## Robustness in Timed Automata

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## Outline

#### 1. Introduction

Robust model-checking and implementation
 Parameterized enlarged semantics
 Automatic generation of an implementation implementation by shrinking

Robust realisability
 Excess semantics
 Conservative semantic

#### 4. Conclusion

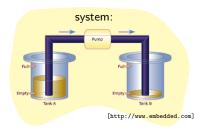
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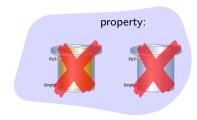
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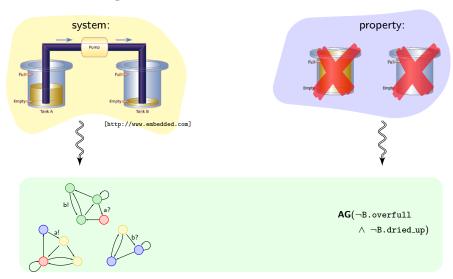
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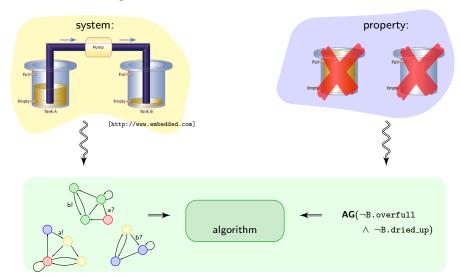
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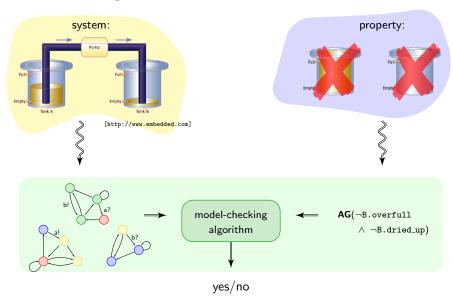


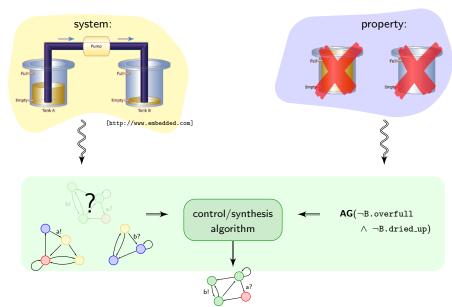












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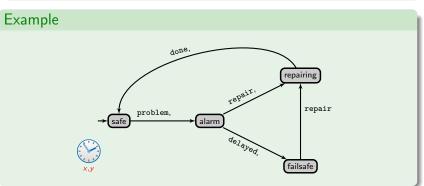
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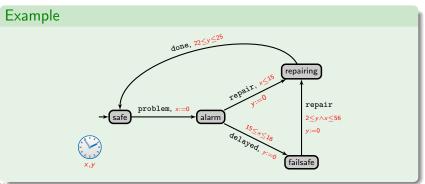


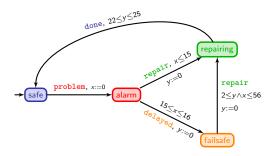
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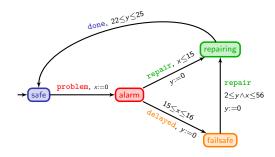
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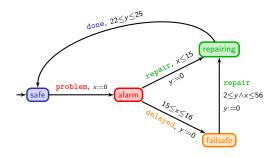




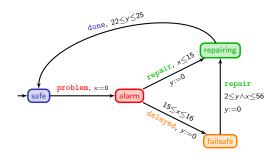
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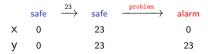
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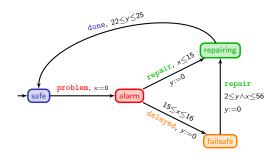
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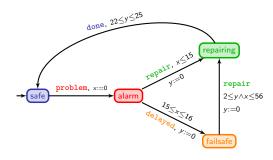








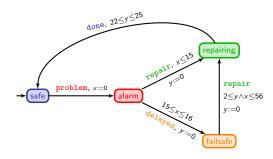
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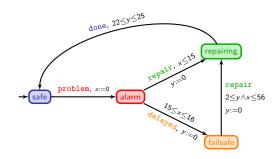
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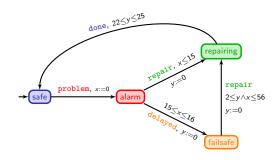
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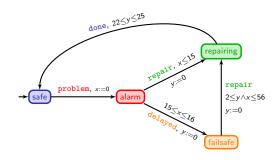
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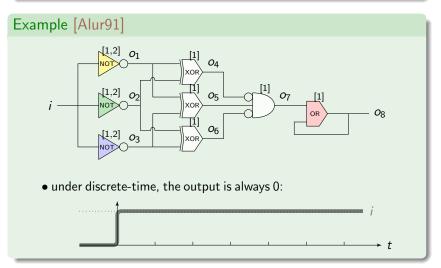




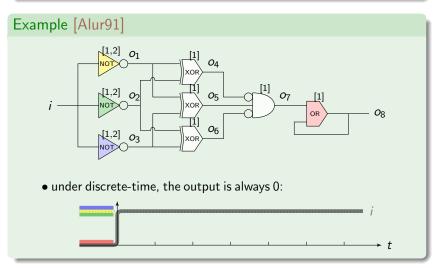
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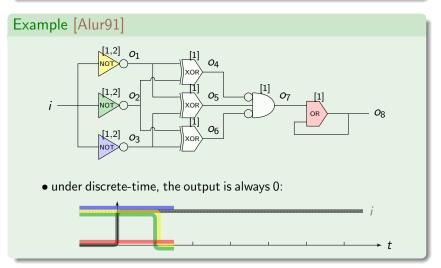
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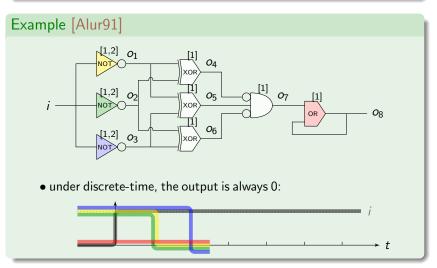
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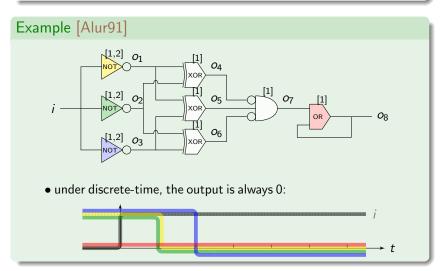
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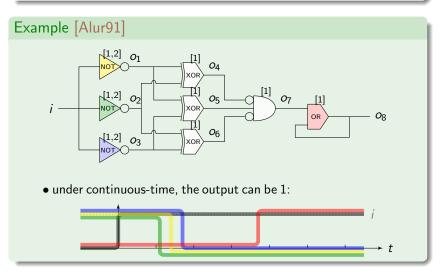
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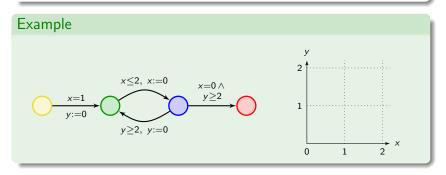


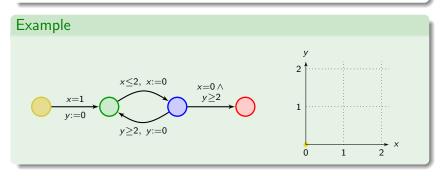
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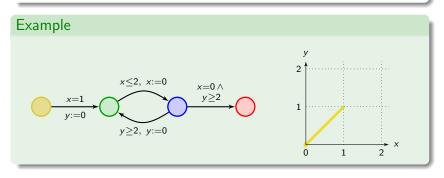


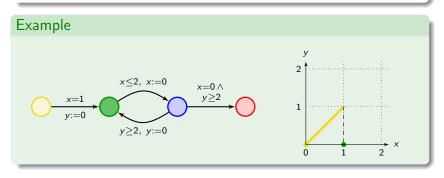
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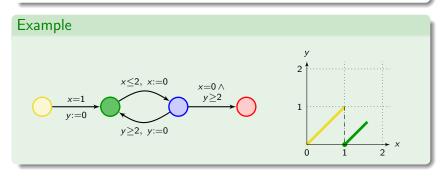


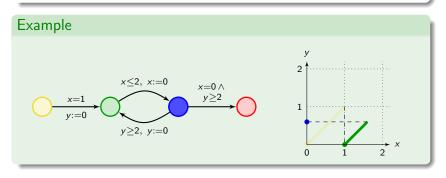


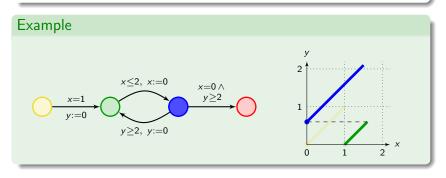


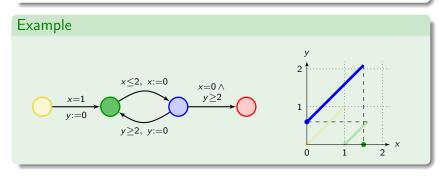


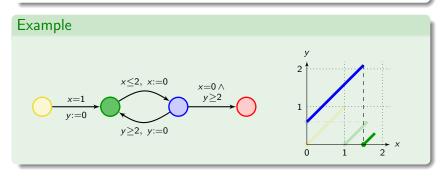


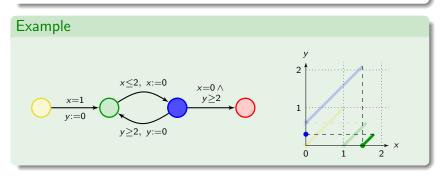


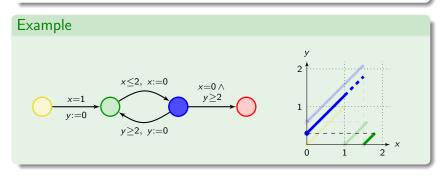


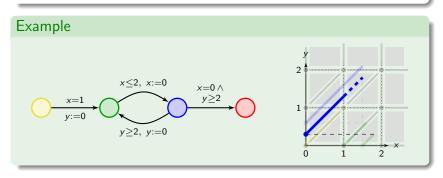




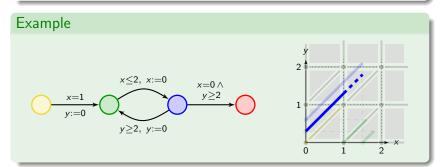








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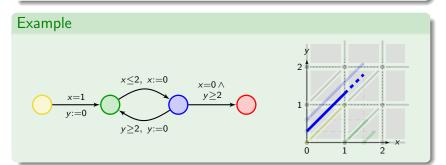


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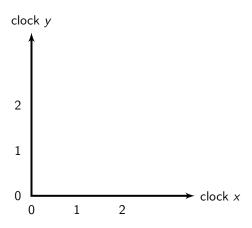
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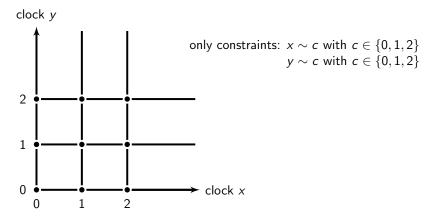


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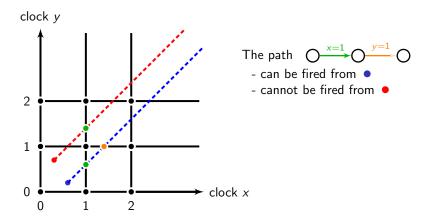
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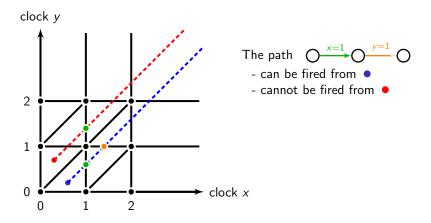




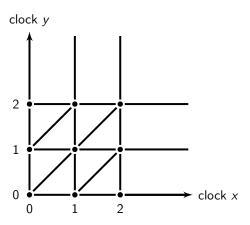
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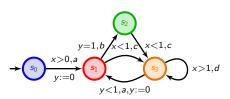
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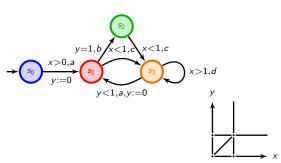
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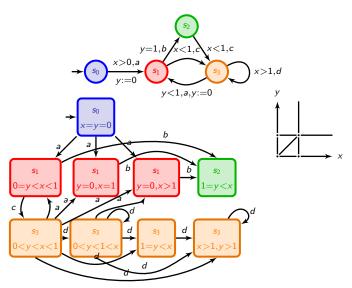
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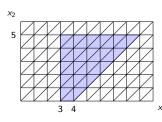
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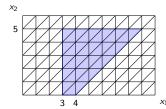
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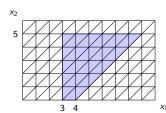
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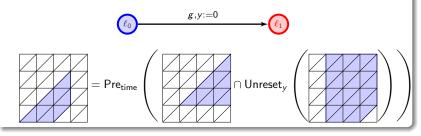
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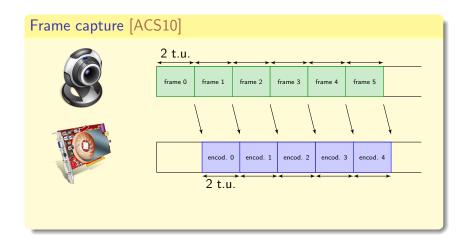
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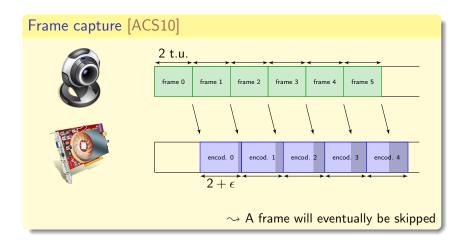
## Important questions

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- Does actual work transfer to real-world systems? To what extent?

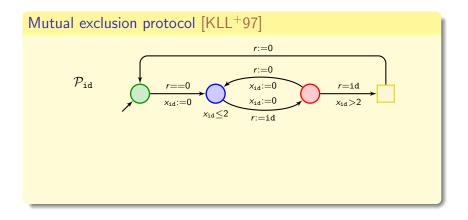
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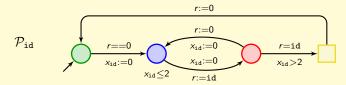


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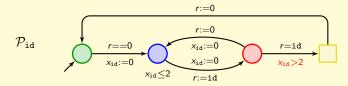
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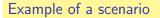
- Scheduling analysis with timed automata [AAM06]
- Goal: analyze a work-conserving scheduling policy on given scenarios (no machine is idle if a task is waiting for execution)

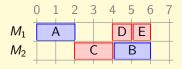
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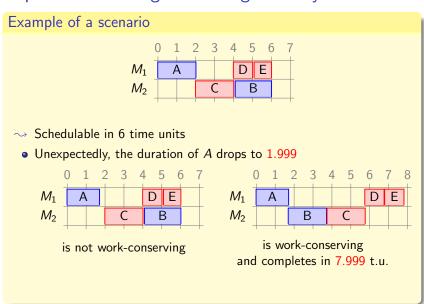


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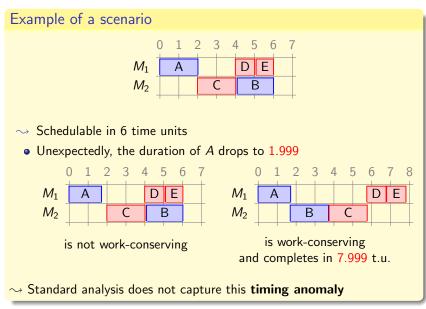


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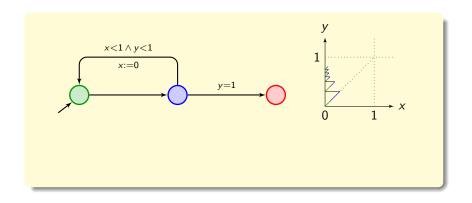
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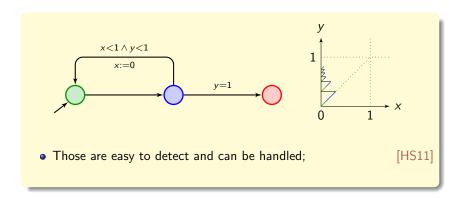
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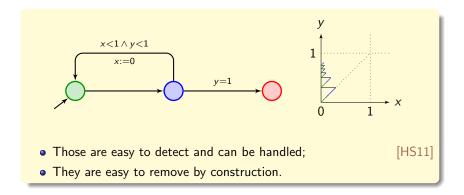
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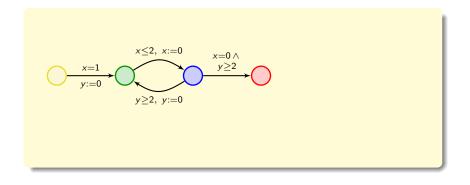


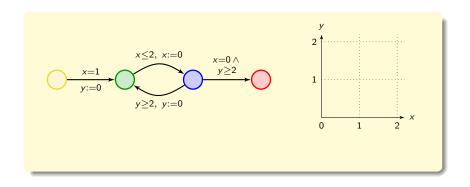
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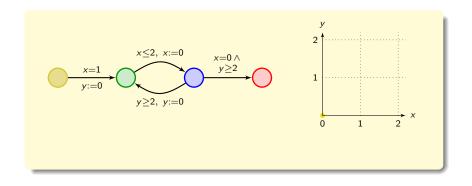


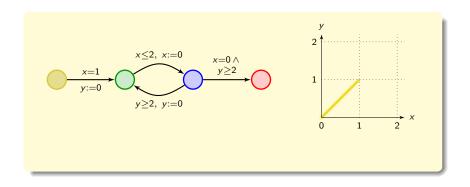
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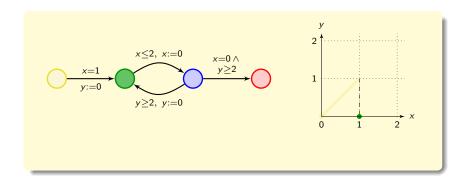


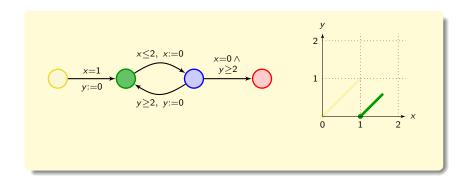


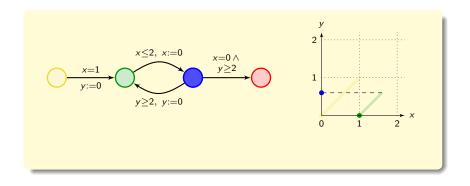


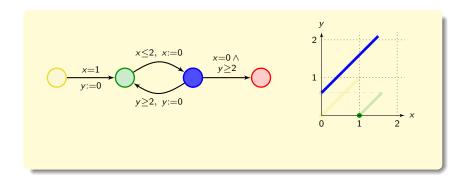


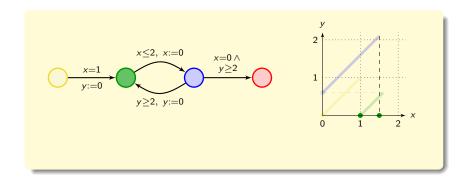


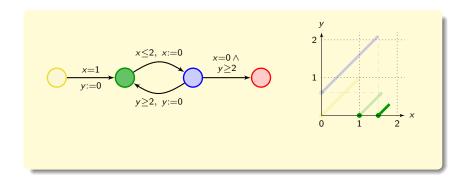


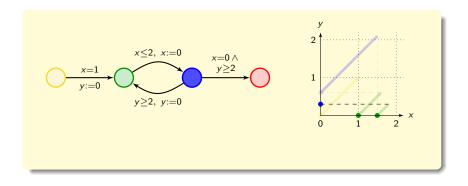


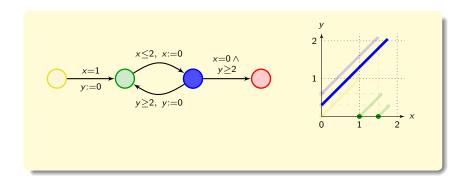


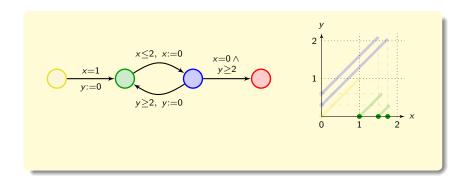


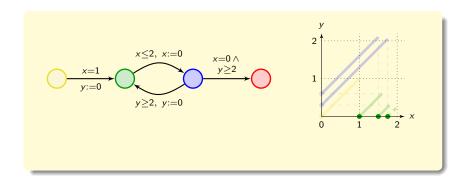


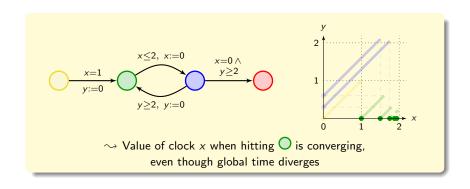












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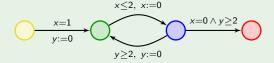
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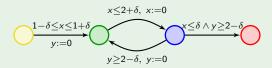
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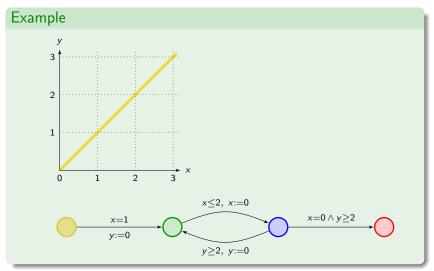
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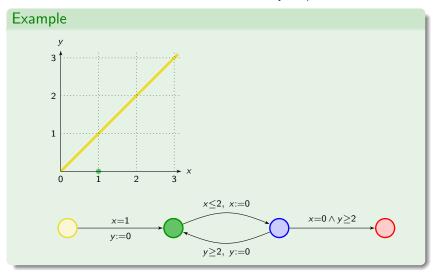
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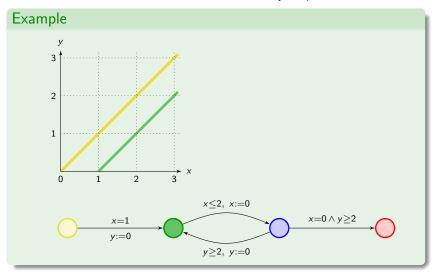
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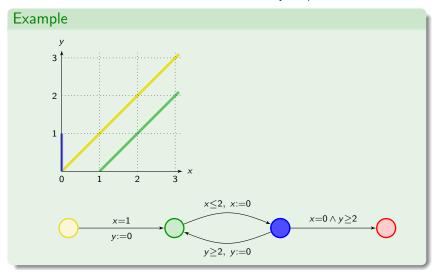
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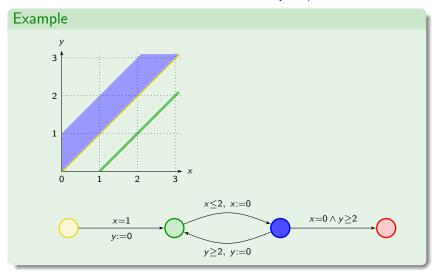
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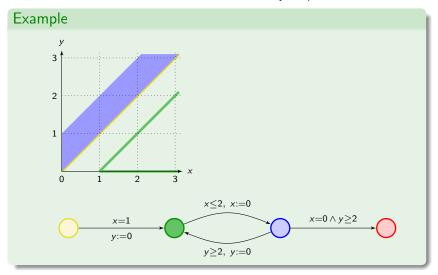


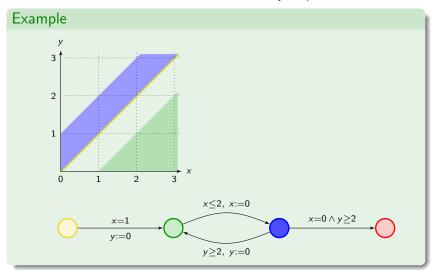


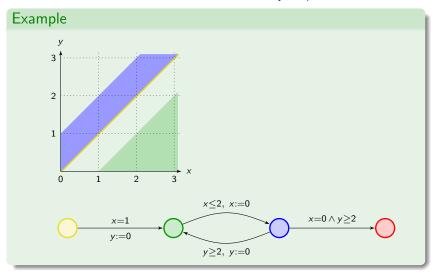


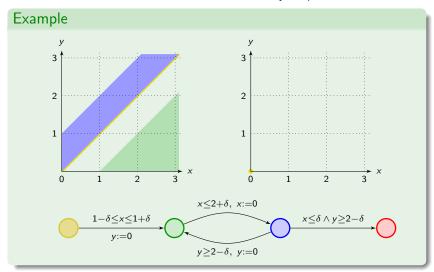


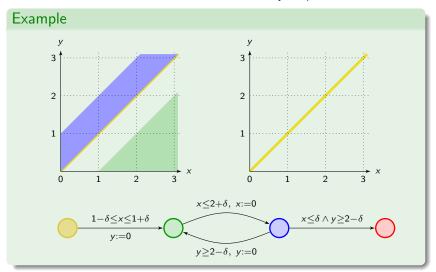


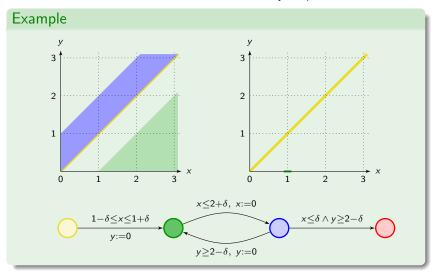


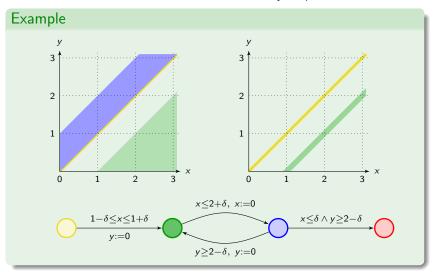


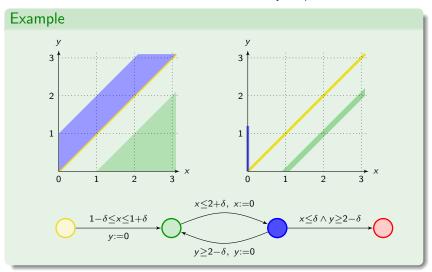


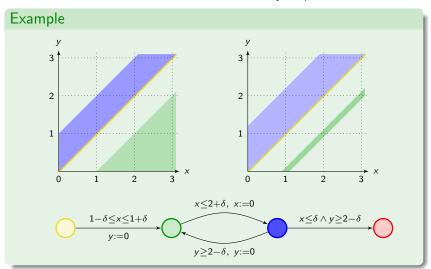


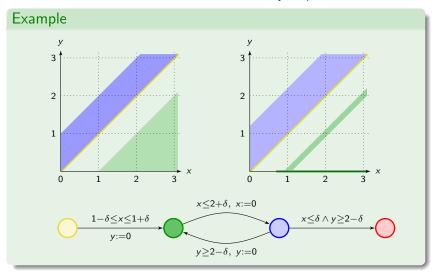


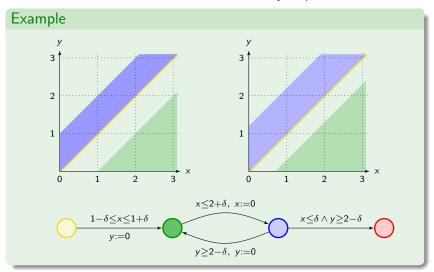


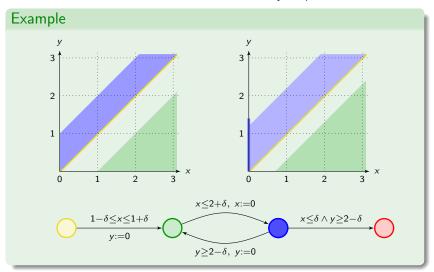


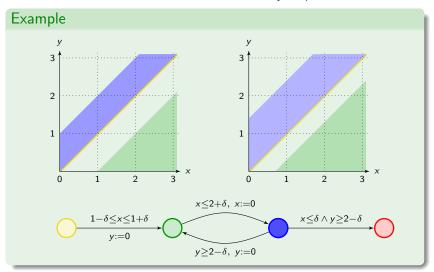


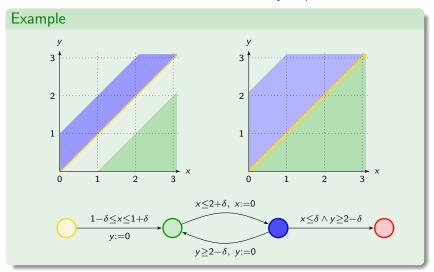


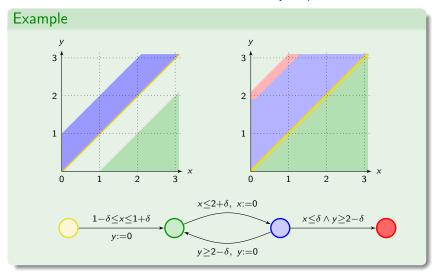












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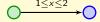
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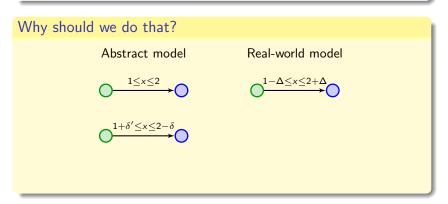
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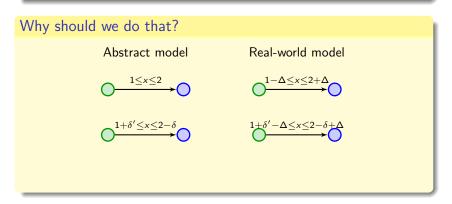
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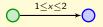


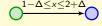
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#### Summary of the approach

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Parameterized shrinkability can be decided (in exponential time).

- Challenge: take care of the accumulation of perturbations
- Technical tools: parameterized shrunk DBM, max-plus equations
- Tool Shrinktech developed by Ocan Sankur [San13]
   http://www.lsv.ens-cachan.fr/Software/shrinktech/

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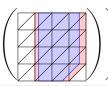




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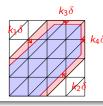
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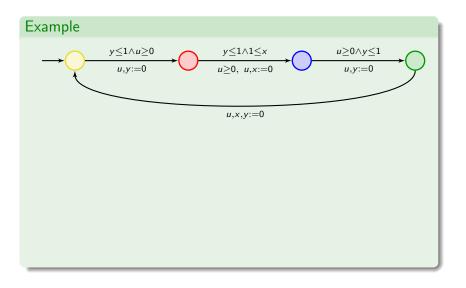


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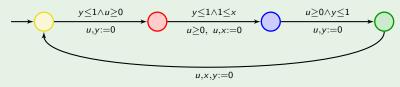


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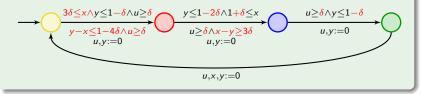
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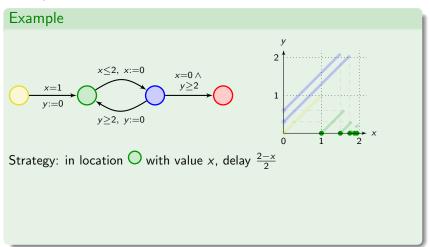
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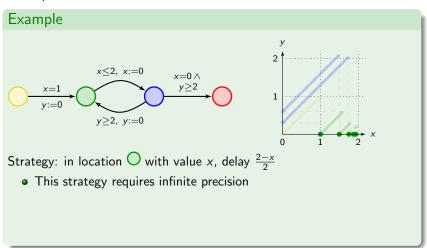
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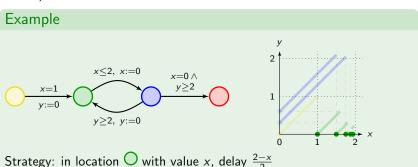
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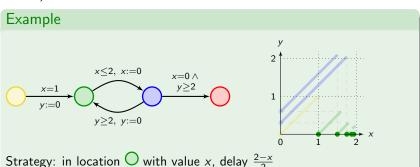
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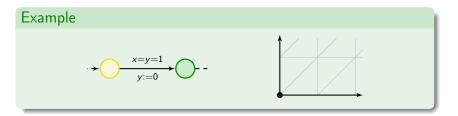
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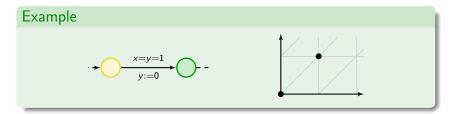
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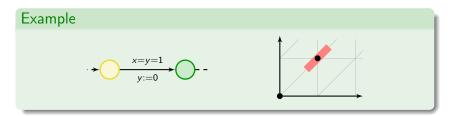
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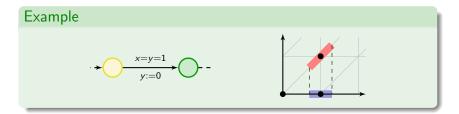
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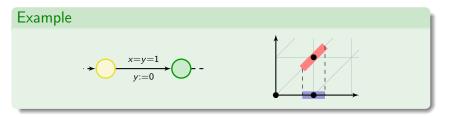








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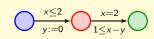
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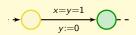
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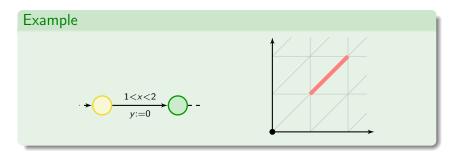
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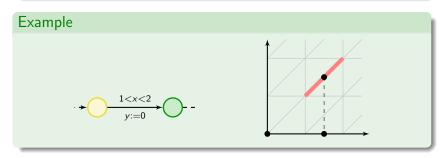
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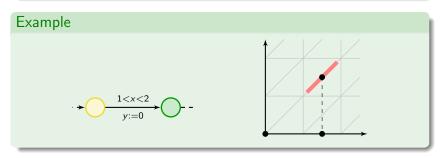


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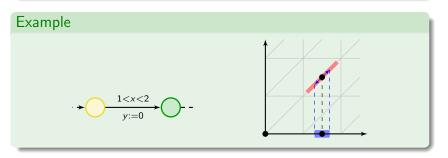
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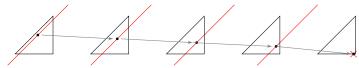
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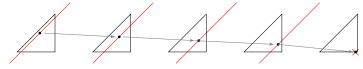
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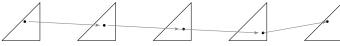
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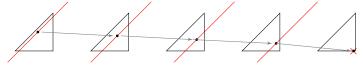


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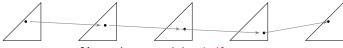


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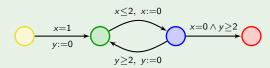
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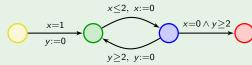


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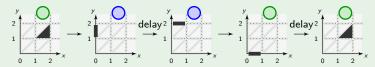
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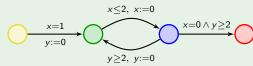
- Orbit graphs, forgetful cycles [AB11]
- $\bullet$  Forgetful (that is, strongly connected) orbit graph  $\Leftrightarrow$  no convergence phenomena
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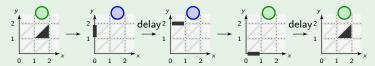


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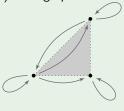


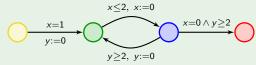


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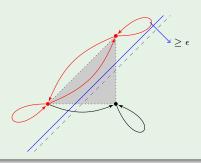


The corresponding (folded) orbit graph:





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