

## PhD defense

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# Theoretical and algorithmic contributions to the analysis of safety and security properties in timed systems under uncertainty

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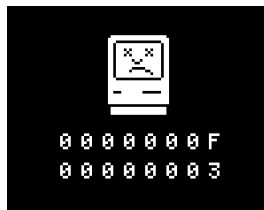
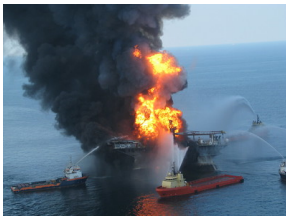
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- ▶ **Problem:** The execution time is proportional to the number of consecutive correct characters from the beginning of attempt

# Timing attacks

- ▶ Principle: deduce **private information** from timing data (**execution time**)

Issues:

- ▶ May depend on the **implementation** (or, even worse, be **introduced by the compiler**)
- ▶ A relatively trivial solution: make the program last always its maximum execution time  
Drawback: **loss of efficiency**

↪ Non-trivial problem

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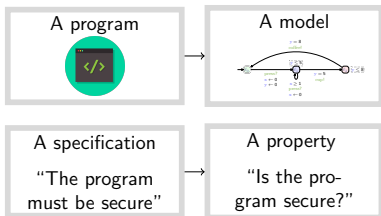
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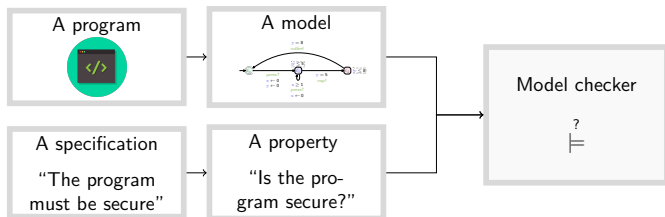
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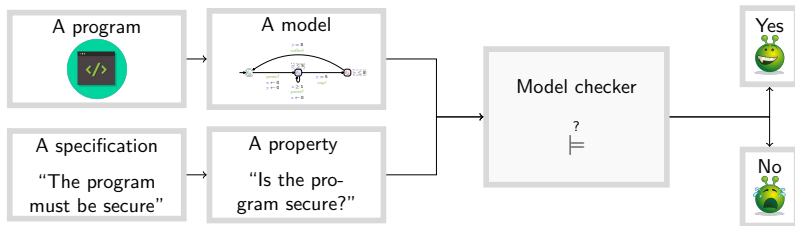
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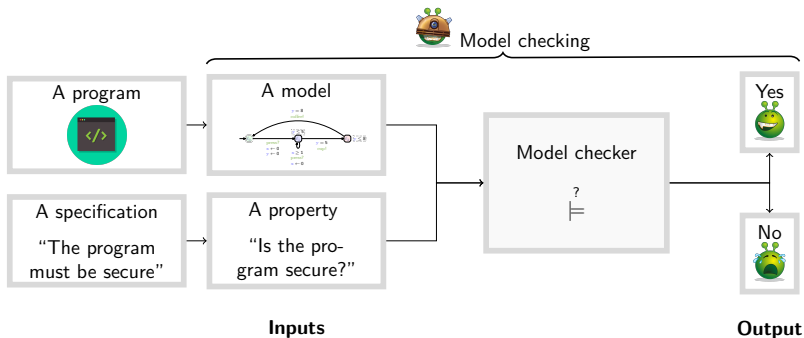
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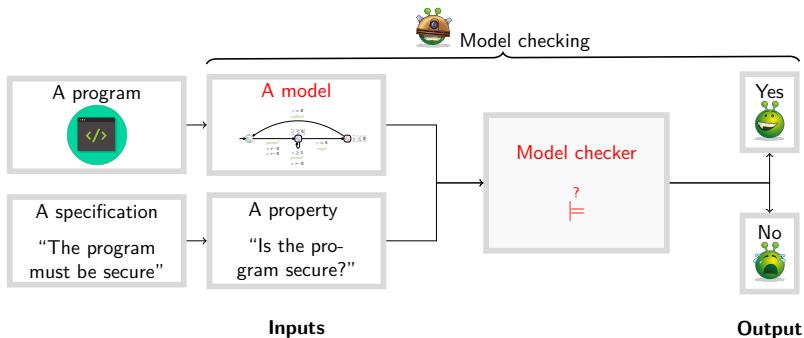
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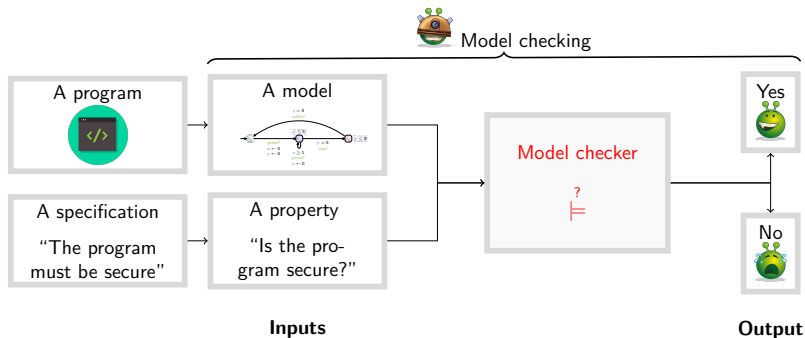


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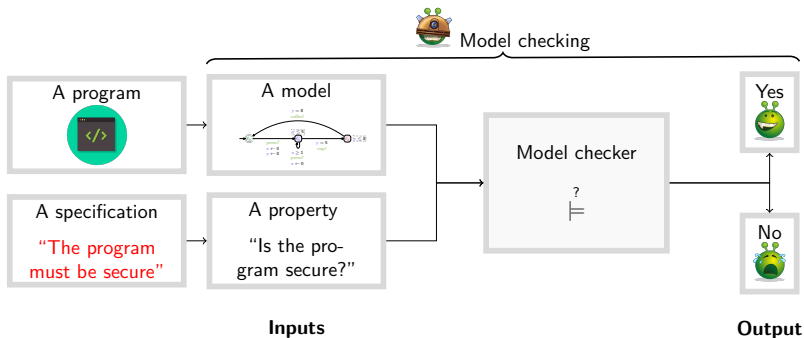
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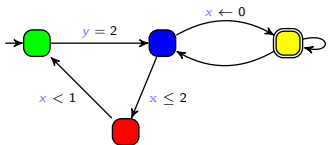
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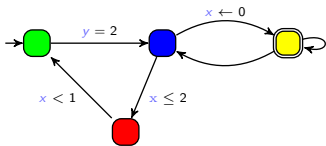
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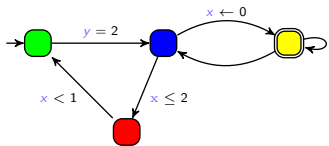
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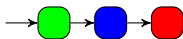
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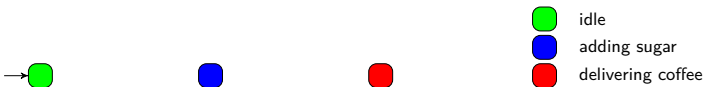


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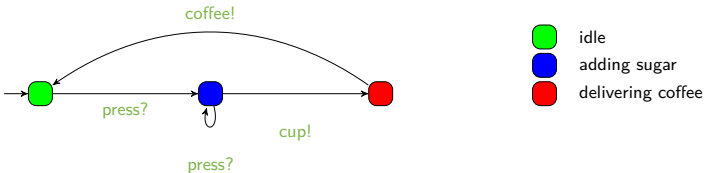




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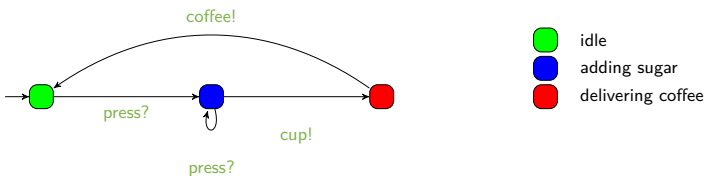
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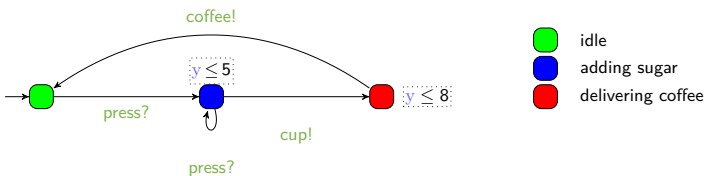
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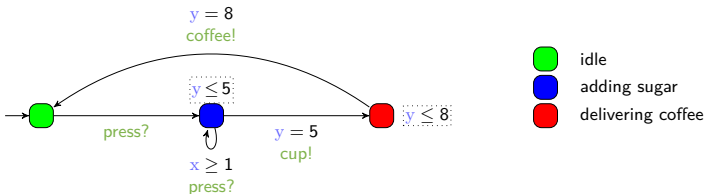
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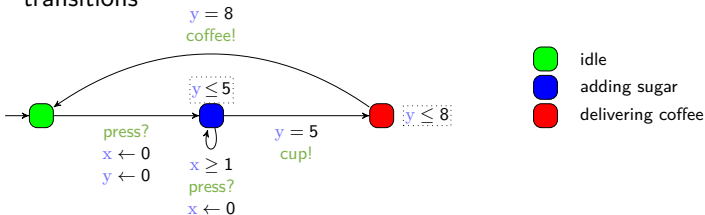
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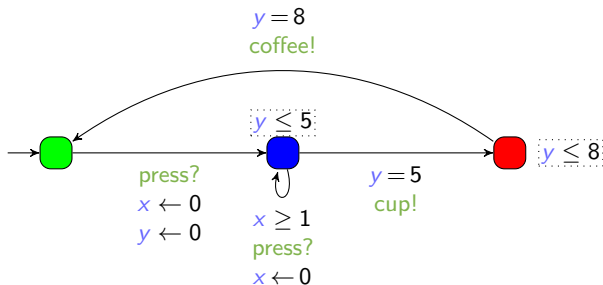
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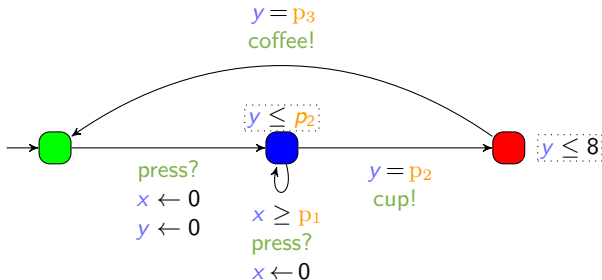
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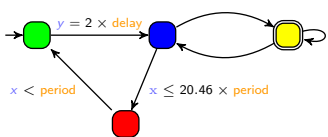
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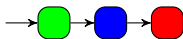
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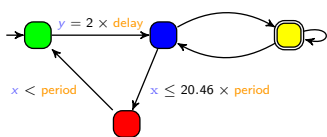


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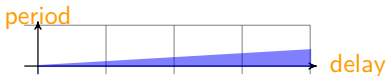
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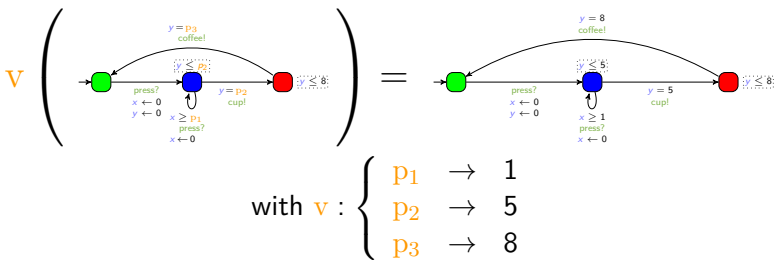
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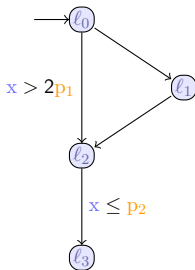


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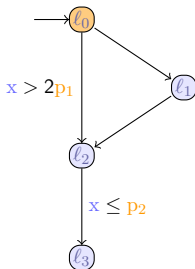
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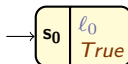
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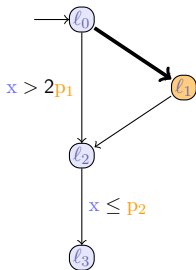


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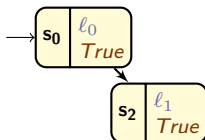


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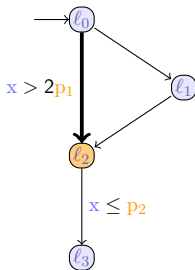
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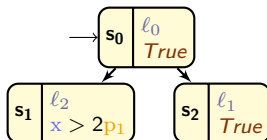


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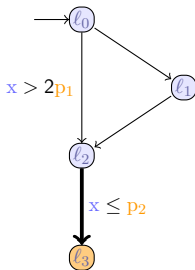


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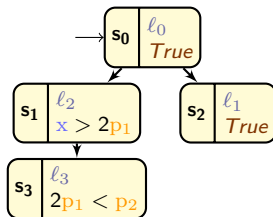


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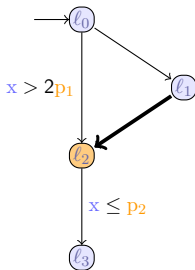


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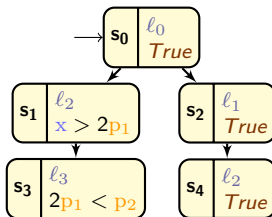


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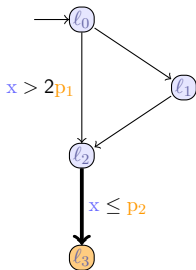


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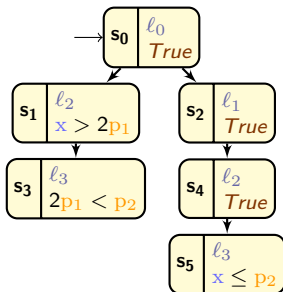


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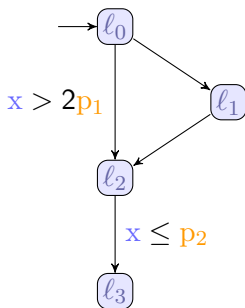
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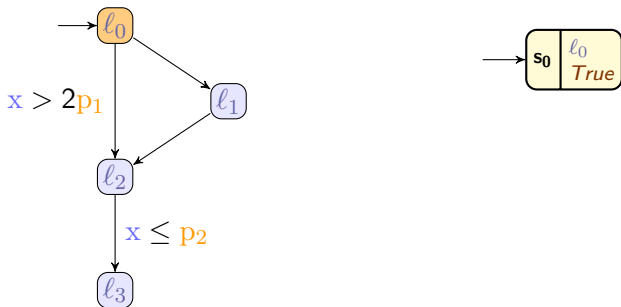
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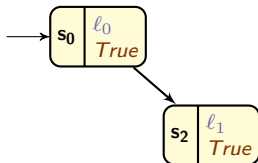
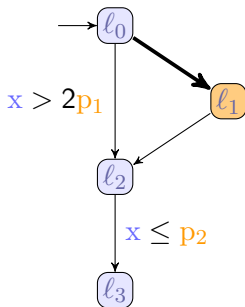
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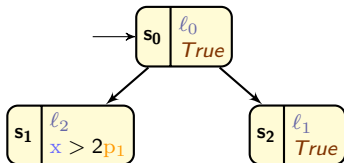
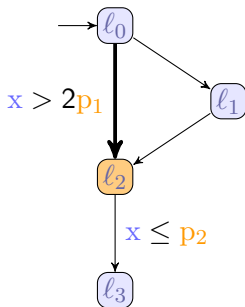
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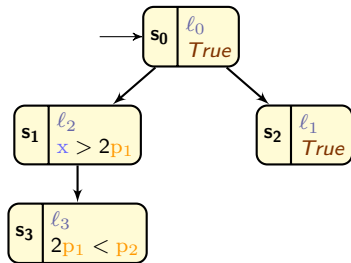
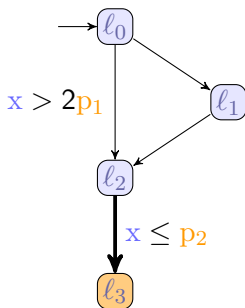
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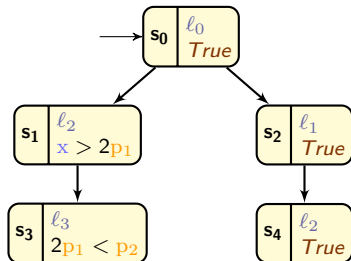
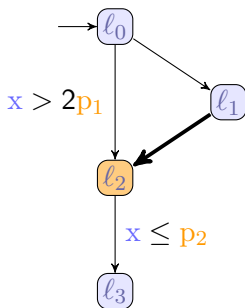
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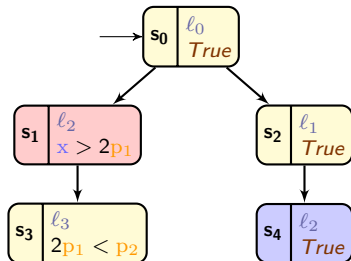
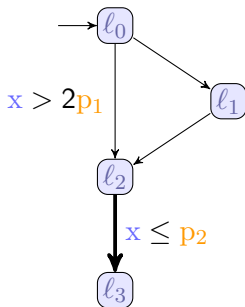
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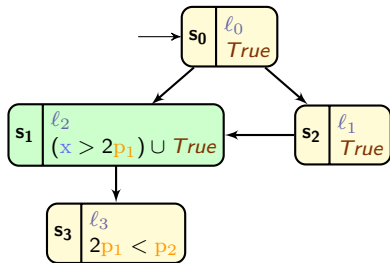
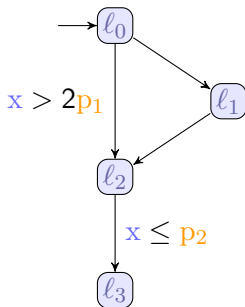
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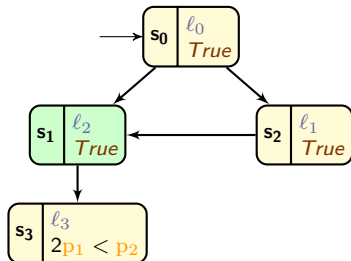
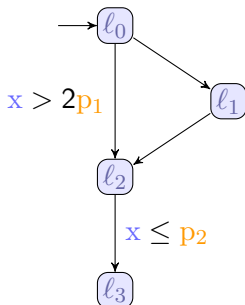
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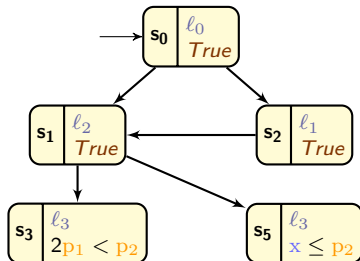
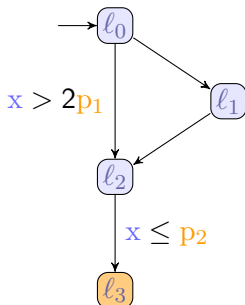
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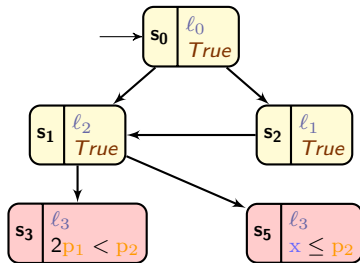
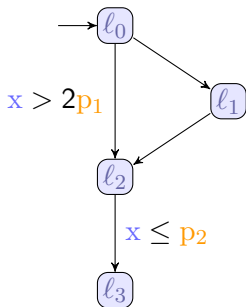
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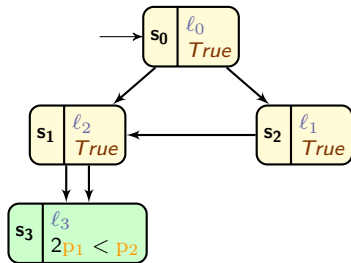
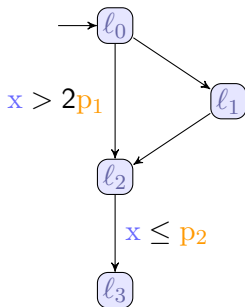
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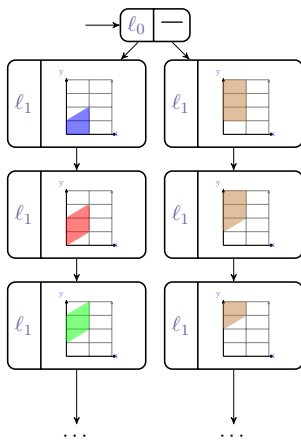
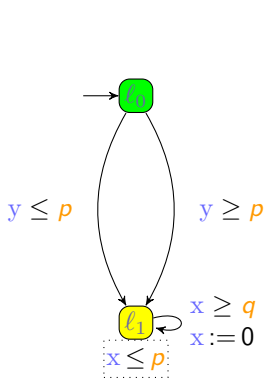
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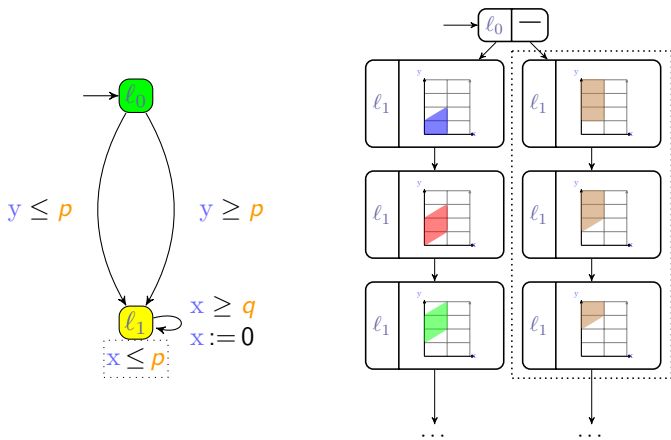
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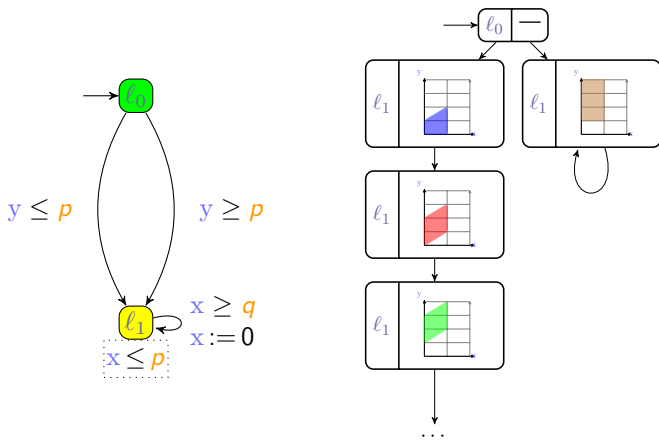
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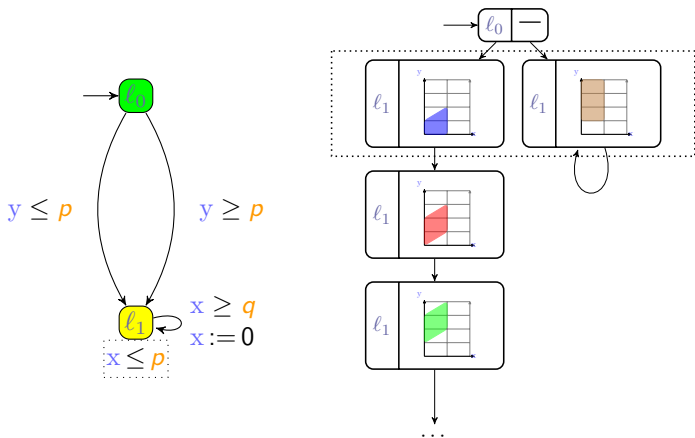
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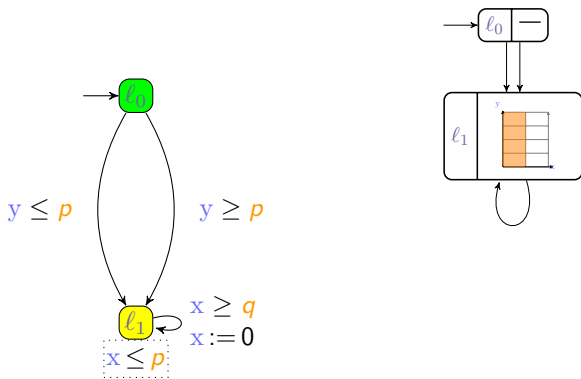
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In a model-checker with heuristics



# Heuristics for merging

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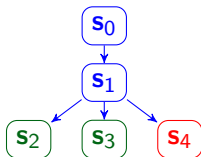
When to update the state space?

- ▶ After each merge
- ▶ After exploring the candidates list
- ▶ After exploring a level

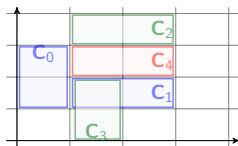
How to update the state space?

- ▶ Reconstruction of the state-space
- ▶ *In situ*

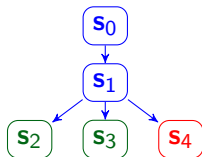
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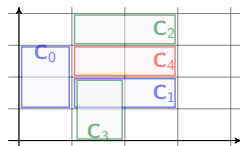
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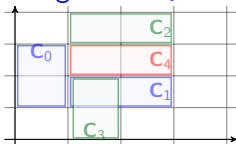
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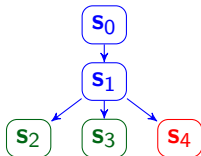
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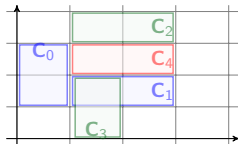
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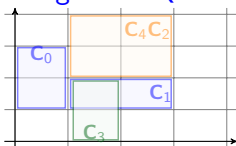
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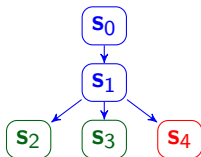
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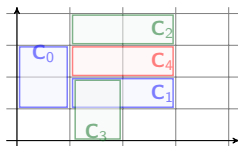
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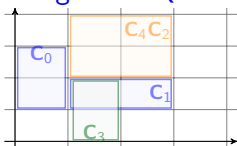
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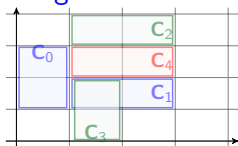
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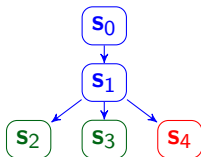
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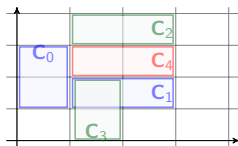
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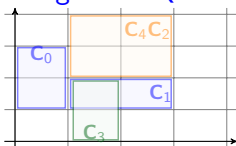
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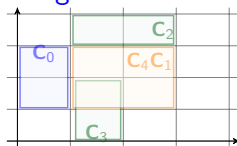
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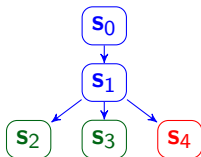
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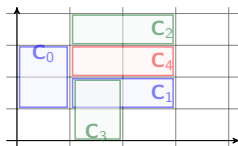
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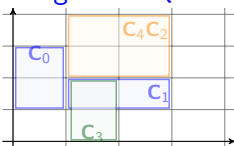
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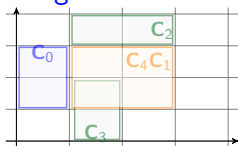
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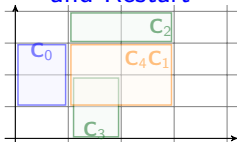
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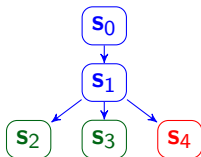
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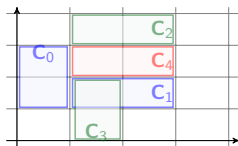
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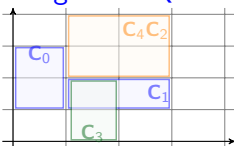
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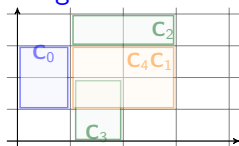
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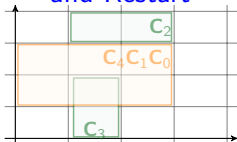
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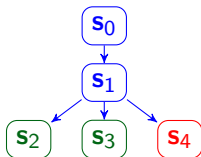


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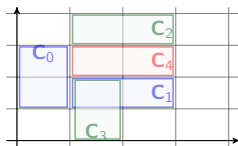




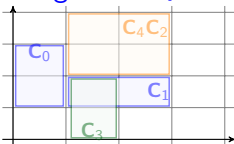
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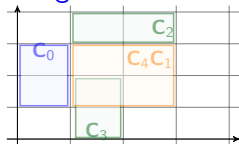
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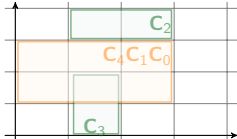
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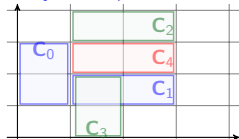
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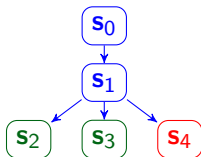
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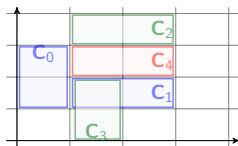
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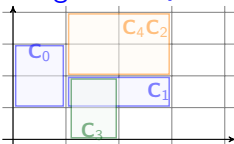
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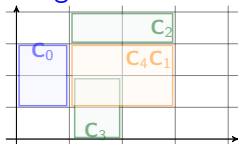
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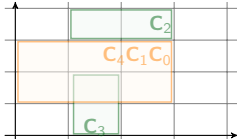
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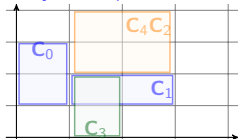
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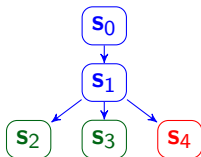
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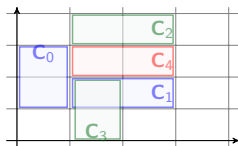
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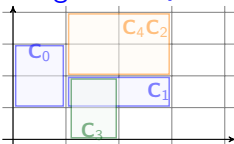
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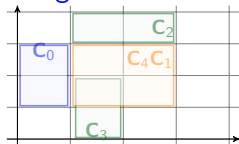
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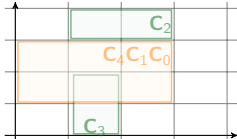
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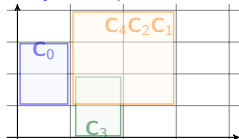
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- ▶ Comparison of all the combinations of heuristics
- ▶ Use of the IMITATOR library, restricted to reachability-based properties [TAP21]:
  - ▶ 124 executions (model, reachability property)
  - ▶ 42 executions perform at least one merge

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[TAP21] Étienne André, Dylan Marinho, and Jaco van de Pol. "A Benchmarks Library for Extended Parametric Timed Automata". In: *TAP (2021)*. LNCS. Springer, 2021


# The IMITATOR benchmark library

Overview of Chapter 4 of the manuscript

Library	Size			
	Vers.	Bench.	Models	Prop.
1.0		34	80	122
2.0		56	119	216

## Contribution

- ▶ More benchmarks (publications, industrial collaborations, ...)
- ▶ Inclusion of **liveness** properties, **unsolvable** benchmarks
- ▶ Export to JANI
- ▶ Semantic information (computation time, expected result...)
- ▶ Published as long-term access

 [imitator.fr/library2](https://imitator.fr/library2)  
**DOI** [10.5281/zenodo.4730980](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4730980)

## Comparing merging heuristics: Results

		Nomerge	RVMr	OQM
Time	# wins	24	22	<b>42</b>
	Avg (s)	10.0	4.56	<b>3.77</b>
	Avg (merge) (s)	18.8	5.57	<b>3.63</b>
	Avg (no merge) (s)	3.83	3.85	3.88
	Median (s)	1.39	1.14	<b>1.12</b>
States	# wins	0	<b>37</b>	16
	Avg	11443.08	<b>11064.37</b>	11120.79
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# Our attacker model

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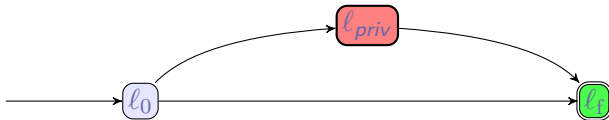
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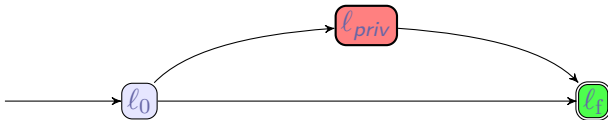


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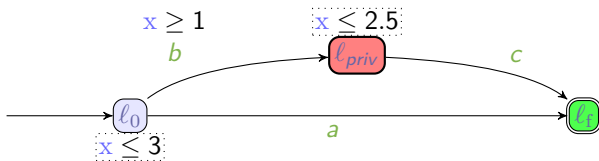
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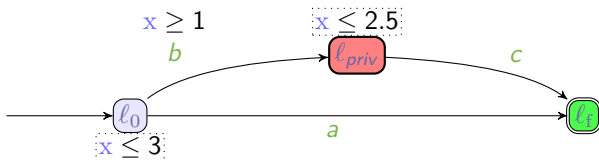
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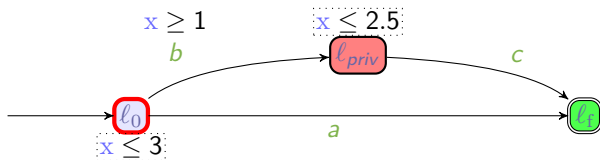


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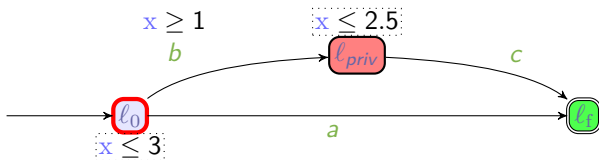
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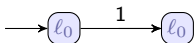


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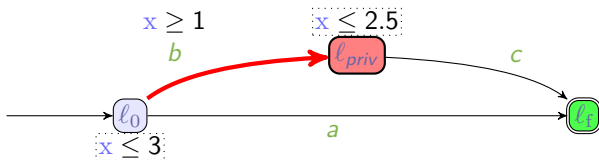


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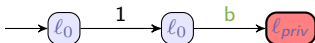


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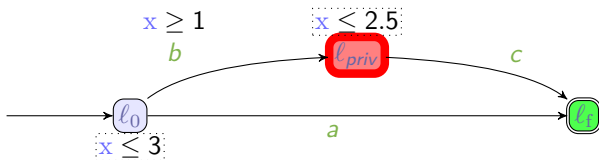


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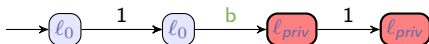


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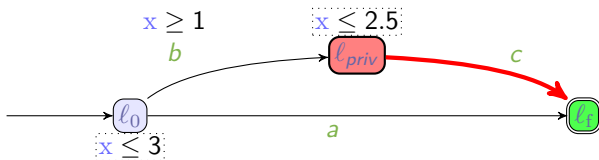


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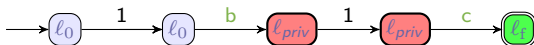


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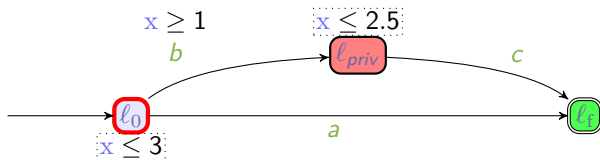


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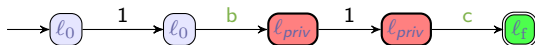


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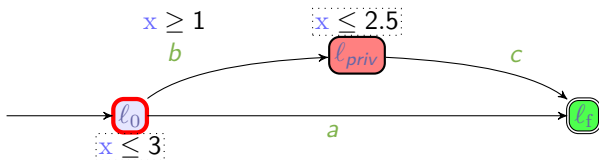
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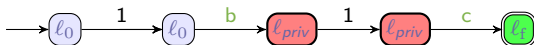


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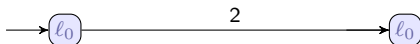


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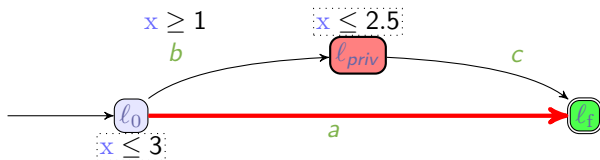
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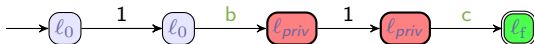


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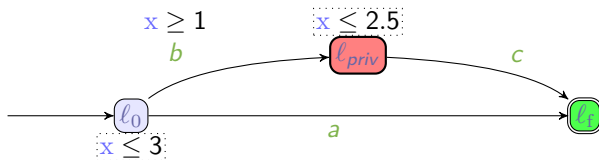
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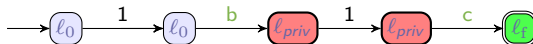


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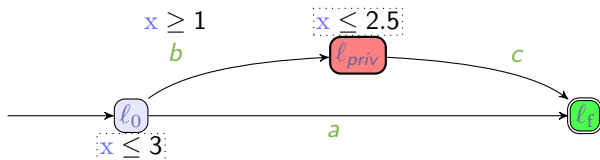


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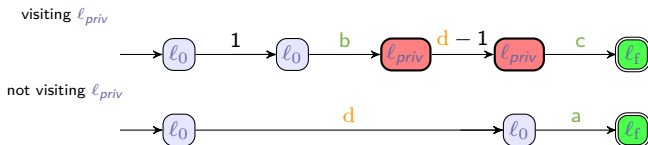
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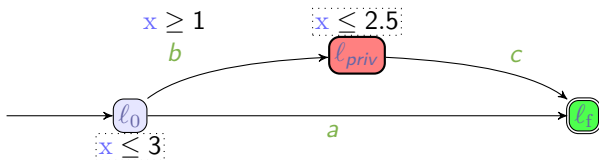
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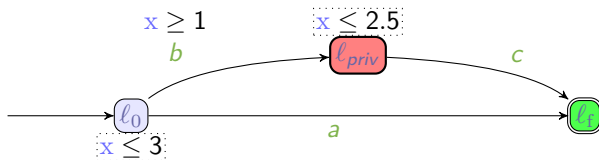
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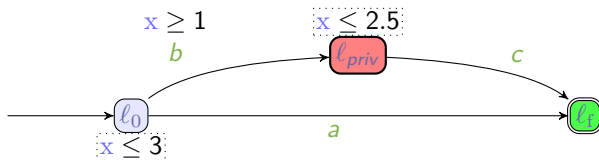


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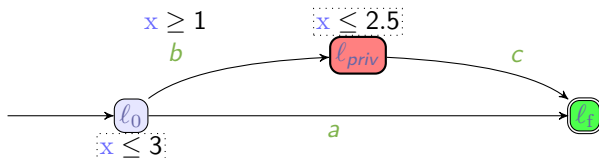


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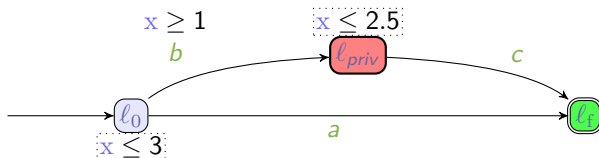
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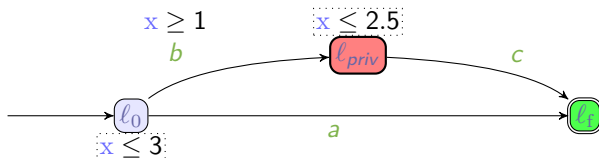
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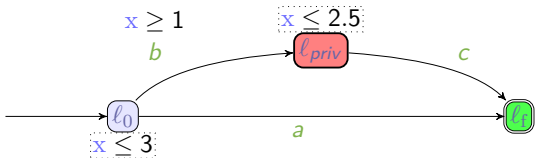
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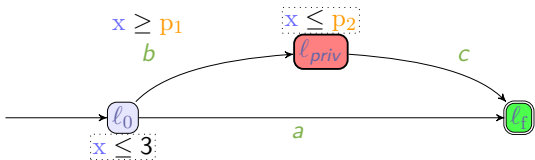
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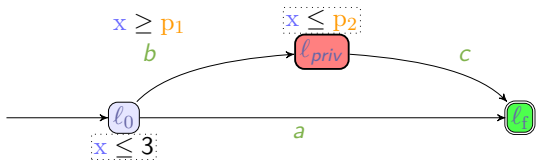
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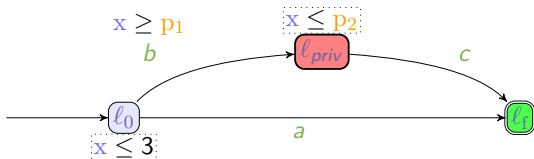


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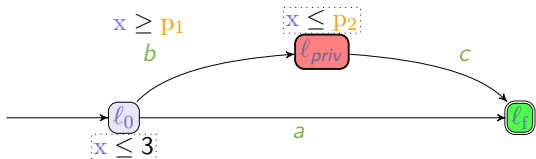


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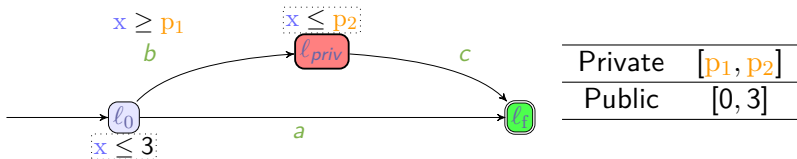
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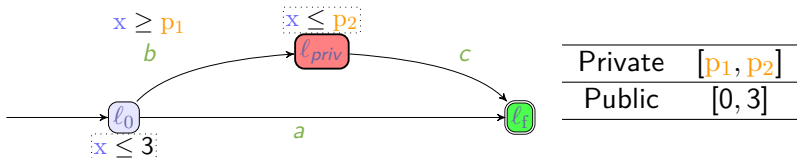
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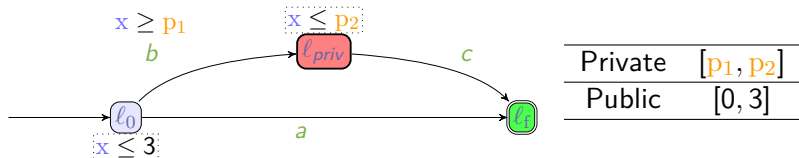
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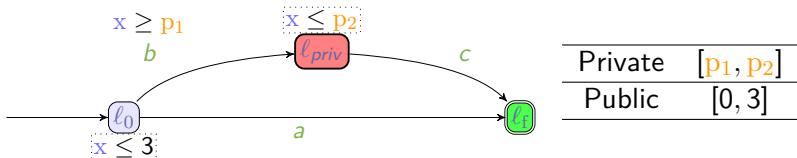


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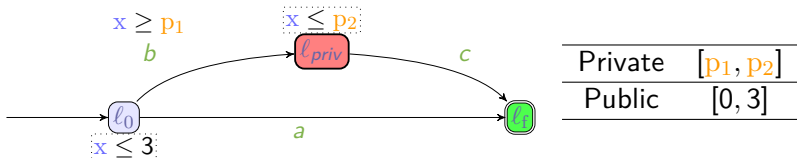
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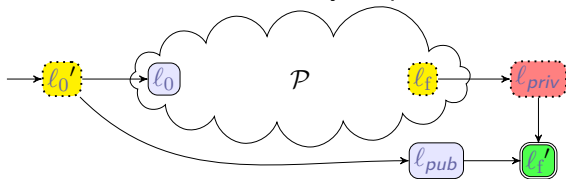
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# ET-opacity synthesis is (very) difficult

## Theorem (Undecidability of $\exists$ -ET-opacity $p$ -emptiness)

Given  $\mathcal{P}$ , the mere existence of a *parameter valuation*  $v$  s. t.  $v(\mathcal{P})$   $\exists$ -ET-opacity *is undecidable*.

Proof idea: reduction from reachability-emptiness for PTAs



Remark: **L/U-PTA** is a decidable subclass

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- ▶ How to deal with outdated secrets?  
e. g., cache values, status of the memory, ...



## Idea

The secret can **expire**: beyond a certain duration, knowing the secret is useless to the attacker (e. g., a cache value) [Amm+21]



# Expiring ET-opacity

## Assumption

Knowing an expired secret is equivalent to not knowing a secret

	Secret runs	Non-secret runs
ET-opacity	Runs visiting the private location (= <b>private</b> runs)	Runs not visiting the private location (= <b>public</b> runs)
expiring-ET-opacity	<b>Private</b> runs with $\ell_{priv}$ visit $\leq \Delta$ before the system completion	(i) <b>Public</b> runs and (ii) <b>Private</b> runs with $\ell_{priv}$ visit $> \Delta$ before the system completion

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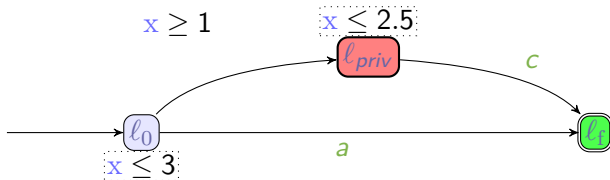
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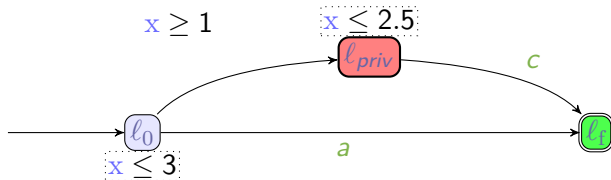
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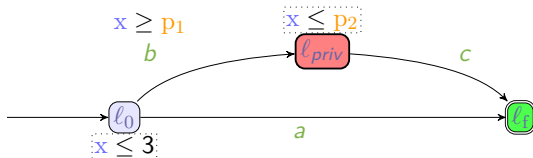
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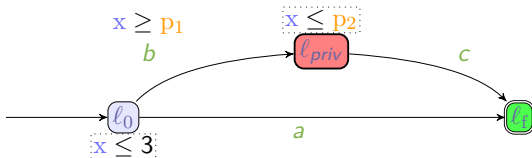
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	if $p_1 \leq 3$	otherwise
Secret	$[p_1, \min(\Delta + 3, p_2)]$	$\emptyset$
Non-secret	$(p_1 + \Delta, p_2] \cup [0, 3]$	$\emptyset \cup [0, 3]$

ET-opacity notion	Weak	Full
$(p+\Delta)$ -Emptiness		
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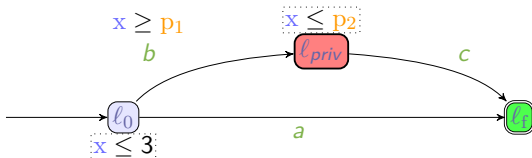
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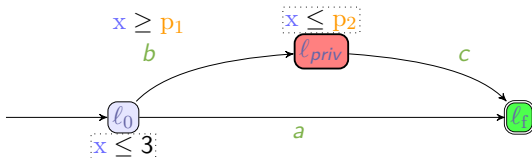


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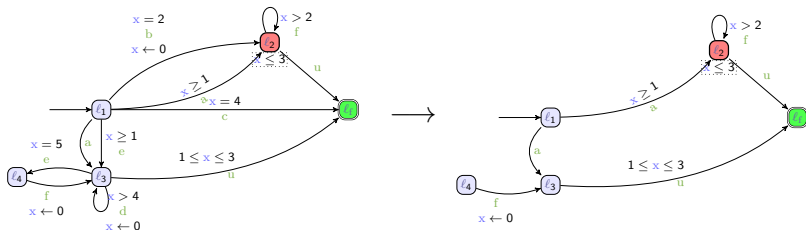
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# Perspectives

## Merging states in PZG

- ▶ Merge more than 2 states, “best” merge
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→ Preliminary translation with Petri nets including cache system

## Other kind of parameters

- ▶ Parametric systems: probabilities, costs
- ▶ Parameterized systems: number of components



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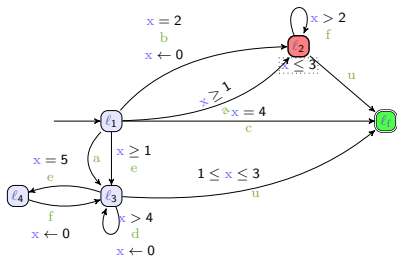
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Gain of 62% of the average computation time

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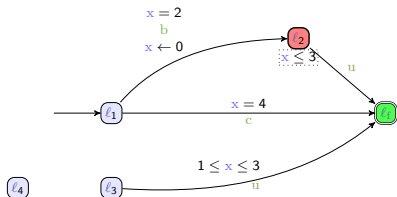
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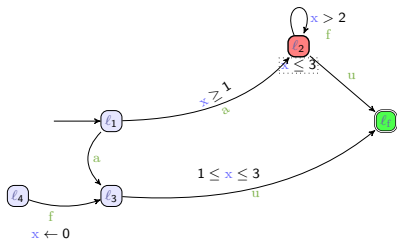
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