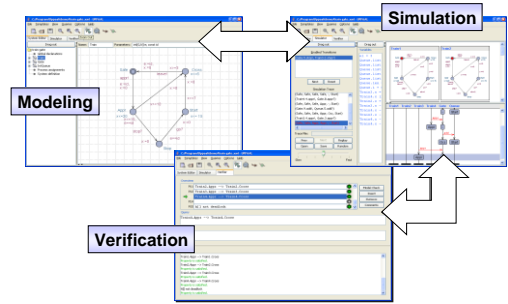


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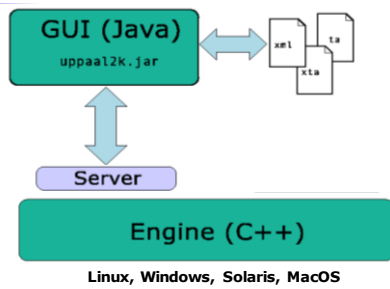
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## UPPAAL Tool



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## Architecture of UPPAAL



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## What's inside UPPAAL

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## Inside the UPPAAL tool

- Data Structures
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  - Canonical and Minimal Constraints
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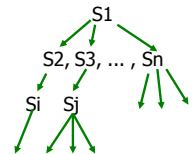


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## All Operations on Zones

(needed for verification)

- Transformation
  - Conjunction
  - Post condition (delay)
  - Reset
- Consistency Checking
  - Inclusion
  - Emptiness



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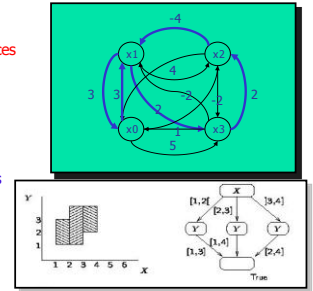
# Zones = Conjunctive constraints

- A zone Z is a conjunctive formula:
  - $g_1 \ \& \ g_2 \ \& \ \dots \ \& \ g_n$
  - where  $g_i$  may be  $x_i \sim b_i$  or  $x_i - x_j \sim b_{ij}$
- Use a zero-clock  $x_0$  (constant 0), we have
  - $\{x_i - x_j \sim b_{ij} \mid \sim \text{is } < \text{ or } \leq, i, j \leq n\}$
- This can be represented as a MATRIX, DBM (Difference Bound Matrices)

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# Datastructures for Zones in UPPAAL

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- Minimal Constraint Form [RTSS97]
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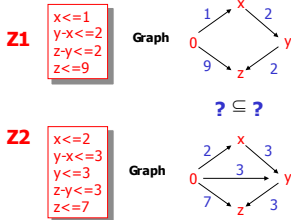


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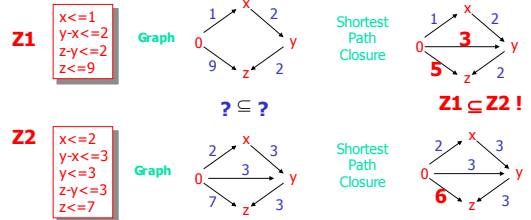


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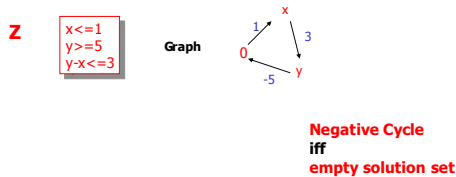


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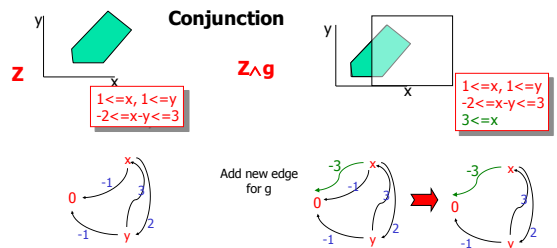
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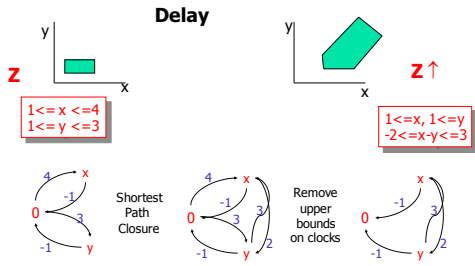
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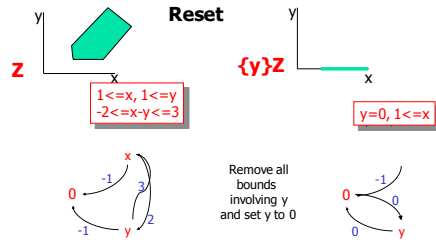
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### Difference Bounded Matrices



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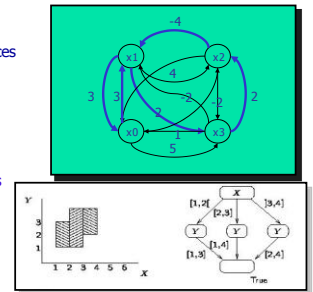
## COMPLEXITY

- Computing the shortest path closure, the canonical form of a zone:  $O(n^3)$  [Dijkstra's alg.]
- Run-time complexity, mostly in  $O(n)$  (when we keep all zones in canonical form)

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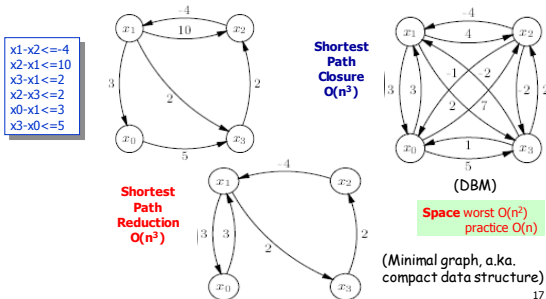
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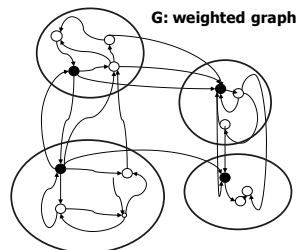
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## Minimal Graph



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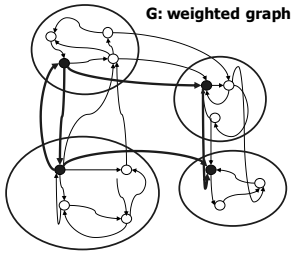
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- Equivalence classes based on 0-cycles.

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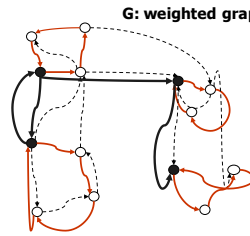


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1. Equivalence classes based on 0-cycles.
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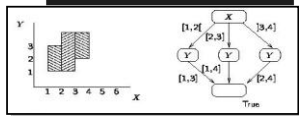
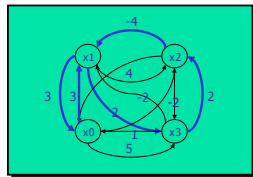
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3. **Shortest Path Reduction**  
= One cycle pr. class  
+ Removal of redundant edges between classes

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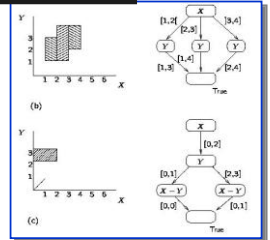


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## Other Symbolic Datastructures

- NDD's Maler et. al.
- CDD's UPPAAL/CAV99
- DDD's Möller, Lichtenberg
- Polyhedra HyTech
- .....

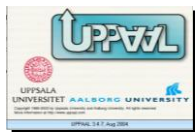
CDD-representations



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## Timed CTL in UPPAAL

$E \langle \langle p \mid A[] p \mid E[] p \mid A \langle \langle p \mid p \rightarrow q$

$P ::= A.I \mid g_c \mid g_a \mid \text{not } p \mid p \text{ or } p \mid p \text{ and } p \mid p \text{ imply } p$

Process Location  
(a location in automaton A)

Clock constraint

predicate over data variables

denotes  $A[] (p \text{ imply } A \langle \langle q)$

**SAFETY PROPERTIES**

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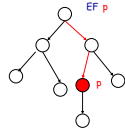
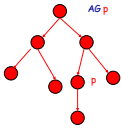
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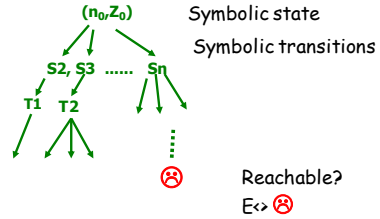
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where  $p \in AP$  (atomic propositions) **OP** Clock constraint

## Derived Operators



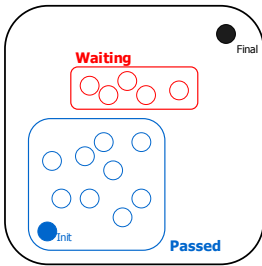
# We have a search problem



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Init -> Final ?



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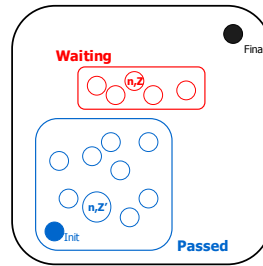
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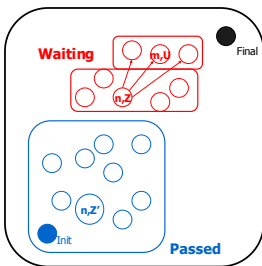
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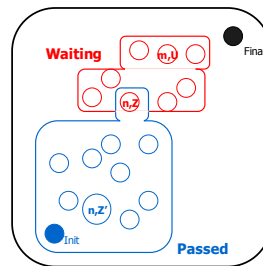
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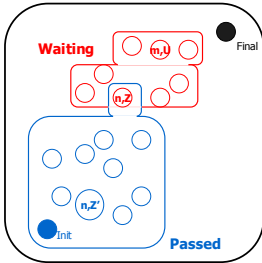
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## Further question

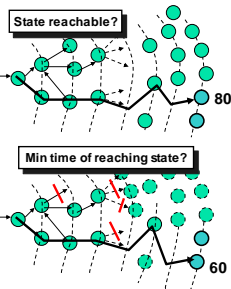
Can we find the path with **shortest delay**, leading to P ?  
(i.e. a state satisfying P)

**OBSERVATION:**  
Many scheduling problems can be phrased naturally as reachability problems for timed automata.

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## Verification vs. Optimization

- Verification Algorithms:
  - Checks a logical property of the entire state-space of a model.
  - Efficient Blind search.
- Optimization Algorithms:
  - Finds (near) optimal solutions.
  - Uses techniques to avoid non-optimal parts of the state-space (e.g. Branch and Bound).
- Goal: solve opt. problems with verification.



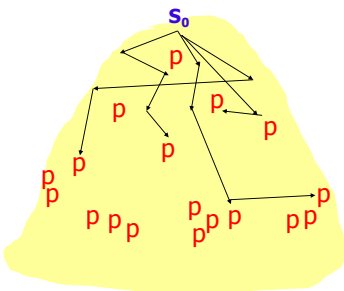
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## OPTIMAL REACHABILITY

The maximal and minimal delay problem

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Find the trace leading to P with **min** delay

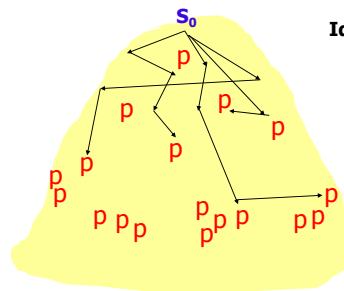


There may be a lot of paths leading to P

Which one with the shortest delay?

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Find the trace leading to P with **min** delay

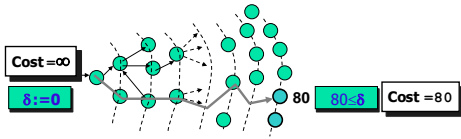


**Idea:** delay as "Cost" to reach a state, thus **cost** increases with time at rate 1

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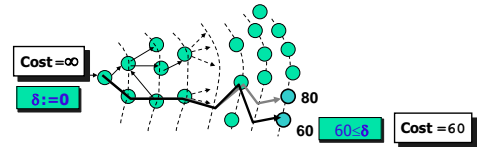


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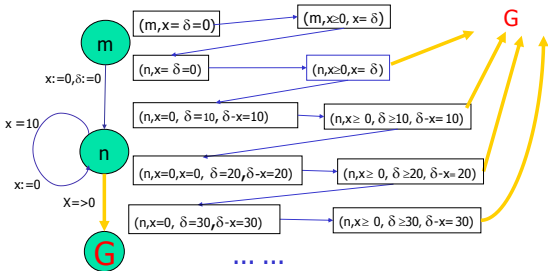
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### Example (min delay to reach G)



The minimal **delay** = 0 but the search may never terminate!  
**Problem:** How to **symbolically** represent the zone **C**.

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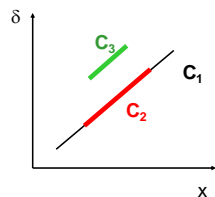
### Priced-Zone

- Cost = minimal total time
- C** can be represented as the zone  $Z^\delta$ , where:
  - $Z^\delta$  original (ordinary) DBM plus...
  - $\delta$  clock keeping track of the cost/time.
- Delay, Reset, Conjunction etc. on  $Z$  are the standard DBM-operations
- Delay-Cost is incremented by Delay-operation on  $Z^\delta$ .

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  - Delay, Reset, Conjunction etc. on  $C$  are the standard DBM-operations
- But inclusion-checking will be different



Then:  $C_3 \subseteq C_2 \subseteq C_1$   
 But:  $C_3 \not\subseteq C_2 \subseteq C_1$

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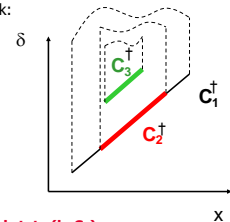
### Solution: $()^\dagger$ -widening operation

- $()^\dagger$  removes upper bound on the  $\delta$ -clock:

$$C_3 \subseteq C_2 \subseteq C_1$$

$$C_3^\dagger \subseteq C_2^\dagger \subseteq C_1^\dagger$$

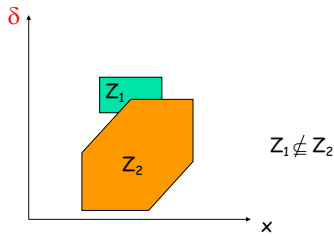
- In the Algorithm:
  - Delay( $C^\dagger$ ) = (Delay( $C$ )) $^\dagger$
  - Reset( $x, C^\dagger$ ) = (Reset( $x, C$ )) $^\dagger$
  - $C_1^\dagger \wedge g = (C_1^\dagger \wedge g)^\dagger$



- It suffices to apply  $()^\dagger$  to the initial state  $(I_0, C_0)$ .

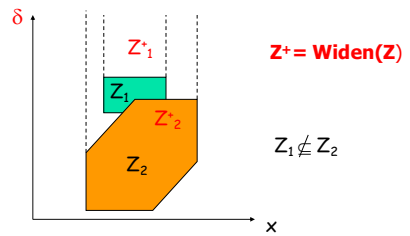
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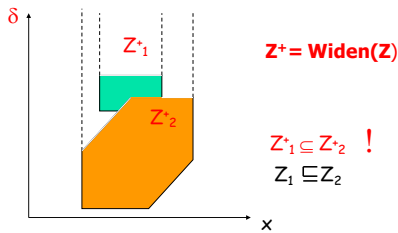
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### An Algorithm (Min)

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while Wait != {} do
  select (l,C) from Wait
  if (l,C) |= P and Min(C)<Cost then Cost:= Min(C)
  if (l,C) ⊆ (l,C') for some (l,C') in Pass then skip
  otherwise add (l,C) to Pass
  and forall (m,C') such that (l,C) → (m,C') :
    add (m,C') to Wait
Return Cost
    
```

One-step reachability relation

Output: Cost = the min cost of a found trace satisfying P.

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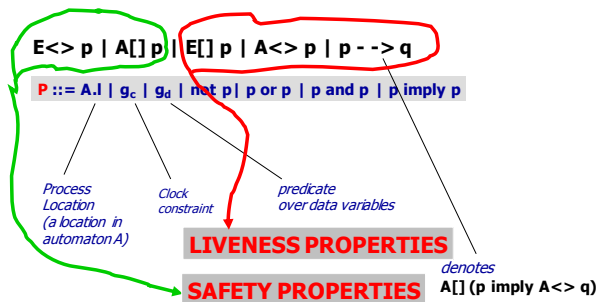
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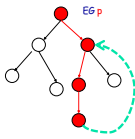
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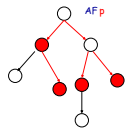
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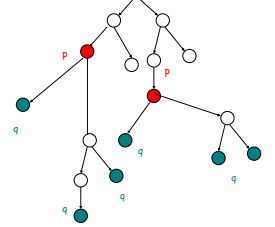
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A<> P in UPPAAL

## Derived Operators (cont.)

$AG(p \text{ imply } AF q)$



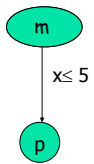
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$p \rightarrow q$  in UPPAAL

## Question

$A <> P$

"P will be true for sure in future"



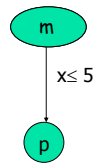
?? Does this automaton satisfy  $AF P$

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## Note that

$A <> P$

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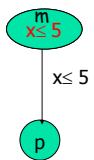
**NO !!!!** there is a path:  
 $(m, x=0) \rightarrow (m, x=1) \rightarrow (m, 2) \dots (m, x=k) \dots$   
 Idling forever in location m

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## Note that

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This automaton satisfies  $AF P$

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Algorithm for checking  $A <> P$  **Eventually P**

Bouajjani, Tripakis, Yovine'97  
 On-the-fly symbolic model checking of TCTL

**There is no cycle containing only states where p is false: not E [] (not p)**

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## Question: Time bound synthesis

$A \langle \rangle P$  "P will be true eventually"  
But no time bound is given.

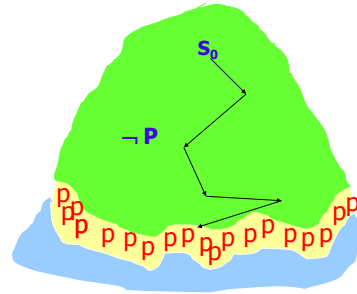
Assume  $AF P$  is satisfied by an automaton A.  
Can we calculate the **Max** time bound?

OBS: we know how to calculate the **Min** !

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Assume  $A \langle \rangle P$  is satisfied

Find the trace leading to P with the **max** delay



Almost the same algorithm as for synthesizing **Min**

We need to explore the **Green** part

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## An Algorithm (Max) -- not supported by UPPAAL

```

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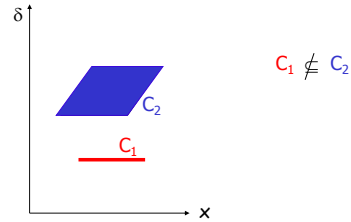
One-step reachability relation

**Output:** Cost = the max cost of a found trace satisfying P.

**BUT:**  $\subseteq$  is defined on zones where the lower bound of "cost" is removed

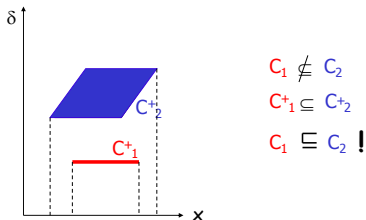
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## Zone-Widening operation for Max



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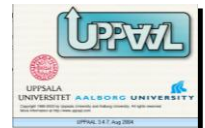
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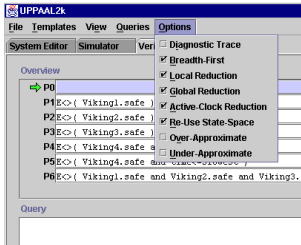
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## Inside the UPPAAL tool

- Data Structures
    - DBM's (Difference Bounds Matrices)
    - Canonical and Minimal Constraints
  - Algorithms
    - Reachability analysis
    - Liveness checking
- ➔ Verification Options



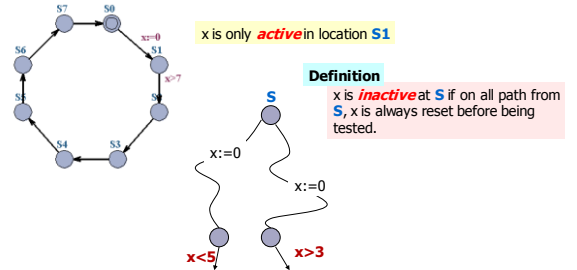
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- Diagnostic Trace
- Breadth-First
- Depth-First
- Local Reduction
- Active-Clock Reduction
- Global Reduction
- Re-Use State-Space
- Over-Approximation
- Under-Approximation

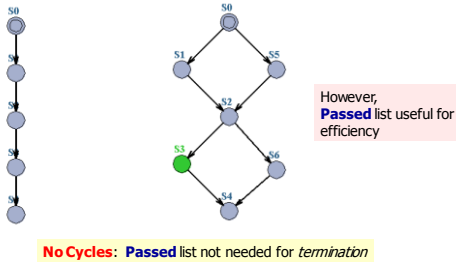
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## Inactive (passive) Clock Reduction



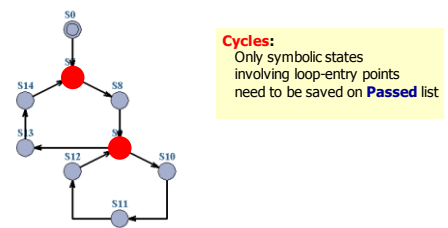
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## Global Reduction (When to store symbolic state)



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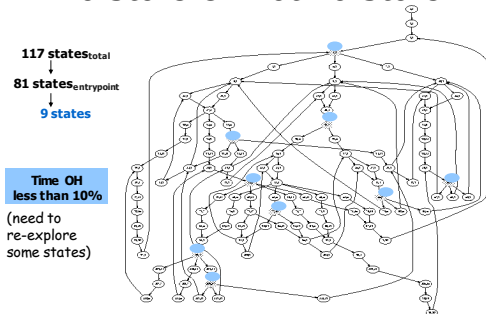
## Global Reduction [RTSS97] (When to store symbolic state)



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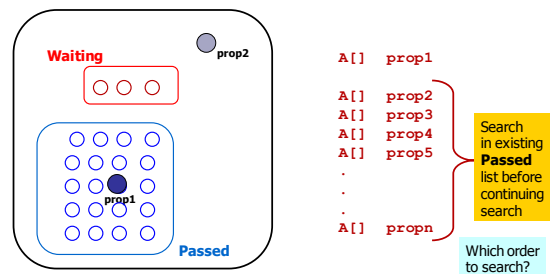
[RTSS97,CAV03]

## To Store Or Not To Store?



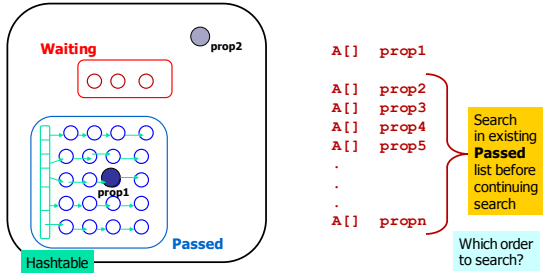
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## Reuse of State Space



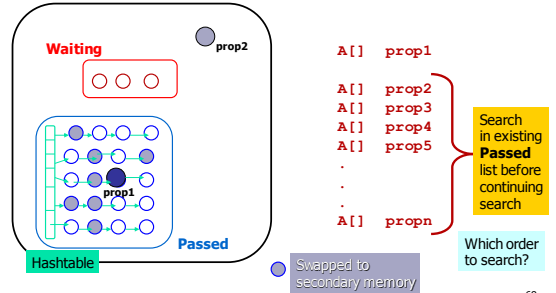
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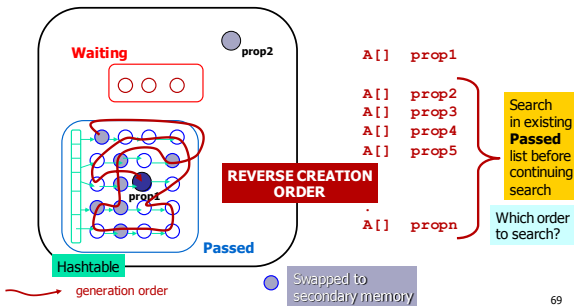
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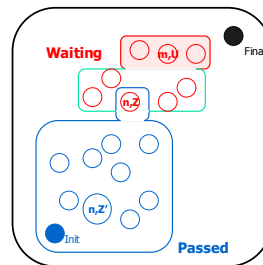
## Reuse of State Space



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## Under-approximation

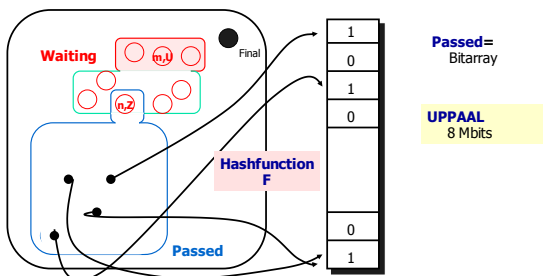
*Bitstate Hashing* (Holzman, SPIN)



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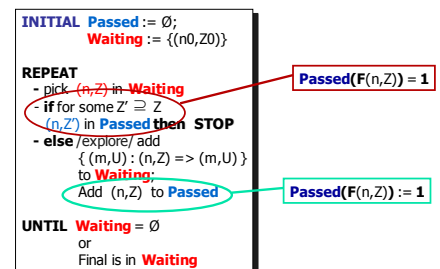
## Under-approximation

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## Bit-state Hashing



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## Under Approximation

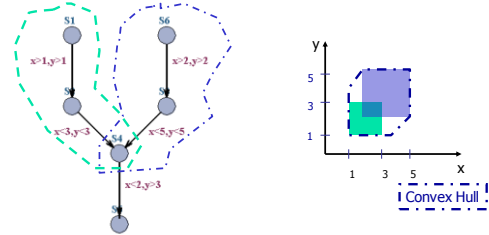
(good for finding Bugs quickly, debugging)

- **Positive answer is safe (you can trust)**
  - You can trust your tool if it tells: a state is reachable (it means Reachable!)
- **Negative answer is Inconclusive**
  - You should not trust your tool if it tells: a state is non-reachable
  - Some of the branch may be terminated by conflict (the same hashing value of two states)

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## Over-approximation

*Convex Hull*



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## Over-Approximation

(good for safety property-checking)

- **Positive answer is Inconclusive**
  - a state is reachable means Nothing (you should not trust your tool when it says so)
  - Some of the transitions may be enabled by Enlarged zones
- **Negative answer is safe**
  - a state is not reachable means Non-reachable (you can trust your tool when it says so)

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## Now, you can go home

- Download and use UPPAAL or
- Start to implement your own model checker

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