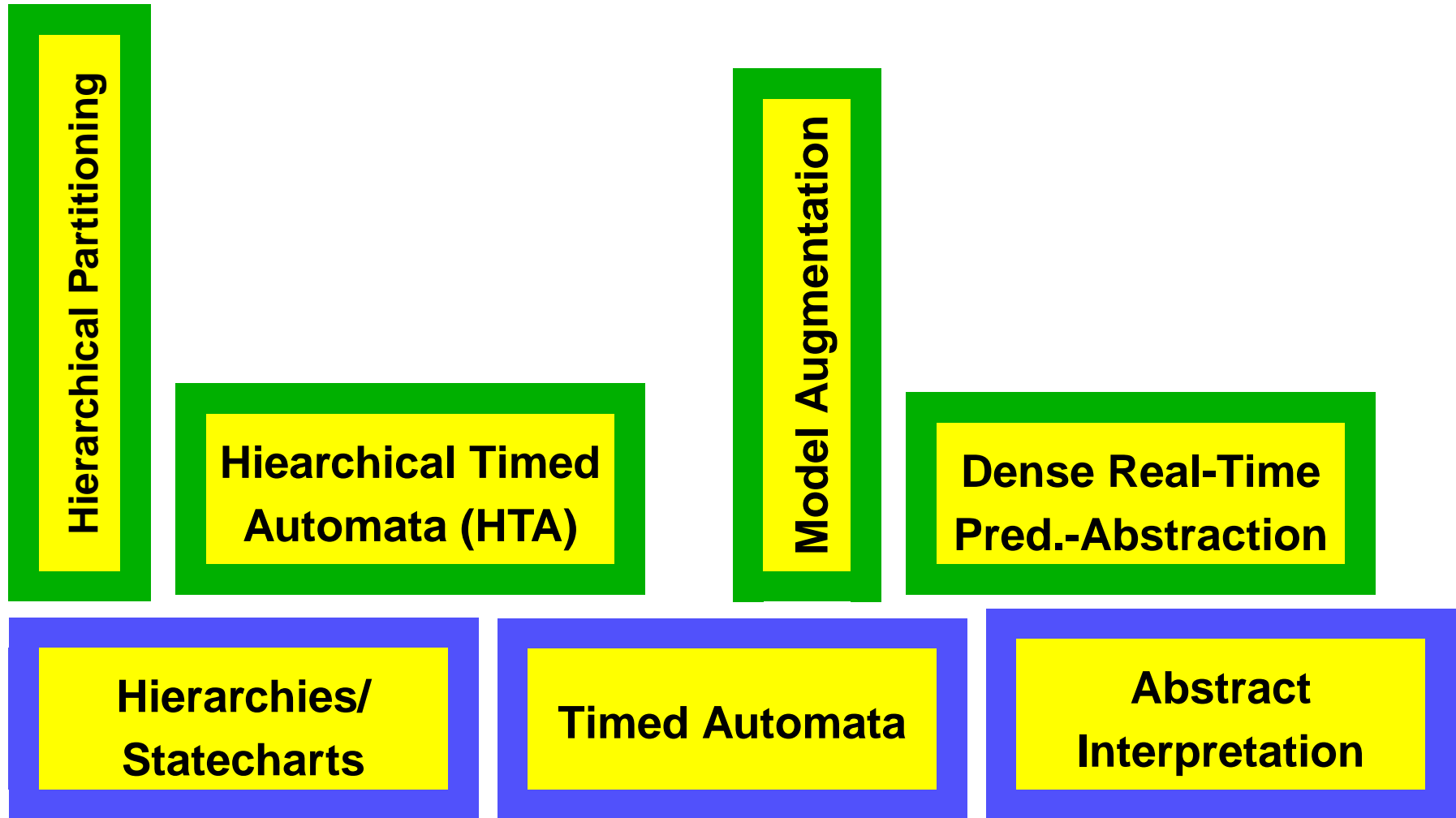
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**Hierarchies/
Statecharts**

Timed Automata

**Abstract
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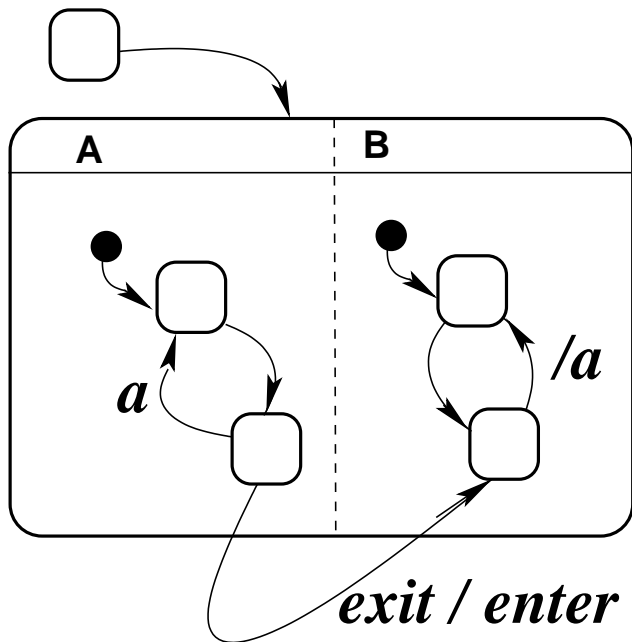
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Summary

The Statechart Formalism



Features

- hierarchical state machines
- parallelism (on any level)
- history
- event communication
- powerful synchronization mechanisms
- inter-level transitions
- actions that are dependent on states
- actions on entry/exit
- ...

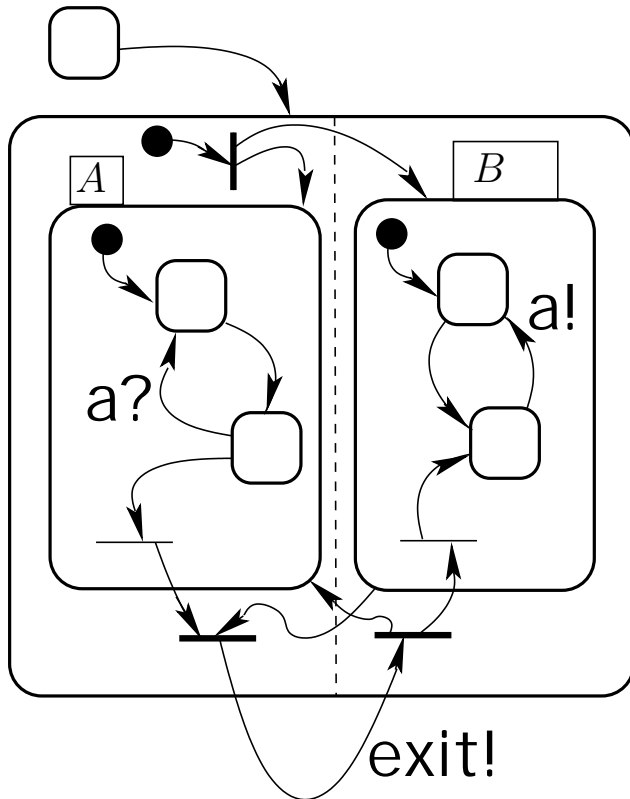
Claim:

The statechart formalism is *appropriate* for the development of reactive systems

Fact:

Basic statechart properties are undecidable
⇒ automated analysis *impossible* in general

Restricted Statechart Formalism



Concentration on key features

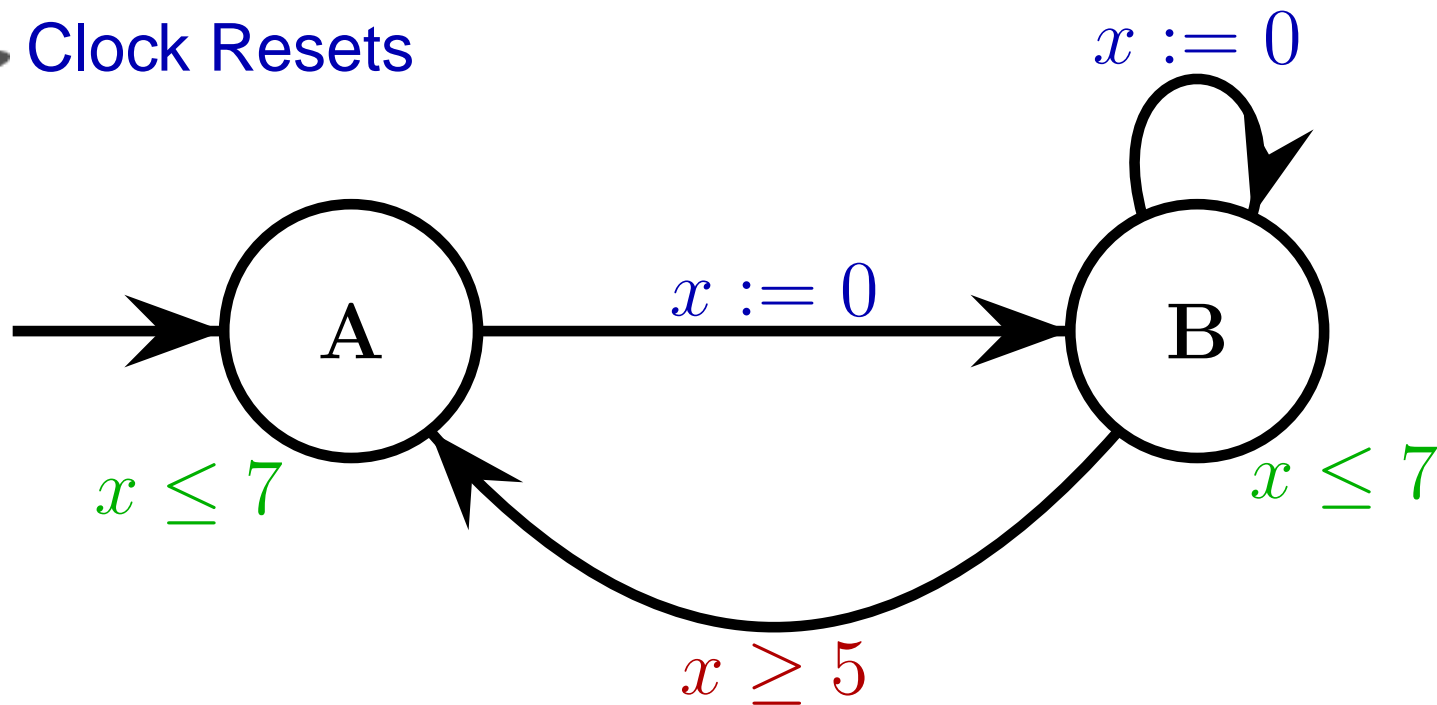
- hierarchical state machines ✓
- parallelism (on any level) ✓
- history ✓
- **no event communication**
- **no sync states**
- **no inter-level transitions**
- **no actions that are dependent on states**
- **no actions on entry/exit**

instead:

- hand-shake style synchronization
- shared variables

Real-Time Extensions

- Clocks
- (timed) Guards
- Invariants
- Clock Resets



Hierarchical Timed Automata (HTAs)

The HTA formalism has a formal semantics

- operational style
- interprets time as "dense real-time"
- trace-based

Benefits

- unambiguous
- mechanizable
- you can proof something about it

Semantic Rules (Example)

configuration: $\langle \rho, \mu, \nu, \theta \rangle$ with ρ : control locations
 μ : valuation of integer variables
 ν : valuation of clocks
 θ : history

operation:

$t : l \xrightarrow{g,s,r,u} l', \rho, \mu, \nu$ a transition

$$\frac{g(\mu, \nu) \quad \text{JoinEnabled}(\rho, \mu, \nu, l) \quad \text{Inv}(\rho^{\mathcal{I}_t}, \nu^{\mathcal{I}_t}) \quad \neg \text{EXIT}(l')}{(\rho, \mu, \nu, \theta) \xrightarrow{t} \mathcal{I}_t(\rho, \mu, \nu, \theta)} \text{action}$$

Ingredients for the Semantic Rules

$JoinEnabled(\rho, \mu, \nu, S) := BASIC(S) \vee$

$\exists E \in PreExitSets(S). \forall b \in Leaves(\rho, S). \exists b' \in E.$

$b \xrightarrow{g} b' \wedge g(\mu, \nu)$

$PreExitSets(l) :=$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 \bigcup_{n_1, \dots, n_k} \boxtimes_{1 \leq i \leq k} PreExitSets(n_i), \text{ where} \\
 k = |\sim\delta(\delta^{-1}(l))|, \{n_1, \dots, n_k\} \subseteq \delta^\times(\delta^{-1}(l)), \\
 \forall i. EXIT(n_i) \wedge n_i \rightarrow l \in T \\
 \{\delta^{-1}(n_1), \dots, \delta^{-1}(n_k)\} = \sim\delta(l)
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 \bigcup_{m \in \delta(\delta^{-1}(l))} PreExitSets(m), \text{ where } m \xrightarrow{g,r} l \in T \\
 \cup \{\{l\}\}
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This Formalizm is

- 1) hierarchical
- 2) timed
- 3) decidable

Model Checking

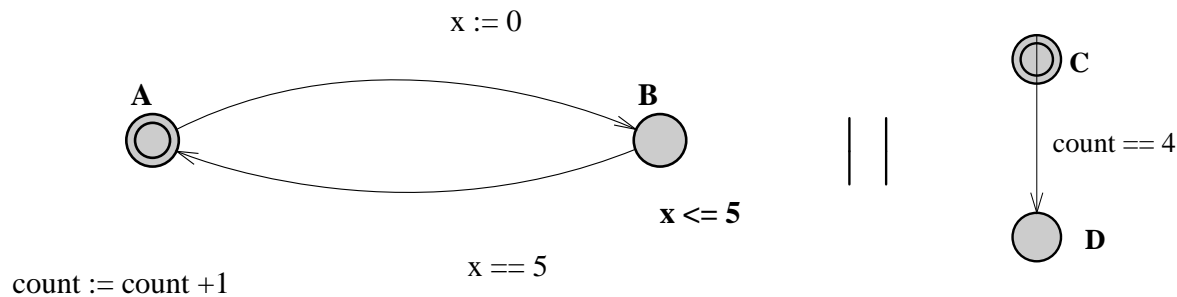
$$M \stackrel{?}{\models} \varphi$$

M : description of the system

φ : desired (correctness) property

- easier than proving a general theorem
- completely automatic ('yes' or counterexample)
- *efficient* algorithms tailored for classes of problems

Real-Time Model Checking with UPPAAL



**network of
(flat)
timed
automata**

```
clock x; int count
```


Only a subset of timed computation tree logic (TCTL) supported:

- $E \langle \rangle \varphi$ reachability
- $A [] \varphi$ safety (invariantly φ)
- $E [] \varphi$ possibly always φ
- $A \langle \rangle \varphi$ inevitably φ
- $A [] \varphi \Rightarrow A \langle \rangle \psi$ unbounded response

φ, ψ : propositional formula over locations and (existing) clocks

Outline of the Flattening

Basically:

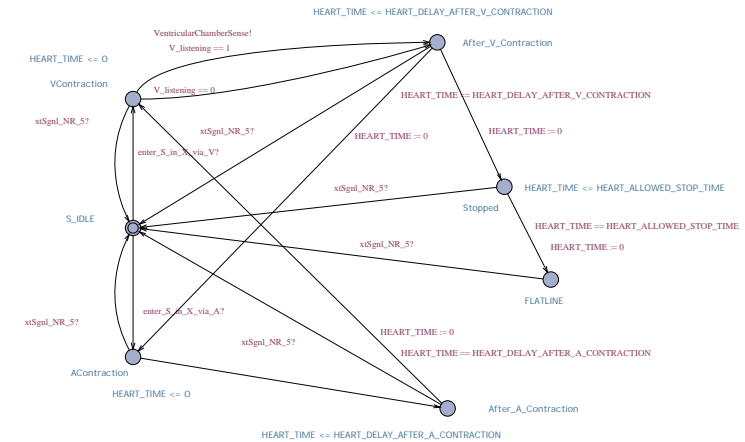
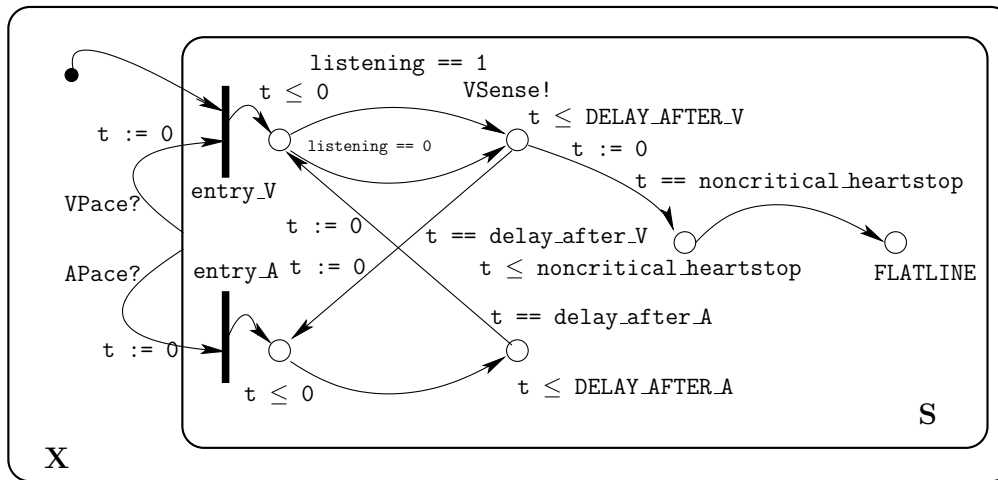
one superstate  one (parallel) automaton
+ some housekeeping

Problems:

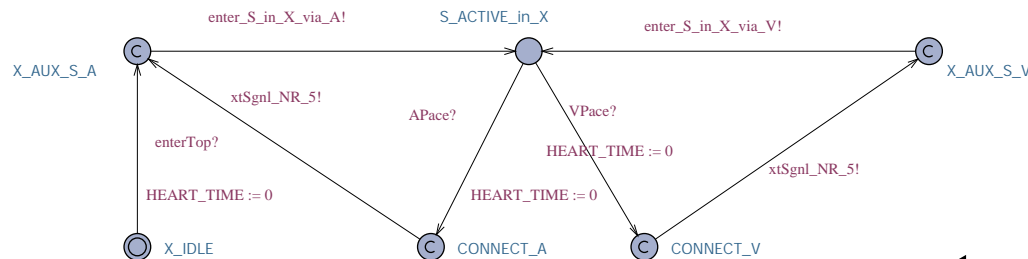
- template mechanism
- scope of channels
- pre-computation of all possible global joins

≈ **10'000 lines of documented Java code**

Example: Flattening the Model of a Human Heart



inner superstate



outer superstate

Soundness & Correctness

Translations introduce slack. Thus

$$\boxed{M_H} \models \varphi \not\Rightarrow \boxed{\text{flatten}(M_H)} \models \text{flatten}(\varphi)$$

but

$$M_H \models \varphi \Leftrightarrow \text{flatten}(M_H) \models_{\text{project}(M)} \text{flatten}(\varphi)$$

timed transition system

↓ give rise to

timed M_H traces

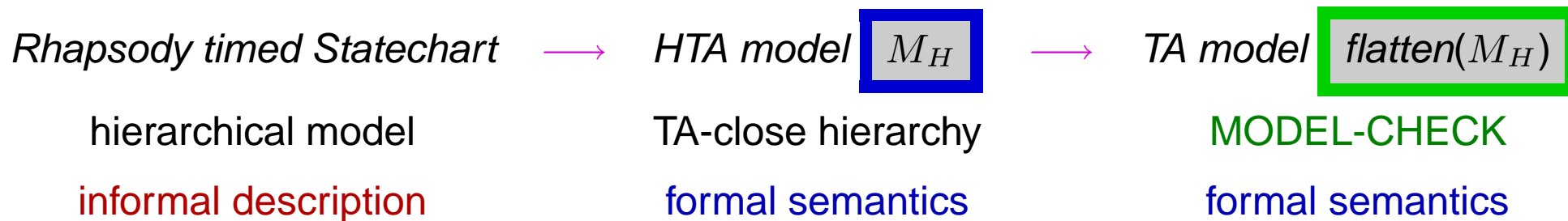
timed $\text{flatten}(M)$ traces

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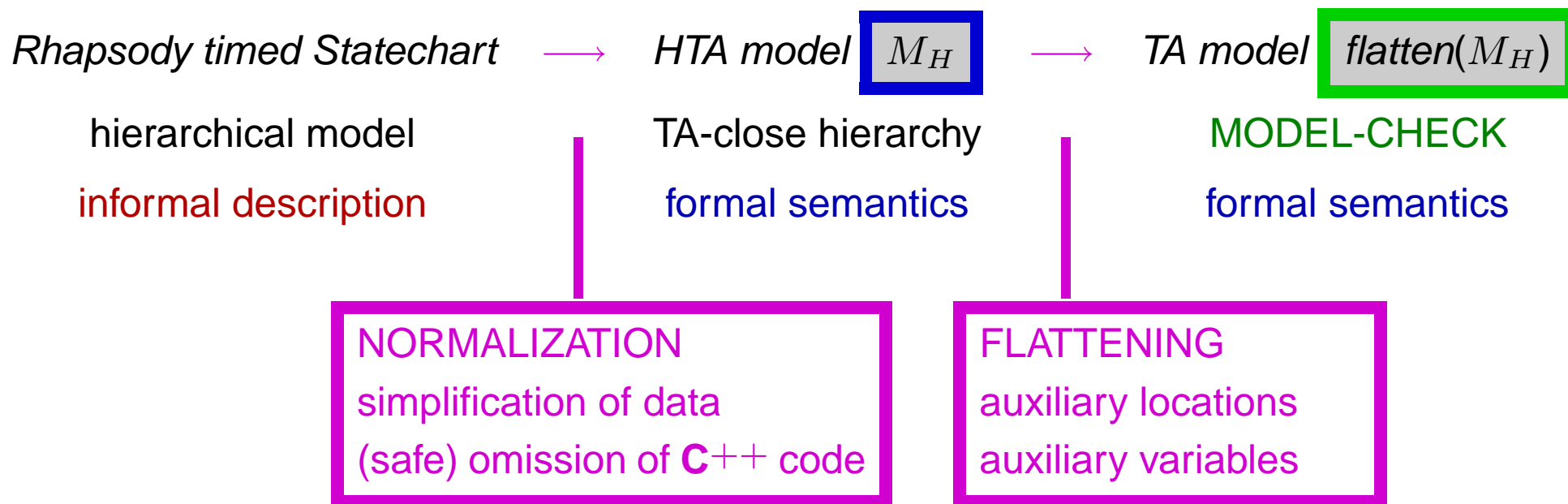
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match

From (timed) Statecharts to UPPAAL

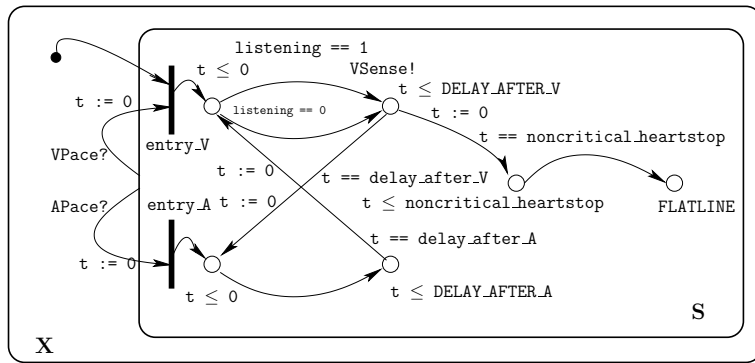


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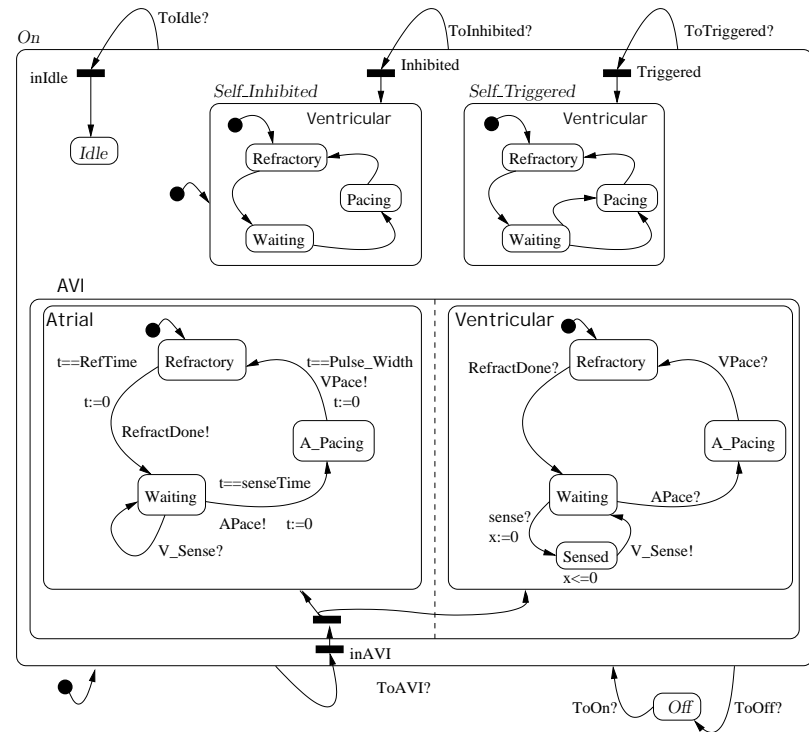


Guiding Principle: *Make it easy to adjust to small changes!*

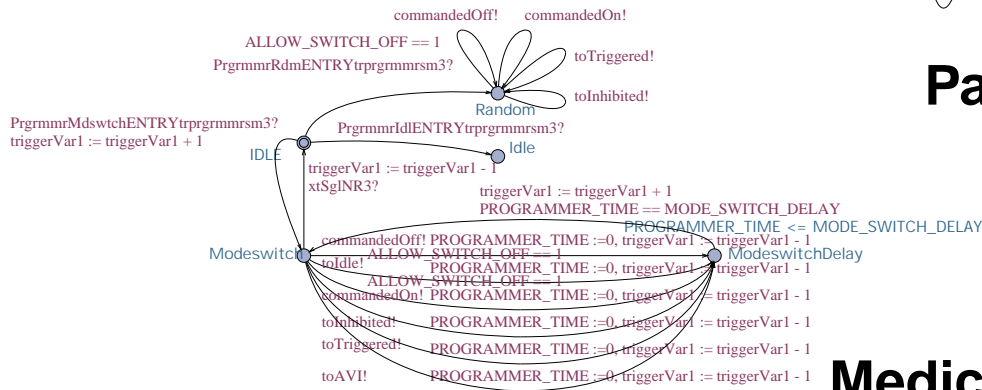
Model Checking a Pacemaker



Human Heart



Pacemaker



Medic

Model-Checking the Pacemaker

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possible (if heart stops)

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Parameters:

REFRACTORY_TIME = 50

SENSE_TIMEOUT = 15

DELAY_AFTER_V = 50

DELAY_AFTER_A = 5

HEART_ALLOWED_STOP_TIME = 135

MODE_SWITCH_DELAY = 66

E.g. for $\text{MODE_SWITCH_DELAY} = 65$, $A[] \neg \text{heart stops}$ is violated

Summary on Hierarchical Timed Automata

The Major Gains:

- for **modeler**:
more flexible and compact modeling (than with flat automata)
- for **development process**:
intermediate format for automated analysis of design models
(requires typically an abstraction step)

Future Work:

- put to use in AIT-WOODDES project
RHAPSODY UML statecharts to be model-checked via UPPAAL
- to be integrated in the UPPAAL tool
 - ➔ UPPAAL timed automata are a special case of HTAs
 - ➔ editor for XML grammar is work in progress
 - ➔ model checking engine for HTAs planned

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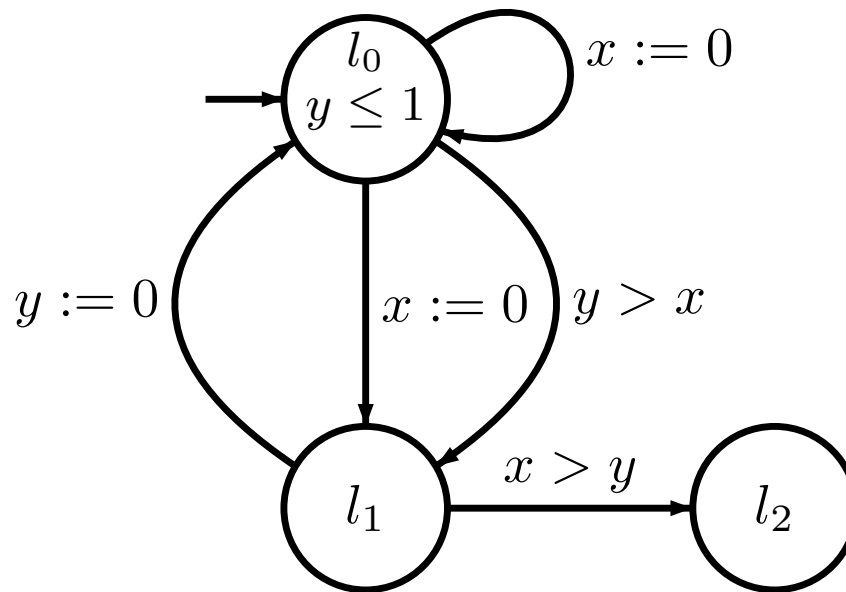
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Timed Systems

Timing constraints Γ , propositional Symbols A

Timed System $\mathcal{S} = \langle L, P, C, \rightarrow, l_0, I \rangle$

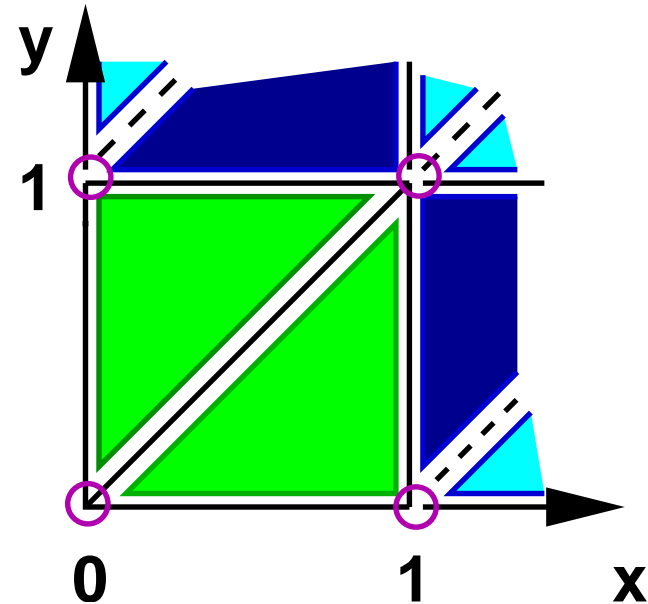


Semantics as transition system $\mathcal{M} = \langle L \times \mathcal{V}_C, P, \Rightarrow, (l_0, \nu_0) \rangle$
with *non-zenoness assumption*:

if trace infinite, sum over all delays is ∞

Clock Regions

- Given: $\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{C}, \tilde{c}$
- Finite partition of the infinite state space
- Clock region: $\mathcal{X}\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{V}\mathcal{C}$ s.t. for all $\chi \in \text{Constr}(c)$ and for any two $\nu, \nu' \in \mathcal{X}\mathcal{C}$ it is the case that $\nu \models \chi$ if and only if $\nu' \models \chi$
- $\nu_1 \equiv_{\mathcal{S}} \nu_2$



Propositional Next-Free μ -Calculus

Syntax:

$$\varphi := tt \mid p \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi \mid \exists(\varphi_1 U \varphi_2) \mid \forall(\varphi_1 U \varphi_2) \mid Z \mid \mu Z.\varphi$$

Semantics: $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}}$... set of states for which φ holds

Intuitively, an existential (strong) until formula $\exists(\varphi_1 U \varphi_2)$ holds in some states s iff φ_1 holds on some path from s until φ_2 holds.

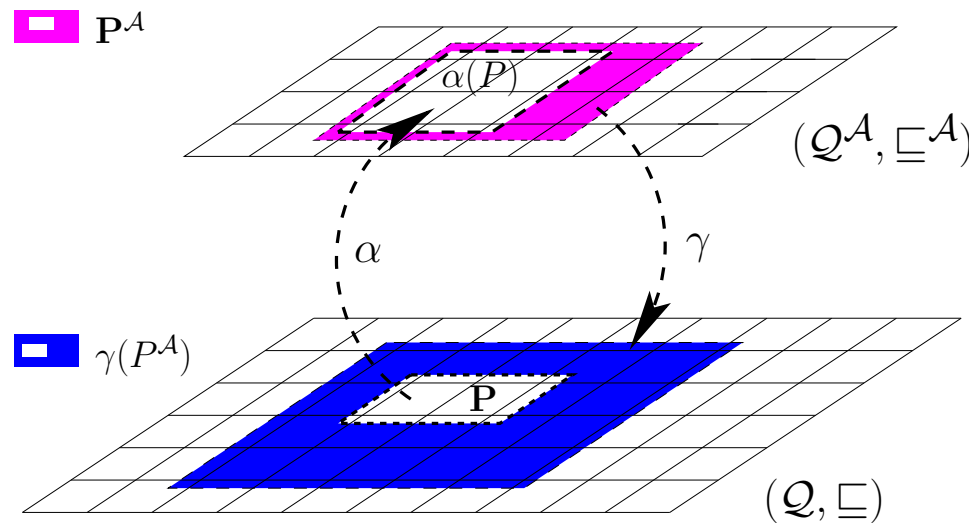
$$\llbracket \exists(\varphi_1 U \varphi_2) \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$$

$\{s_0 \in S \mid \text{there exists a path } \tau = (s_0 \Rightarrow s_1 \Rightarrow \dots), \text{ s.t. } s_i \in \llbracket \varphi_2 \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}}$
for some $i \geq 0$, and for all $0 \leq j < i$, $s_j \in \llbracket \varphi_1 \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}}\}$

State-Based Model Checking

- Semantics of formula φ := the set of configurations satisfying φ
- Model checking problem: $l_0 \stackrel{?}{\in} \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^{\mathcal{M}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Yes/No}$
- Finite quotient for timed systems: *region construction*
- Our approach: successive refinements of finite *approximations*

Abstract Interpretation: Galois Connections



(Q^A, \subseteq^A) abstract system

(Q, \subseteq) concrete system

$\alpha : Q \rightarrow Q^A$ abstraction

$\gamma : Q^A \rightarrow Q$ concretization

$$\alpha(P) \subseteq^A P^A \Leftrightarrow P \subseteq \gamma(P^A)$$

Essence: connection of 2 lattice structures

Problems: stability and self-loops

Predicate Abstraction of Timed Systems

Abstraction Predicates

- formula over clocks in C
E.g.: $x - y \leq 3$, $x^2 - y^2 = 3.1415$,
- partition the (uncountable) state space with respect to their truth value
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Abstraction function

- $\alpha: \mathcal{V}_C \rightarrow B_n$
- $\alpha(\nu)(i) := \psi_i \nu$

Concretization function

- $\gamma: B_n \rightarrow \wp(\mathcal{V}_C)$
- $\gamma(b) := \{\nu \in \mathcal{V}_C \mid \bigwedge_{i=0}^{n-1} \psi_i \nu \equiv b(i)\}$

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- $\alpha : L \times \mathcal{V}_C \rightarrow L \times B_n$
- $\alpha(l, \nu)(i) := (l, \psi_i \nu)$

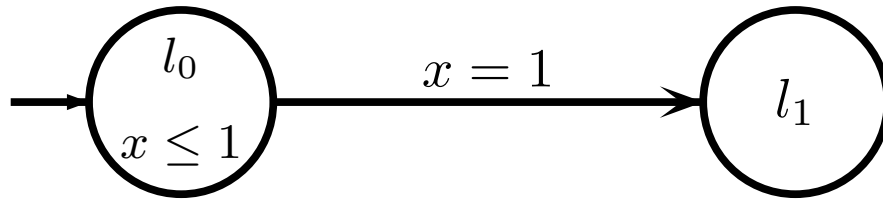
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Predicate Abstracted Semantics

$$\begin{aligned}
 \llbracket tt \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} &:= S^A \\
 \llbracket p \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} &:= \{(l, b) \in S^A \mid p \in P(l)\} \\
 \llbracket \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} &:= \llbracket \varphi_1 \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} \cap \llbracket \varphi_2 \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} \\
 \llbracket \neg \varphi \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} &:= S^A \setminus \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} \\
 \llbracket \exists (\varphi_1 U \varphi_2) \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} &:= \{s_0 \in S^A \mid \text{there exists a path } \tau = (s_0 \Rightarrow^{\sigma} s_1 \Rightarrow^{\sigma} s_2 \dots), \\
 &\quad \text{s.t. } s_i \in \llbracket \varphi_2 \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} \text{ for some } i \geq 0, \text{ and} \\
 &\quad \text{for all } 0 \leq j < i, s_j \in \llbracket \varphi_1 \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}}\} \\
 \llbracket \forall (\varphi_1 U \varphi_2) \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} &:= \{s_0 \in S^A \mid \text{for every path } \tau = (s_0 \Rightarrow^{\bar{\sigma}} s_1 \Rightarrow^{\bar{\sigma}} \dots), \\
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 \llbracket Z \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} &:= \vartheta(Z) \\
 \llbracket \mu Z. \varphi \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} &:= \bigcap \{S' \in S^A \mid \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_{\vartheta[Z:=S']}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} \subseteq S'\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example for Abstraction



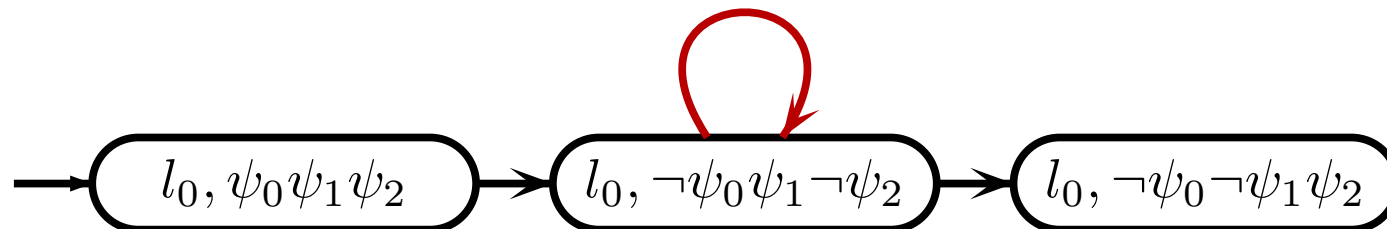
We want to verify: $\varphi = \forall (tt \ U \ at_l_1)$

Abstraction predicates: $\{x = 0, x < 1, x = 1\}$

Assume the following sequence in the concrete trace:

$$(l_0, x = 0) \xrightarrow{1/2} (l_0, x = 1/2) \xrightarrow{1/4} (l_0, x = 3/4) \xrightarrow{1/4} (l_0, x = 1) \xrightarrow{\text{true}} (l_1, x = 1)$$

Abstraction yields (only a fragment is illustrated):



Problem: spurious self-loop

Modified Semantics: Restricted Delay Step

Given: $\mathcal{S}, C, \tilde{c}$

A delay step $(l, \nu) \xrightarrow{\delta} (l, (\nu + \delta))$ is a restricted delay step iff it crosses the border of the current clock region:

$$\exists x \in C. \exists k \in \{0, \dots, c\}. \nu(x) = k \vee (\nu(x) < k \wedge \nu(x) + \delta \geq k)$$

Restricted transition relation: $\Rightarrow_R \subseteq (L, \mathcal{V}_C) \times (L, \mathcal{V}_C)$

The second delay step in the previous trace is disallowed:

$$(l_0, x = 0) \Rightarrow_R (l_0, x = 1/2) \not\Rightarrow_R (l_0, x = 3/4) \Rightarrow_R (l_0, x = 1) \Rightarrow_R (l_1, x = 1)$$

Theorem:

$$[[\varphi]]_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}} = [[\varphi]]_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_R}$$

Abstraction is Sound & Complete

Given: $\mathcal{M} = \langle S^C, P, \Rightarrow, s_0^C \rangle$ a transition system

Ψ a set of predicates

$\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^+, \mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^-$ the over-/under-approximations

Theorem: $\gamma(\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^-}) \subseteq \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^{\mathcal{M}} \subseteq \gamma(\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^+})$

Theorem:

If $(\forall \psi \in \Psi. \psi \nu_1 \Leftrightarrow \psi \nu_2) \Rightarrow \nu_1 \equiv_S \nu_2$

Then $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^-} = \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^+}$

Refinement of the Abstraction

- Basis $\hat{\Psi}$: the "exact" abstract transition system can be computed
Not practicable
- Successive approximation of the abstract transition relation:

Algorithm: *refine_approximation*

INPUT $\mathcal{M}, \hat{\Psi}, \varphi$

CHOOSE $\Psi \subseteq \hat{\Psi}$

WHILE $l_0 \notin [\varphi]^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^-}$ /* YES */

$\wedge l_0 \notin [-\varphi]^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^-}$ /* NO */

CHOOSE $\psi \in \hat{\Psi} \setminus \Psi$

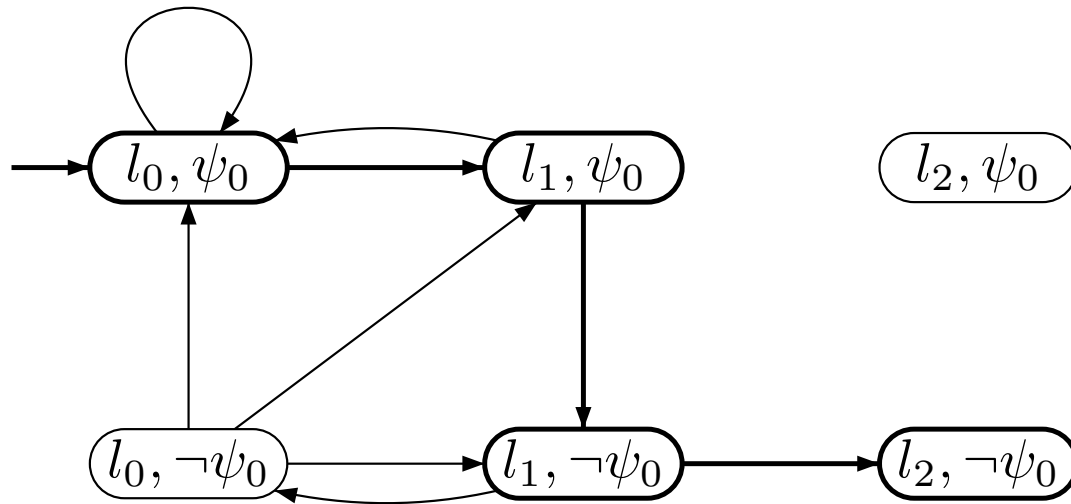
$\Psi := \Psi \cup \{\psi\}$

Example (Refinement)

$$\varphi := \neg \exists (tt \text{ U at } l_2)$$

$$\Psi := \{x = 0, y = 0, x \leq 1, x \geq 1, y \leq 1, y \geq 1, x > y, x < y\}$$

1. $\psi_0 \equiv x = 0$



$$\mathcal{M}_{\{x=0\}}^+ \stackrel{?}{\models} \varphi$$

NO

$$\tau = ((l_0, \psi_0) \Rightarrow^+ (l_1, \psi_0) \Rightarrow^+ (l_1, \neg \psi_0) \Rightarrow^+ (l_2, \neg \psi_0))$$

Example – Continuation I.

$$\tau = \underbrace{((l_0, \psi_0))}_{s_0} \Rightarrow^+ \underbrace{(l_1, \psi_0)}_{s_1} \Rightarrow^+ \underbrace{(l_1, \neg\psi_0)}_{s_2} \Rightarrow^+ \underbrace{(l_2, \neg\psi_0)}_{s_3}$$

Is there a corresponding counterexample on the concrete system?

$$\exists \tau^c = (y_0 \Rightarrow y_1 \Rightarrow y_2 \Rightarrow y_3) \text{ s.t.}$$

$$y_0 \in \gamma(s_0), y_1 \in \gamma(s_1), y_2 \in \gamma(s_2), y_3 \in \gamma(s_3), y_0 = s_0^c$$

$$F := y_0 \in \gamma(s_0) \wedge y_1 \in \gamma(s_1) \wedge y_2 \in \gamma(s_2) \wedge y_3 \in \gamma(s_3) \wedge \\ y_1 \Rightarrow y_2 \wedge y_2 \Rightarrow y_3 \wedge y_0 = s_0^c$$

Is F satisfiable?

Example – Continuation II.

Here F is unsatisfiable!

$$y_0 \in (l_0, x = y = 0) \in \gamma(s_0)$$

\Downarrow

$$y_1 \in (l_1, x = 0 \wedge 0 \leq y \leq 1) \in \gamma(s_1)$$

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$$y_2 \in (l_1, x > 0 \wedge y > x) \in \gamma(s_2)$$

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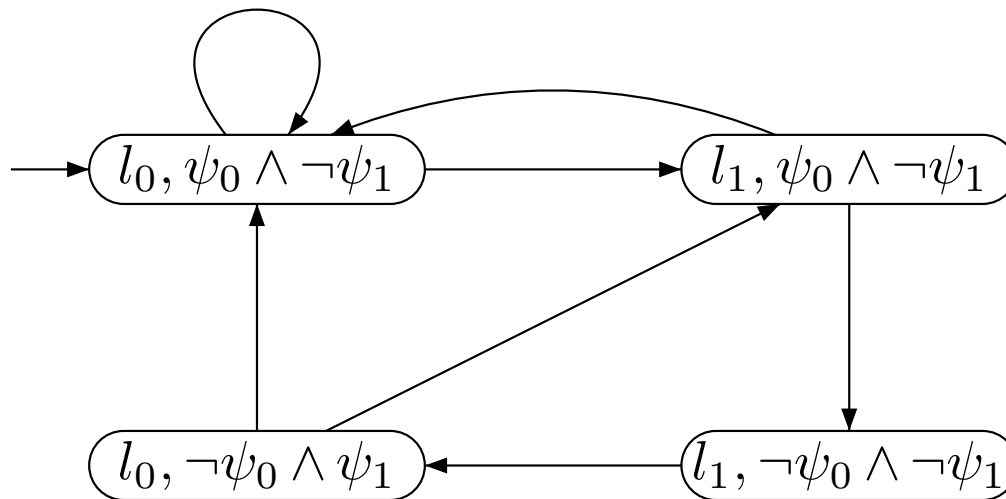
$$y_3 \in (l_1, x > 0 \wedge y \geq 0) = \gamma(s_3)$$

Choose $\psi_1 \in \Psi$ s.t. $\forall y \in \gamma(s_k), y' \in \gamma(s_{k+1}). y \not\models y'$

Here: $k = 2$ $\psi_1 \equiv x > y$

Example – Continuation III.

New approximation $\mathcal{M}_{\{x=0, x>y\}}^+$
Satisfies formula $\varphi = \neg\exists (tt \ U \ at_l_2)$



Algorithm terminates with **true**

$(l_0, x = y = 0) \in \llbracket \neg\exists (tt \ U \ at_l_2) \rrbracket^{\mathcal{M}}$

Summary on Predicate Abstraction for Real-Time

What can be verified?

- Safety (known before)
- Liveness (!)

Observations:

- **self-loops** problem:
solved by restricting the delay steps in *concrete* system
- logic is un-timed and *without next*
- a weaker assumption than non-zenoness suffices
(only restrict infinite sequences of delay steps)

Summarizing...

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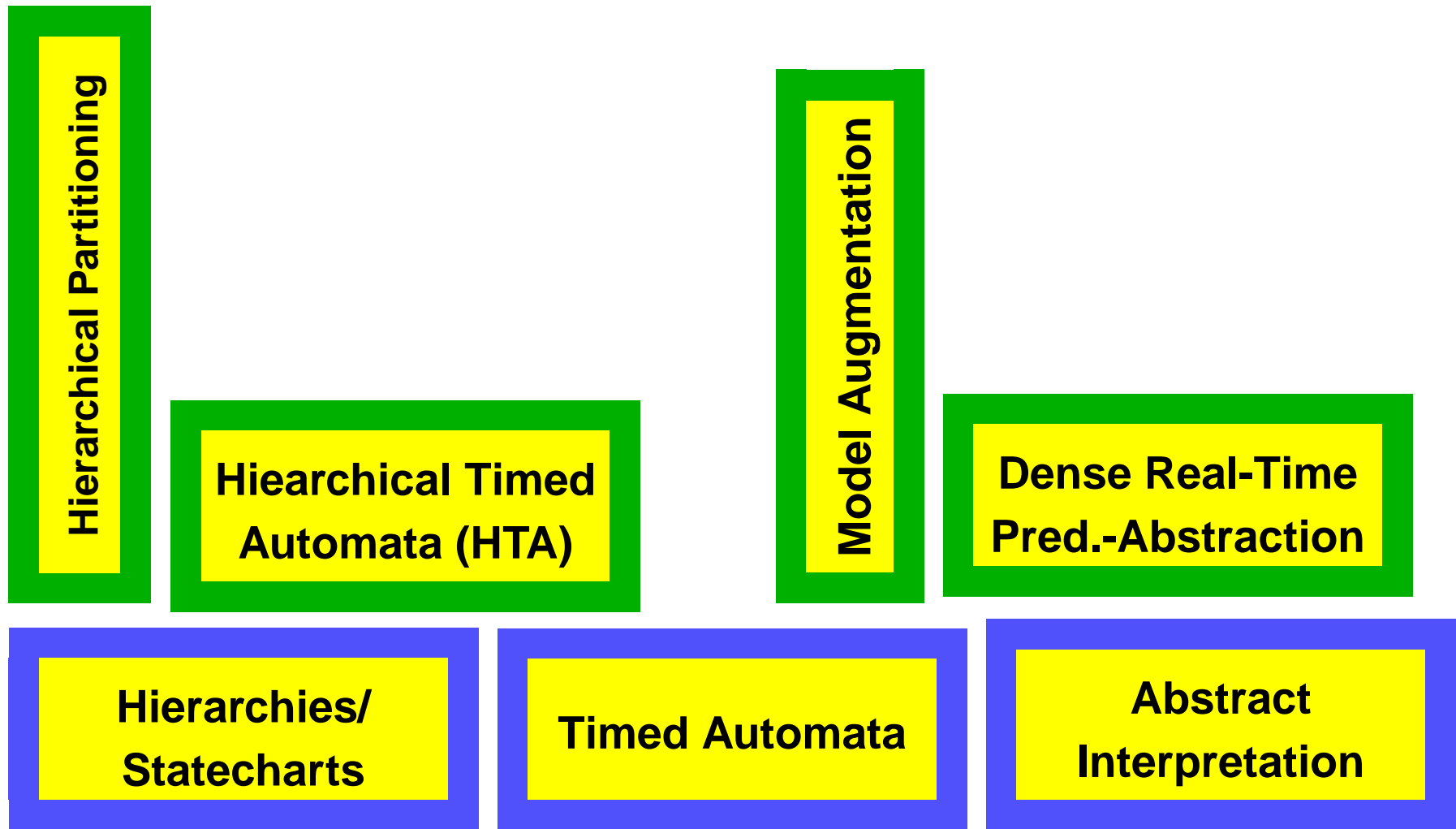
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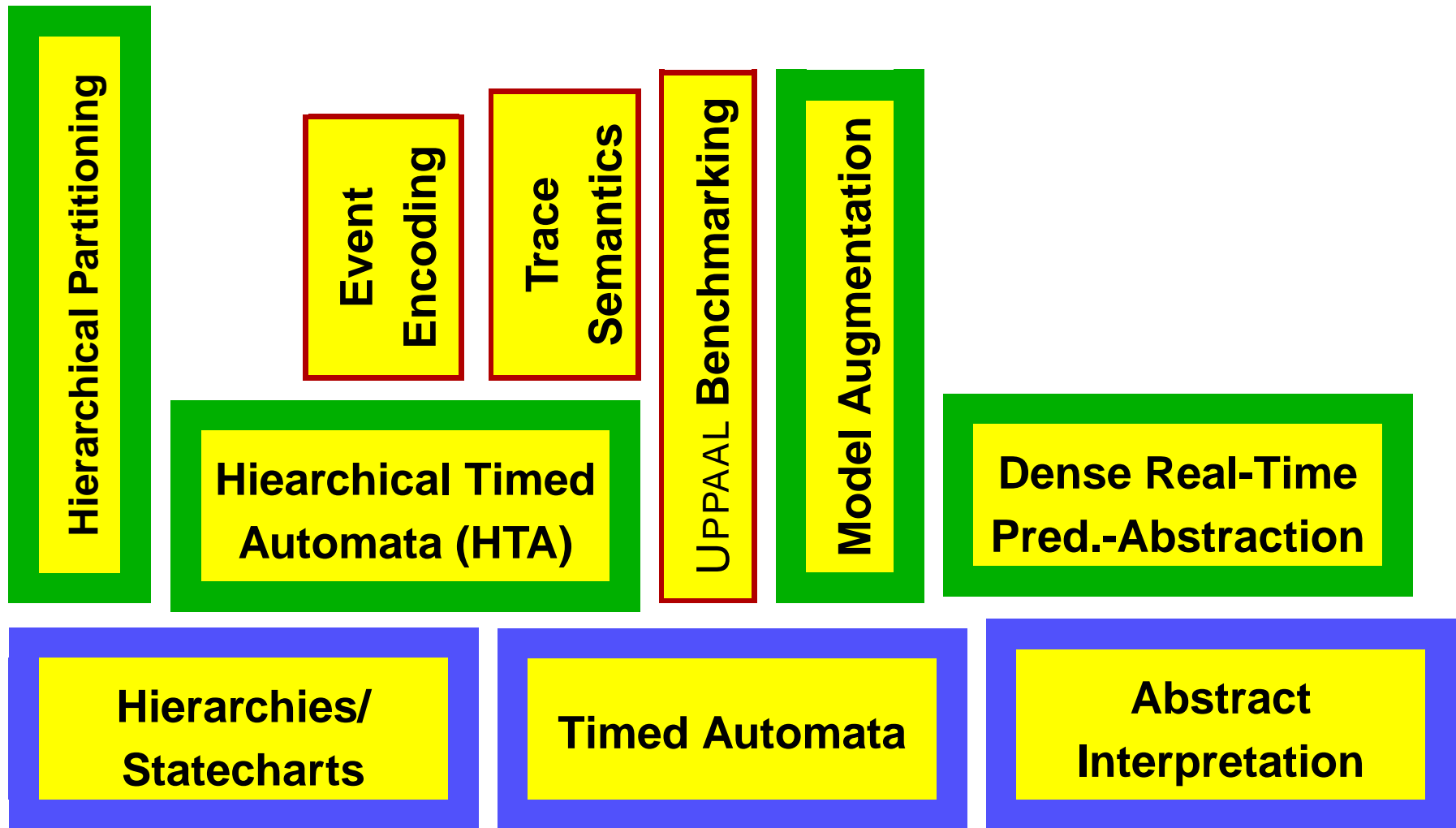
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What is (still) to be Done

- Model checking **engine** for HTAs
 - future work of Alexandre David, Uppsala University
- Exploiting HTAs via **re-use**
 - similar to re-use in *modecharts* (Rajeev Alur et al.)
 - similar to CBR technique in VISUALSTATE (Gerd Behrmann et al.)
 - time** gives rise to difficulties
- Sound abstraction step from **UML statecharts** to the HTA formalism
 - Clearly requires *approximation* of data and events
- Implement the successive refinement idea for timed automata

Conclusion – on Real-Time Systems

- **Hierarchies** complicate—but do not hinder—the formal analysis; whether they also can be exploited remains to be seen
- Fully automated analysis is expensive but often **feasible** for reasonably sized models
(which implies that formal methods should be applied *a priori*)
- Predominant efficiency gain is via *abstractions*;
Techniques that **approximate** timed systems can go *beyond safety*

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