

# Time Petri Nets

## Part II: State Class based methods

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# 1. Background

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Time Petri Nets

Dense semantics, state spaces

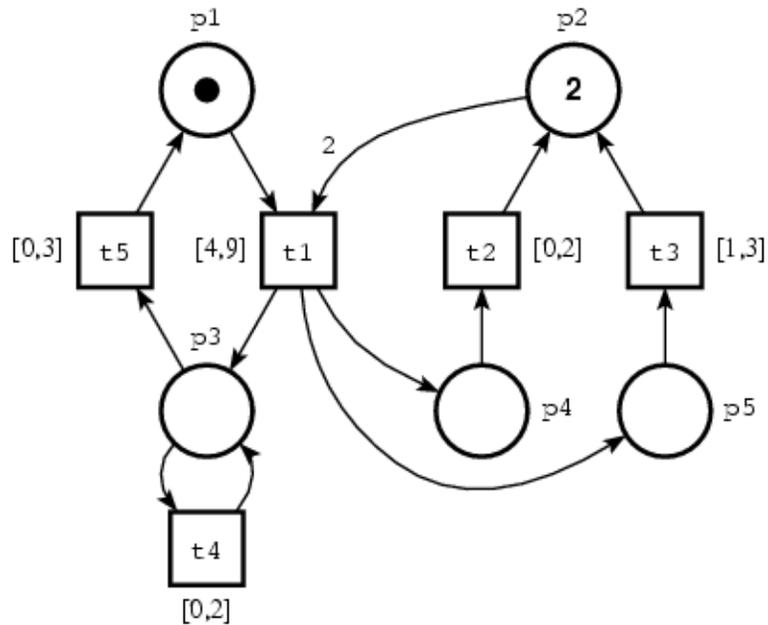
Representation of states – firing domains, clocks vectors

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# Time Petri Nets (Merlin 1974) [Me74, MF76]

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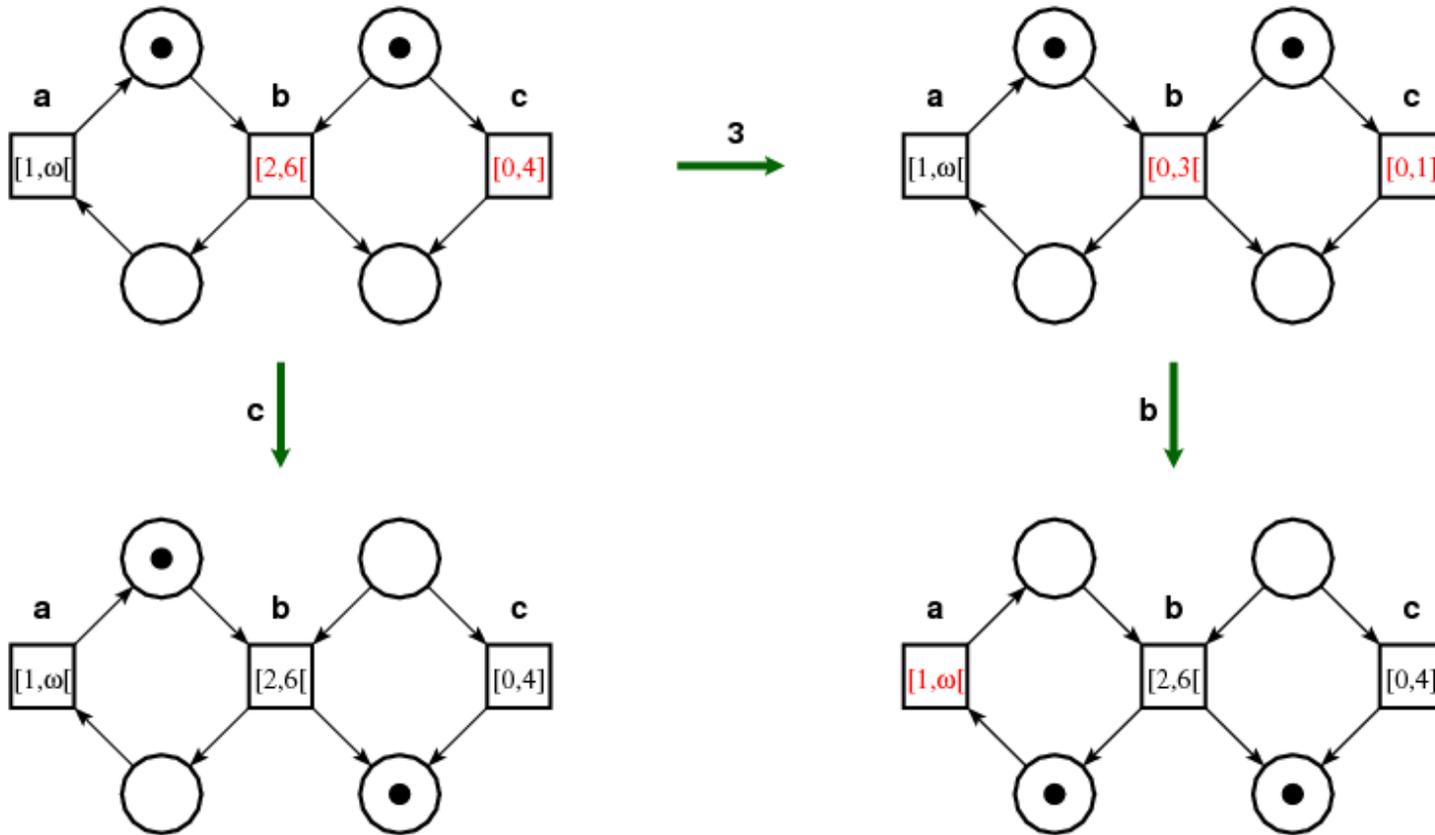


$(P, T, \mathbf{Pre}, \mathbf{Post}, m_0, I_s)$  where

- $(P, T, \mathbf{Pre}, \mathbf{Post}, m_0)$  is a Petri net
- $I_s$  is the *Static Interval* Function

$t \mapsto I_s(t) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^+, \text{ rational bounds}$

# Behaviour



States characterize sets of time-transition sequences

# Terminology, Notations

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$p, p', \dots$  : places

$t, t', \dots$  : transitions

$m, m', \dots$  : markings, map places to nonnegative integers

$\mathcal{E}(m)$  : transitions enabled at  $m$ ,  $t \in \mathcal{E}(m) \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{Pre}(t) \leq m$

$I, I', \dots$  : interval functions, map enabled transitions to real intervals

$\downarrow I(t)$  : earliest firing time of  $t$  (left endpoint of  $I(t)$ )

$\uparrow I(t)$  : latest firing time of  $t$  (right endpoint of  $I(t)$ , or  $\infty$ )

$\sigma, \sigma', \dots$  : sequences of transitions

$\rho, \rho', \dots$  : time-transition sequences (or firing schedules)  $\theta_1.t_1.\theta_2.t_2\dots$

$|\rho|$  : *support* of  $\rho$ ,  $|\theta_1.t_1.\theta_2.t_2\dots| = t_1..t_2\dots$

$f \setminus D = \{(x, y) \in f \mid x \in D\}$  : restriction of function  $f$  to domain  $D$

$I \dot{-} \theta = \{x - \theta \mid x \geq \theta \wedge x \in I\}$  : interval  $I$  ( $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}^+$ ) shifted by  $\theta$  and truncated

# Semantics

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A state is a pair  $s = (m, I) \in S$ , where:

- $m$  is a marking
- $I$  is an interval function with domain  $\mathcal{E}(m)$

The **initial state** is  $s_0 = (m_0, I_s \setminus \mathcal{E}(m_0))$

There are two sorts of transitions:

- **discrete transitions**:  $(m, I) \xrightarrow{t} (m', I')$  iff  $t \in T$  and
  1.  $m \geq \mathbf{Pre}(t)$
  2.  $0 \in I(t)$
  3.  $m' = m - \mathbf{Pre}(t) + \mathbf{Post}(t)$
  4.  $(\forall k \in T)(m' \geq \mathbf{Pre}(k) \Rightarrow I'(k) = \mathbf{if } k \neq t \wedge m - \mathbf{Pre}(t) \geq \mathbf{Pre}(k) \mathbf{ then } I(k) \mathbf{ else } I_s(k))$
- **continuous transitions**:  $(m, I) \xrightarrow{d} (m, I')$  iff
$$(\forall k \in T)(m \geq \mathbf{Pre}(k) \Rightarrow d \leq \uparrow I(k) \wedge I'(k) = I(k) \dot{-} d)$$

# State spaces

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With all continuous and discrete transitions:

$$SG = (S, \overset{t}{\rightsquigarrow} \cup \overset{d}{\rightsquigarrow}, s_0)$$

Any state is reachable from the initial state by some sequence alternating delays and discrete transitions (a *time-transition sequence*, or *firing schedule*).

Restricted to the targets of discrete transitions, delays abstracted:

$$DSG = (S, \overset{t}{\longrightarrow}, s_0)$$

where

$$s \overset{t}{\longrightarrow} s' \Leftrightarrow (\exists \theta)(\exists s'')(s \overset{\theta}{\rightsquigarrow} s'' \wedge s'' \overset{t}{\rightsquigarrow} s')$$

**State graphs** are typically infinite, dense.

# Direct “Discrete” semantics ( $DSG$ )

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Let  $s \xrightarrow{t \circ \theta} s' \Leftrightarrow (\exists s'')(s \xrightarrow{\theta} s'' \wedge s'' \xrightarrow{t} s')$

Then  $s \xrightarrow{t} s' \Leftrightarrow (\exists \theta)(s \xrightarrow{t \circ \theta} s')$

With  $(m, I) \xrightarrow{t \circ \theta} (m', I')$  iff  $t \in T$ ,  $\theta \in \mathbf{R}^+$  and:

1.  $\mathbf{Pre}(t) \leq m$  ( $t$  is enabled at  $m$ )

$$\theta \geq \downarrow I(t)$$

$$(\forall k)(\mathbf{Pre}(k) \leq m \Rightarrow \theta \leq \uparrow I(k))$$

2.  $m' = m - \mathbf{Pre}(t) + \mathbf{Post}(t)$

3.  $(\forall k)(\mathbf{Pre}(k) \leq m \Rightarrow I'(k) =$

    if  $k \neq t \wedge m - \mathbf{Pre}(t) \geq \mathbf{Pre}(k)$

    then  $I(k) \dot{-} \theta$

    else  $I_S(k)$ )

# Example

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$$E_0 = (m_0, I_0)$$

$$m_0 : p_1, p_2(2)$$

$I_0$  : solutions in  $t_1$  of

$$4 \leq t_1 \leq 9$$

$$E_0 \xrightarrow{t_1 \odot \theta_1} E_1 = (m_1, I_1) \text{ with } (\theta_1 \in [4, 9]):$$

$$m_1 : p_3, p_4, p_5$$

$I_1$  : solutions in  $(t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5)$  of

$$0 \leq t_2 \leq 2$$

$$1 \leq t_3 \leq 3$$

$$0 \leq t_4 \leq 2$$

$$0 \leq t_5 \leq 3$$

$$E_1 \xrightarrow{t_2 \odot \theta_2} E_2 = (m_2, I_2) \text{ with } (\theta_2 \in [0, 2]):$$

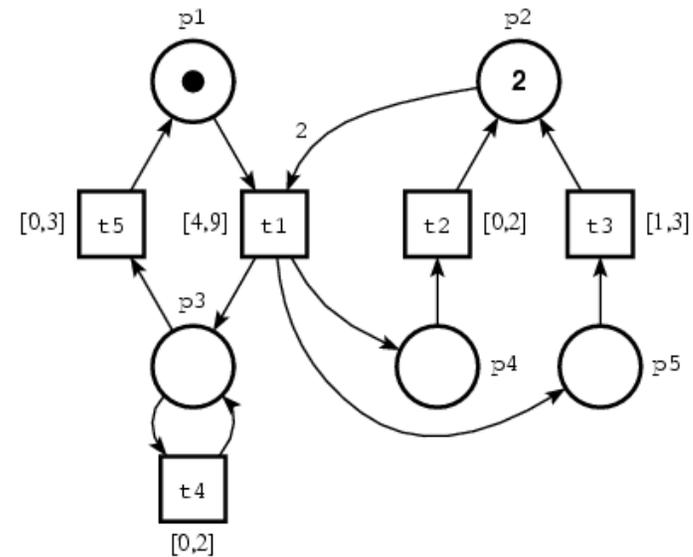
$$m_2 : p_2, p_3, p_5$$

$I_2$  : solutions in  $(t_3, t_4, t_5)$  of

$$\max(0, 1 - \theta_2) \leq t_3 \leq 3 - \theta_2$$

$$0 \leq t_4 \leq 2 - \theta_2$$

$$0 \leq t_5 \leq 3 - \theta_2$$



The schedule, or time-transition sequence,  $5.t_1.0.t_2$  is firable.

# Representing states

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By *Interval functions* (canonical)

$$s = (m, \{(t_1, [2, 3]), (t_2, [2, \infty[), (t_3, ]0, 5])\})$$

By firing domains (canonical)

$I$  represented by  $\{\underline{\phi} \mid \underline{\phi} \in I(t_1) \times I(t_2) \times I(t_3)\}$

$$s = (m, \{\underline{\phi} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid 2 \leq \underline{\phi}_{t_1} \leq 3 \wedge 2 \leq \underline{\phi}_{t_2} \wedge 0 < \underline{\phi}_{t_3} \leq 5\})$$

By clock vectors (surjection, relative to  $I_s$ )

$I$  represented by  $\underline{\gamma}$ , where  $(\forall t \in \mathcal{E}(m))(I(t) = I_s(t) \dot{-} \underline{\gamma}_t)$

$$s = (m, \underline{\gamma}), \text{ with } \underline{\gamma} \in \mathbb{R}^3, \text{ indexed over } \{t_1, t_2, t_2\}$$

By “total” clock vectors (cf. Louchka,  $\#$  means “undefined”):

$$s = (m, \underline{\gamma}), \text{ with } \underline{\gamma} \in (\mathbb{R} \cup \{\#\})^{|T|}, \text{ indexed over all transitions}$$

# “General” Properties

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Let  $R = \{s \mid (\exists \rho)(s_0 \xrightarrow{\rho} s)\}$

Problems:

State reachability :  $s \in R$

Marking reachability :  $(\exists I)((m, I) \in R)$

Liveness :  $(\forall s \in R)(\forall t \in T)(\exists \rho)(\exists s')(s \xrightarrow{\rho.t} s')$

Boundedness :  $(\exists b \in \mathbb{N})(\forall (m, I) \in R)(\forall p \in P)(m(p) \leq b)$

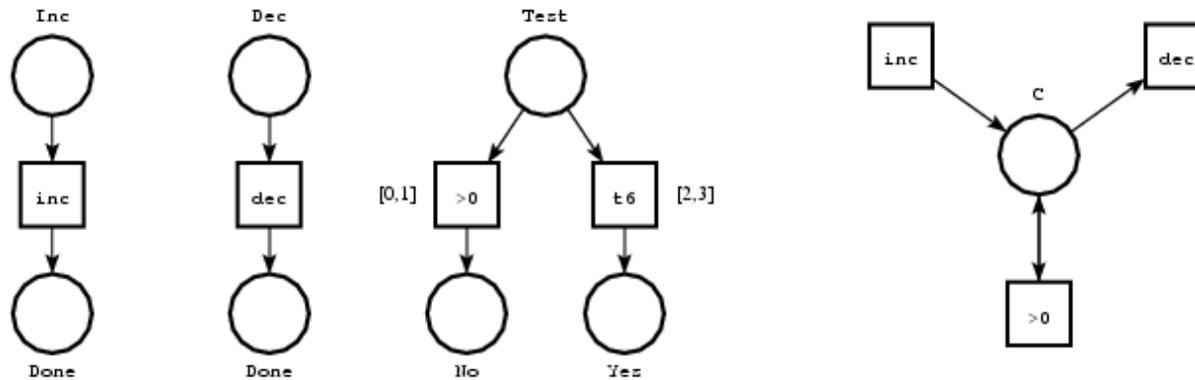
k-boundedness :  $(\forall (m, I) \in R)(\forall p \in P)(m(p) \leq k)$

# Decidability results

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Marking reachability : [undecidable](#) [JLL77]

TPNs can encode 2-counter machines:



State reachability, Boundedness, Liveness : [undecidable](#)

k-boundedness : [decidable](#) [BM82]

For bounded *TPNs*: all problems decidable

# Logics

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## Linear time

Propositional LTL (e.g. SPIN)

Interpreted over runs (infinite sequence of states)

(For each run)

$\phi$	$\phi$ true at the first state
$\bigcirc\phi$	$\phi$ true at <b>next</b> state
$\Box\phi$	$\phi$ <b>always</b> true
$\Diamond\phi$	$\phi$ <b>eventually</b> true
$\phi U \psi$	$\phi$ true <b>until</b> $\psi$ does and $\psi$ eventually true
$\Box\Diamond\phi$	$\phi$ true infinitely often (fairness requirements)
$\Box(\phi \Rightarrow \Diamond\psi)$	$\phi$ always results in $\psi$ (later)

State/Event LTL (e.g. SELT/TINA)

Both state and event properties

A run is an infinite sequence alternating states and transitions

Linear time  $\mu$ -calculus

# Logics

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## Branching time

### CTL (Computational tree logic)

Interpreted at the states of a transition system

$\phi$	$\phi$ holds at the current state
$EX \phi$	some transition leads to a state at which $\phi$ holds
$AX \phi$	all transitions lead to a state at which $\phi$ holds
$E[\phi U \psi]$	$\psi$ true at current state or for some path ...
$A[\phi U \psi]$	$\psi$ true at current state or for all paths .....
$EF \phi = E[true U \phi]$	
$AF \phi = A[true U \phi]$	
$EG \phi = \neg(AF(\neg\phi))$	
$AG \phi = \neg(EF(\neg\phi))$	

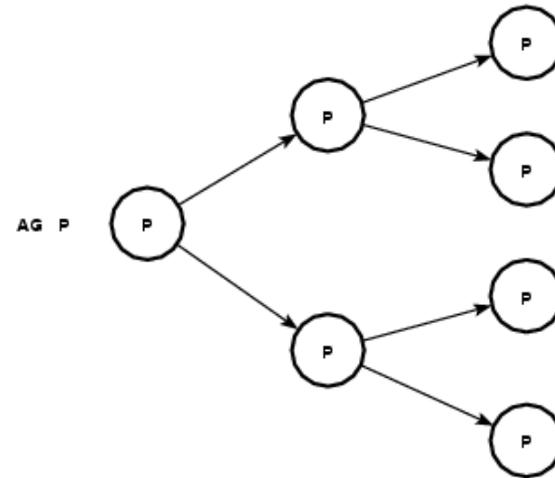
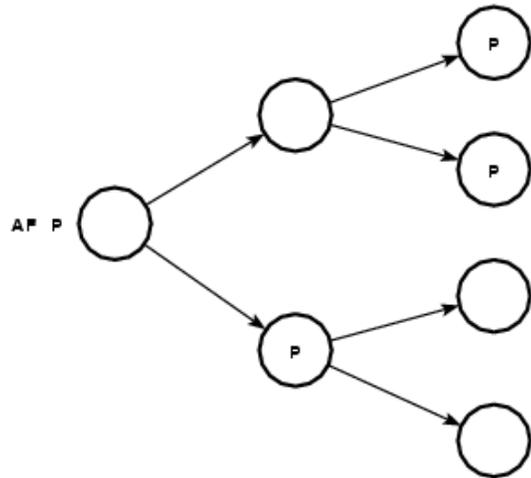
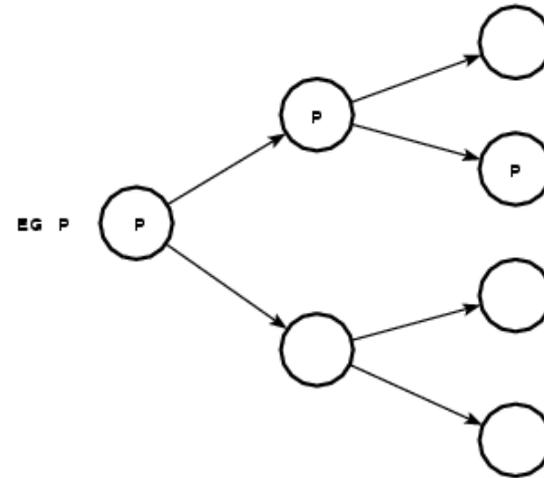
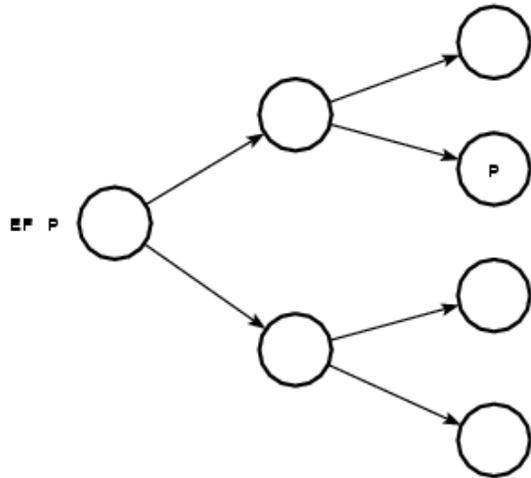
### Fixpoint calculi

Modal  $\mu$ -calculus (Hennessy-Milner logic + least/greatest fixpoints)  
(e.g. Evaluator/CADP, MEC5/Altarica)

Dicky/Arnold calculus ( $src, tgt, rsrc, rtgt$  + systems of equations)  
(MEC4/Altarica)

# Useful CTL derived modalities

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# “Timed” Logics

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Temporal or fixpoint operators tagged with clock expressions

(e.g.  $k \leq 5$ )

## Linear time

MTL, MITL (Metric Temporal Logics)

## Branching time

TCTL (e.g. Kronos, Uppaal (fragment), Romeo (fragment))

Timed  $\mu$ -calculi

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# State space abstractions

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Concrete state space infinite dense  $\Rightarrow$  unsuitable representation

Abstraction required

state space is partitioned into abstract states

concrete states in an abstract state considered collectively

many possible partitions

# Properties of abstract state spaces

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$s \in \mathbf{S}$  : concrete states,  $c \in \mathbf{C}$  : abstract states

All states in  $c$  have a successor in all successors of  $c$ :

$$AE = (\forall c, c')(\forall t)(c \xrightarrow{t}_A c' \Rightarrow (\forall s \in c)(\exists s' \in c')(s \xrightarrow{t} s'))$$

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$$EA = (\forall c, c')(\forall t)(c' \xrightarrow{t}_A c \Rightarrow (\forall s \in c)(\exists s' \in c')(s' \xrightarrow{t} s))$$

Abstract states are linked ( $\xrightarrow{t}_A$ ) iff concrete states are ( $\xrightarrow{t}$ ):

$$EE = (\forall t)(\forall s, s')(\forall c, c')(c \xrightarrow{t}_A c' \Leftrightarrow s \xrightarrow{t} s')$$

Weaker EE, if  $\mathbf{C}$  is a cover of  $\mathbf{S}$  rather than a partition:

$$EE' = (\forall t)((\forall c, c')(c \xrightarrow{t}_A c' \Rightarrow (\exists s \in c)(\exists s' \in c')(s \xrightarrow{t} s')) \\ \wedge (\forall s, s')(s \xrightarrow{t} s' \Rightarrow (\exists c \ni s)(\exists c' \ni s')(c \xrightarrow{t}_A c')))$$

# Theorems

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$s \in \mathbf{S}$  : concrete states,  $c \in \mathbf{C}$  : abstract states

EE is a **soundness** condition on  $\mathbf{C}$  wrt  $\mathbf{S}$

Assuming  $\mathbf{C}$  is a partition of  $\mathbf{S}$ : (see e.g. [PP04])

AE ensures preservation of **branching** properties (bisimilarity)

EA ensures preservation of **linear** properties (LTL)

# State Class graphs

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**State** :  $E = (m, I)$  : marking  $\times$  firing interval vector

## State class graphs

Covers of the state space by convex (wrt time info) subsets of states

all states in a class share the same marking

satisfying  $EE'$  ( $\longrightarrow_A$  simply written  $\longrightarrow$ )

## Several partitions possible

Preserving markings

Preserving markings and *LTL* properties [BM 82, BM83, BD91]

Preserving states

Preserving states and *LTL* properties [BV03]

Preserving states and *CTL* properties [YR98, BV03]

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## Recall direct discrete semantics:

$$s \xrightarrow{t} s' \Leftrightarrow (\exists \theta)(s \xrightarrow{t @ \theta} s')$$

With  $(m, I) \xrightarrow{t @ \theta} (m', I')$  iff  $t \in T$ ,  $\theta \in \mathbf{R}^+$  and:

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$$\text{if } k \neq t \wedge m - \mathbf{Pre}(t) \geq \mathbf{Pre}(k) \text{ then } I(k) \div \theta \text{ else } I_S(k))$$

**Idea: abstract parameter  $\theta$**

# State classes

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## States

$$(m, \{\underline{\phi} \mid \underline{\phi} \in I(t_1) \times \dots \times I(t_n)\}) \text{ where } \{t_1, \dots, t_n\} = \mathcal{E}(m)$$

## Representation of classes:

Marking + firing domain

where

Marking of class = marking of any state in the class

Domain of class = solution set of inequality system  $W\underline{\phi} \leq \underline{q}$

## Equality of classes:

$(m, W) \cong (m', W')$  iff  $m = m'$  and  $W$  and  $W'$  have same solution set

# Computing State Classes

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**Algorithm 1:** Computes  $C_{\sigma.t} = (m', W')$  from  $C_{\sigma} = (m, W)$ :

- $C_{\epsilon} = (m_0, \{\downarrow I_s(t) \leq \underline{\phi}_t \leq \uparrow I_s(t) \mid \mathbf{Pre}(t) \leq m_0\})$
- $t$  is firable from some state of  $C_{\sigma}$  iff:
  - (i)  $m \geq \mathbf{Pre}(t)$  ( $t$  is enabled at  $m$ )
  - (ii)  $W$  augmented with the following is consistent:  
 $\{\underline{\phi}_t \leq \underline{\phi}_i \mid i \neq t \wedge m \geq \mathbf{Pre}(i)\}$
- If so, then  $m' = m - \mathbf{Pre}(t) + \mathbf{Post}(t)$ , and  $W'$  is obtained by:
  1. add inequations (ii) to  $W$ ;
  2.  $\forall i$  enabled at  $m'$ , add variable  $\underline{\phi}'_i$  and inequations:  
$$\underline{\phi}'_i = \underline{\phi}_i - \underline{\phi}_t, \text{ if } i \neq t \text{ and } m - \mathbf{Pre}(t) \geq \mathbf{Pre}(i)$$
$$\downarrow I_s(i) \leq \underline{\phi}_i \leq \uparrow I_s(i), \text{ otherwise}$$
  3. Eliminate variables  $\underline{\phi}$
- $(m, W) \cong (m', W')$  iff  $m = m'$  and  $W$  and  $W'$  have equal solution sets

# In terms of states

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Let:

$$C = \bigcup_{\sigma \in T^*} \{C_\sigma\}, \text{ where } C_\epsilon = \{s_0\}, C_{\sigma.t} = \{s \mid (\exists s' \in C_\sigma)(s' \xrightarrow{t} s)\}$$

Then:

$$SCG = (C / \cong, \xrightarrow{t}, [\{s_0\}] \cong)$$

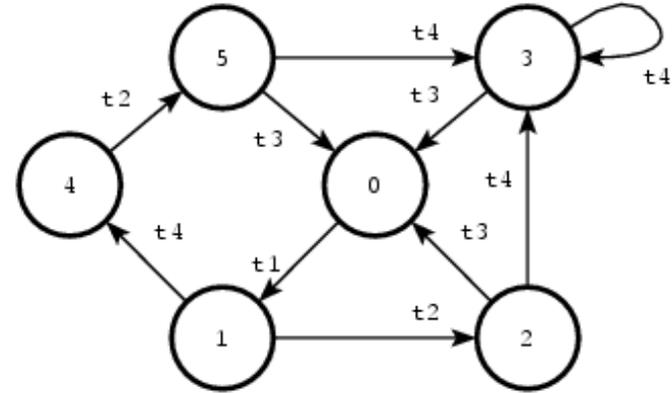
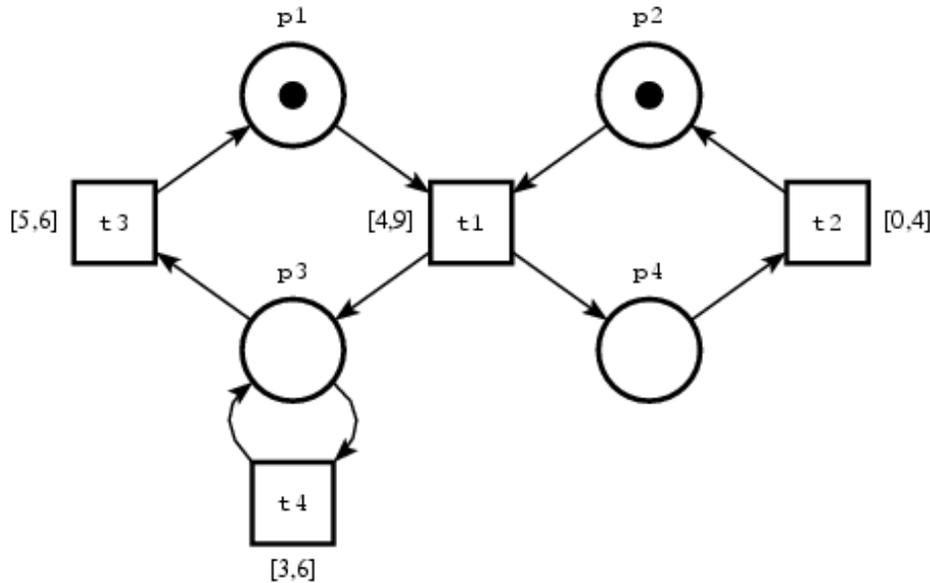
$$c \cong c' \text{ iff } (\forall ((m, I), (m', I')) \in c \times c') (m = m') \wedge \bigcup_{s \in c} (\mathcal{F}(s)) = \bigcup_{s' \in c'} (\mathcal{F}(s'))$$

$$\text{where } \mathcal{F}(m, I) = I(t_1) \times \dots \times I(t_n) \quad (t_1, \dots, t_n \in \mathcal{E}(m))$$

**Note:** SCG is an abstract state space

# Example 1

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$$C_0 = (p_1 \ p_2, \{4 \leq t_1 \leq 9\})$$

$$C_1 = (p_3 \ p_4, \{0 \leq t_2 \leq 4, 5 \leq t_3 \leq 6, 3 \leq t_4 \leq 6\})$$

$$C_2 = (p_2 \ p_3, \{1 \leq t_3 \leq 6, 0 \leq t_4 \leq 6, t_3 - t_4 \leq 3, t_4 - t_3 \leq 1\})$$

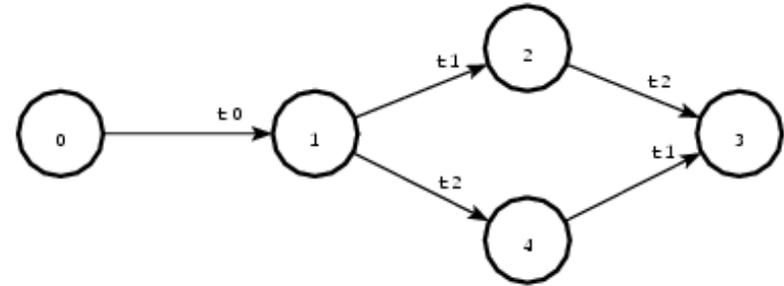
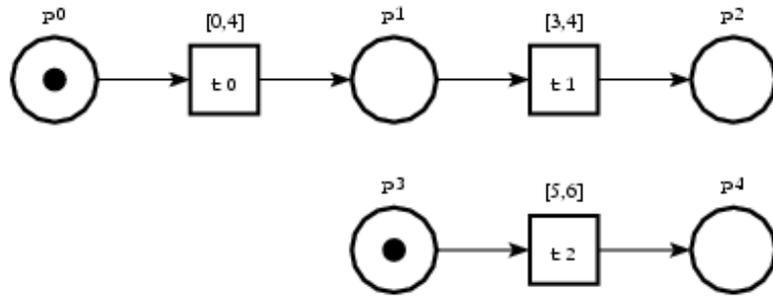
$$C_3 = (p_2 \ p_3, \{5 \leq t_3 \leq 6, 3 \leq t_4 \leq 6\})$$

$$C_4 = (p_3 \ p_4, \{0 \leq t_2 \leq 1, 5 \leq t_3 \leq 6, 3 \leq t_4 \leq 6\})$$

$$C_5 = (p_2 \ p_3, \{4 \leq t_3 \leq 6, 2 \leq t_4 \leq 6, t_3 - t_4 \leq 3, t_4 - t_3 \leq 1\})$$

# Example 2

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$$C_0 = (p_0 \ p_3, \{0 \leq t_0 \leq 4, 5 \leq t_2 \leq 6\})$$

$$C_1 = (p_1 \ p_3, \{3 \leq t_1 \leq 4, 1 \leq t_2 \leq 6\})$$

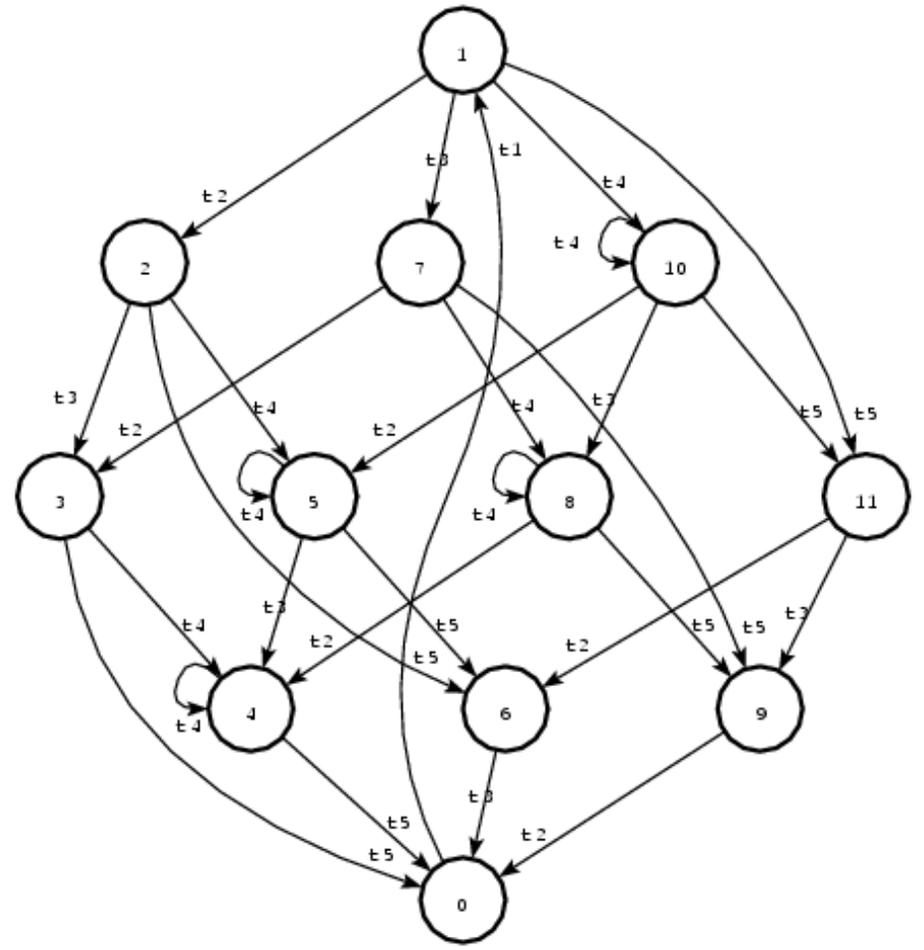
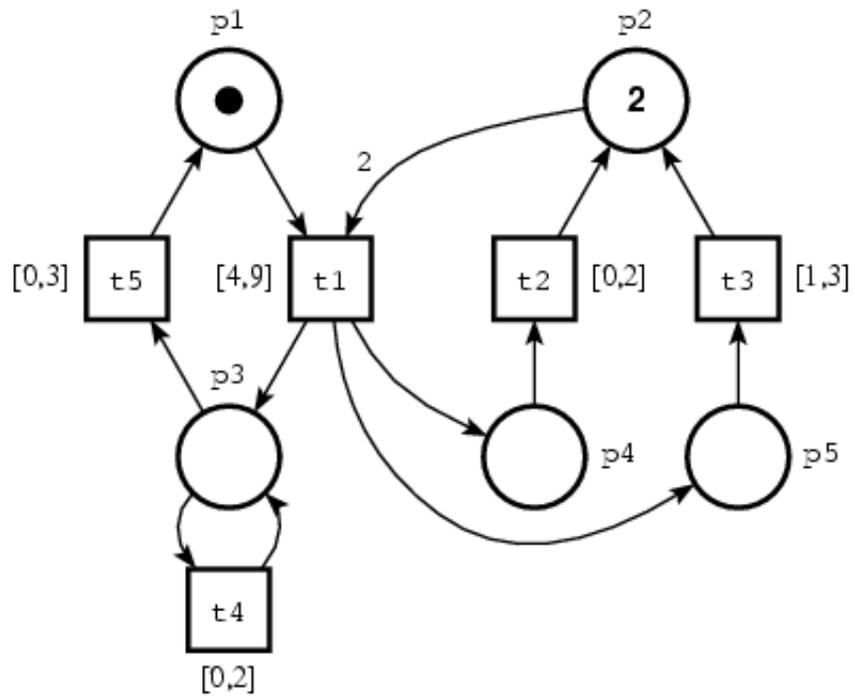
$$C_2 = (p_2 \ p_3, \{0 \leq t_2 \leq 3\})$$

$$C_3 = (p_2 \ p_4, \{\})$$

$$C_4 = (p_1 \ p_4, \{0 \leq t_1 \leq 3\})$$

# TPN example

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# Properties of the abstraction

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State sets equivalent by  $\cong$  have same futures

SCG Finite iff the *TPN* is bounded

Preserves markings and firing sequences (*LTL*)

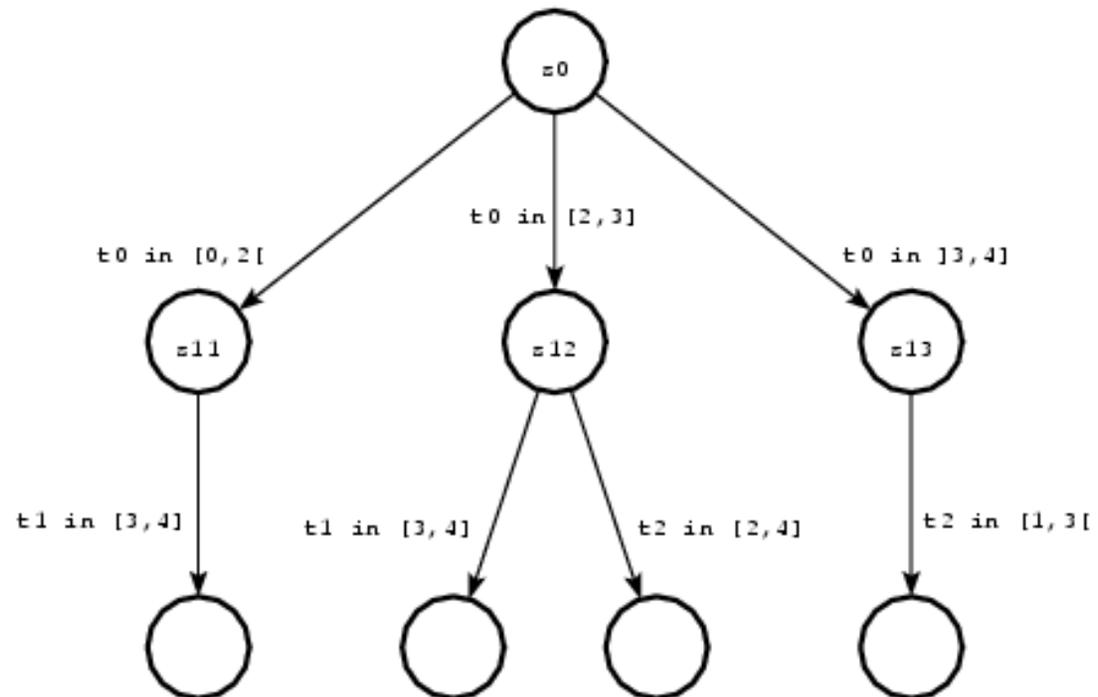
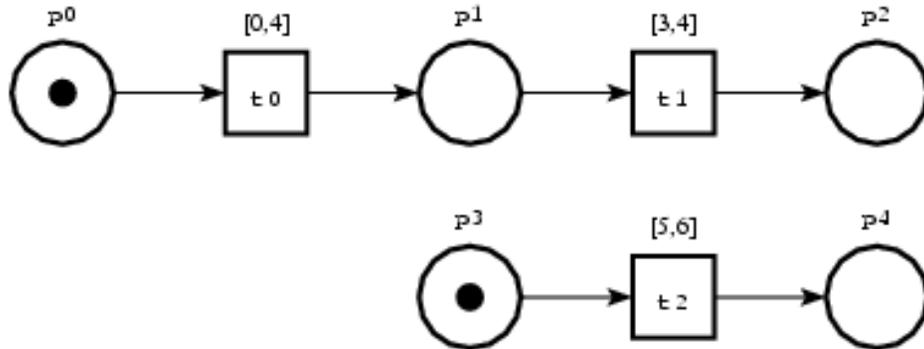
Decides k-boundedness, marking reachability (if bounded)

Does not preserve states (state membership cannot be inferred)

Does not preserve branching properties nor liveness

# Branching properties **not** preserved

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# Computing classes

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Firing domains of classes are [difference systems](#)

Represented by Difference Bounds Matrices (DBM's):

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 t_3 & \leq & 6 \\
 4 & \leq & t_3 \\
 2 & < & t_4 \\
 t_3 - t_4 & < & 3 \\
 t_4 - t_3 & \leq & 1
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{rcl}
 t_3 - \iota & \leq & 6 \\
 t_4 - \iota & \leq & \infty \\
 \iota - t_3 & \leq & -4 \\
 \iota - t_4 & < & -2 \\
 t_3 - t_4 & < & 3 \\
 t_4 - t_3 & \leq & 1
 \end{array}$$

$x - y$	$\iota$	$t_3$	$t_4$
$\iota$	$(\leq, 0)$	$(\leq, -4)$	$(<, -2)$
$t_3$	$(\leq, 6)$	$(\leq, 0)$	$(<, 3)$
$t_4$	$(\leq, \infty)$	$(\leq, 1)$	$(\leq, 0)$

Canonical forms (tightest constraints) computed in  $(O(n^3))$

$\cong$  implemented as equality of canonical forms

## $O(n^2)$ Firing rule [Ro93, Vi01, BM03]

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$(m, M)$  is the current class,  $M$  canonical.

- Transition  $f$  is firable iff  $(\forall i \neq f)(-M_{if} \leq 0)$
- The canonical  $M'$  at the target class  $(m', M')$  is obtained by:

$$M'_{00} = 0$$

Foreach  $t$  enabled at  $m'$ :

$$M'_{tt} = 0$$

if  $t$  is newly enabled then

$$M'_{t0} = -\downarrow(I_s(t)), M'_{0t} = \uparrow(I_s(t))$$

else

$$M_{t0} = 0, M'_{ot} = M_{ft}$$

$$\text{Foreach } t' \text{ enabled at } m': M'_{t'0} = \min(M'_{t0}, M'_{tt'})$$

Foreach  $t$  enabled at  $m'$

Foreach  $t' \neq t$  enabled at  $m'$

if  $t$  or  $t'$  is newly enabled

$$\text{then } M'_{tt'} = M'_{t0} + M'_{ot'}$$

$$\text{else } M'_{tt'} = \min(M_{tt'}, M'_{t0} + M'_{ot'})$$

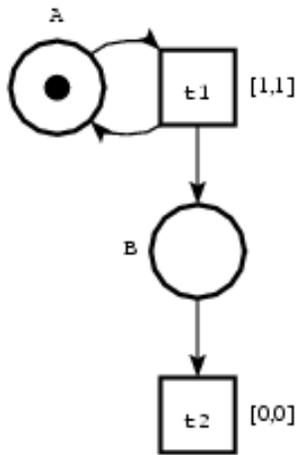
# Checking boundedness

## Sufficient conditions for boundedness:

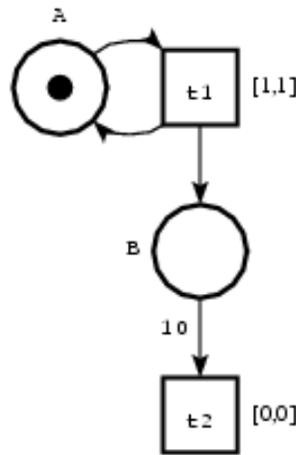
No  $c = (m, D)$  and  $c' = (m', D')$  such that:

1.  $c'$  reachable from  $c$
2.  $m' \geq m \wedge m' \neq m$
3.  $D' = D$
4.  $(\forall p)(m'(p) > m(p) \Rightarrow m'(p) \geq \max_t\{\mathbf{Pre}(p, t)\})$

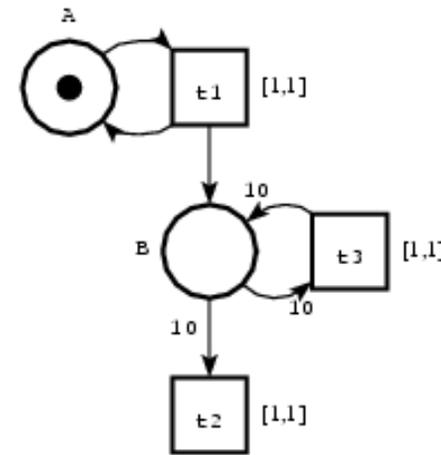
## But not necessary:



passes with 1,2,3  
fails with 1,2



passes with 1,2,3,4  
fails with 1,2,3



fails with 1,2,3,4

# LTL model checking of Time Petri Nets

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## Obtaining a Kripke transition system:

- Build the SCG
- Add loops to deadlock states
- Add loops to temporarily diverging states  
(those at which all enabled transitions have unbounded intervals)

**Atomic properties** are the places marked and transitions fired

## Check property (standard):

- Synchronize KTS with Buchi automaton obtained from the negation of formula
- Find a strong connected component containing an accepting state (of the automaton)

Check can be done on the fly while building the SCG

## Preserving markings only ( $SCG_{\subseteq}$ )

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If  $Sol(D) = Sol(D')$  then  $(m, D)$  and  $(m, D')$  have same futures

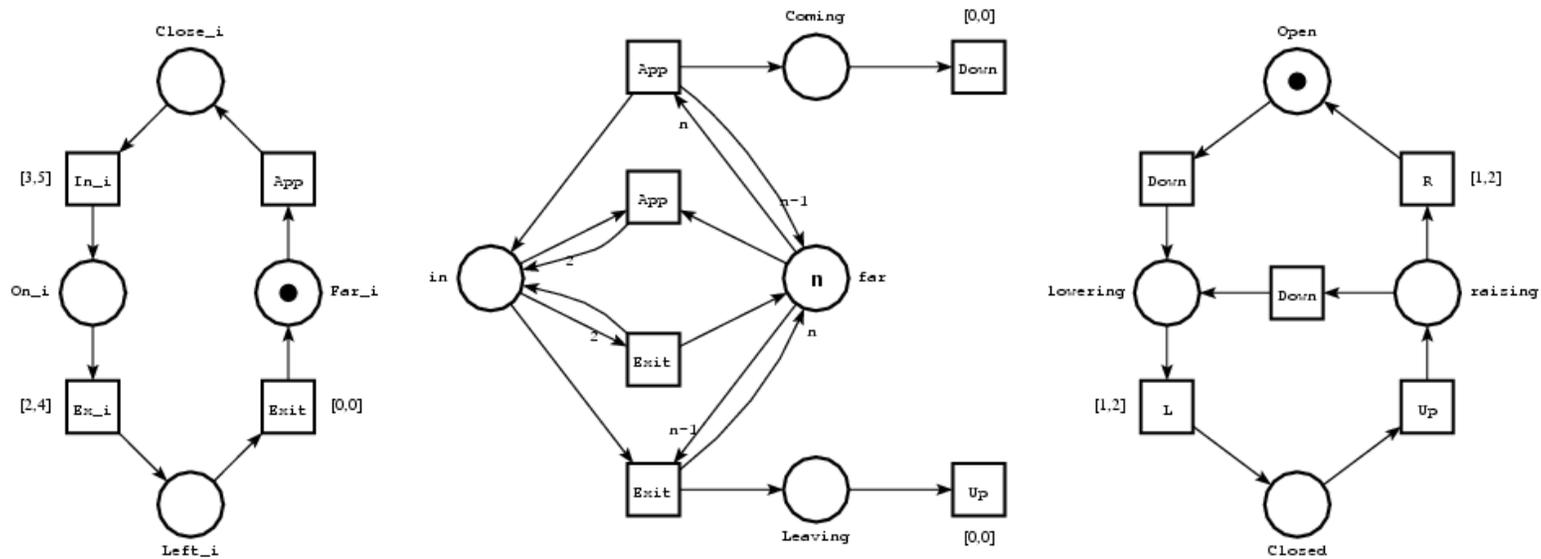
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		$SCG$	$SSG_{\underline{C}}$
(1 train)	<i>Classes</i>	11	10
	<i>Edges</i>	14	13
	<i>CPU(s)</i>	0.00	0.00
(2 trains)	<i>Classes</i>	123	37
	<i>Edges</i>	218	74
	<i>CPU(s)</i>	0.00	0.00
(3 trains)	<i>Classes</i>	3101	172
	<i>Edges</i>	7754	492
	<i>CPU(s)</i>	0.07	0.01
(4 trains)	<i>Classes</i>	134501	1175
	<i>Edges</i>	436896	4534
	<i>CPU(s)</i>	5.85	0.07
(5 trains)	<i>Classes</i>	8557621	10972
	<i>Edges</i>	34337748	53766
	<i>CPU(s)</i>	1254.92	1.20

# Strong state classes

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# Strong State classes

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## SCG:

Do not preserve branching properties (no AE)  
Cannot decide state reachability ( $\cong$  too coarse)

## Let:

$$C = \bigcup_{\sigma \in T^*} \{C_\sigma\}, \text{ where } C_\epsilon = \{s_0\}, C_{\sigma.t} = \{s \mid (\exists s' \in C_\sigma)(s' \xrightarrow{t} s)\}$$

**Then:** [BV03]

$$SSCG = (C, \xrightarrow{t}, \{s_0\})$$

# Clocks, equivalence $\equiv$

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## Clock systems

$\underline{\gamma}_t$  = time elapsed since  $t$  was last enabled

Clock vector  $\underline{\gamma}$  denotes the interval  $I$  such that  $(\forall t)(I(t) = I_s(t) \dot{-} \underline{\gamma}_t)$

NOTE: infinitely many clock vectors may denote the same state

## Strong Classes

Represented by a marking and a clock system

$(m, G\underline{\gamma} \leq \underline{g})$  denotes a set of states

## Clock system equivalence

$(m, Q) \equiv (m', Q')$  iff they denote the same set of states

**special case:** If all transitions have bounded static intervals

Then  $(m, Q) \equiv (m', Q') \Leftrightarrow m = m' \wedge Sol(Q) = Sol(Q')$

# Computing Strong State Classes

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**Algorithm 2:** Computes  $C_{\sigma.t} = (m', Q')$  from  $C_{\sigma} = (m, Q)$ :

- $C_{\epsilon} = (m_0, \{0 \leq \underline{\gamma}_t \leq 0 \mid \mathbf{Pre}(t) \leq m_0\})$
- $t$  is firable from some state of  $C_{\sigma}$  iff:
  - (i)  $m \geq \mathbf{Pre}(t)$  ( $t$  is enabled at  $m$ )
  - (ii)  $Q$  augmented with the following is consistent:
 
$$0 \leq \theta$$

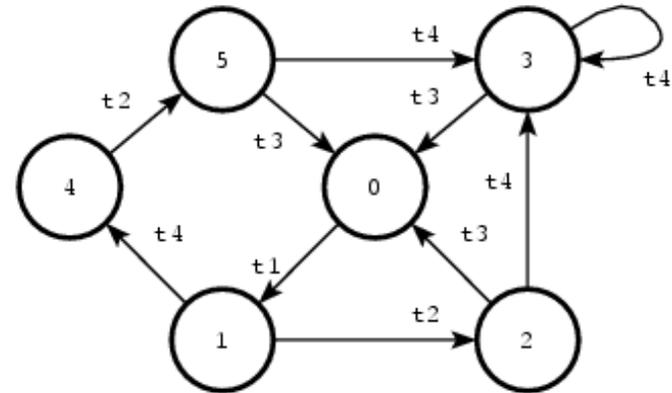
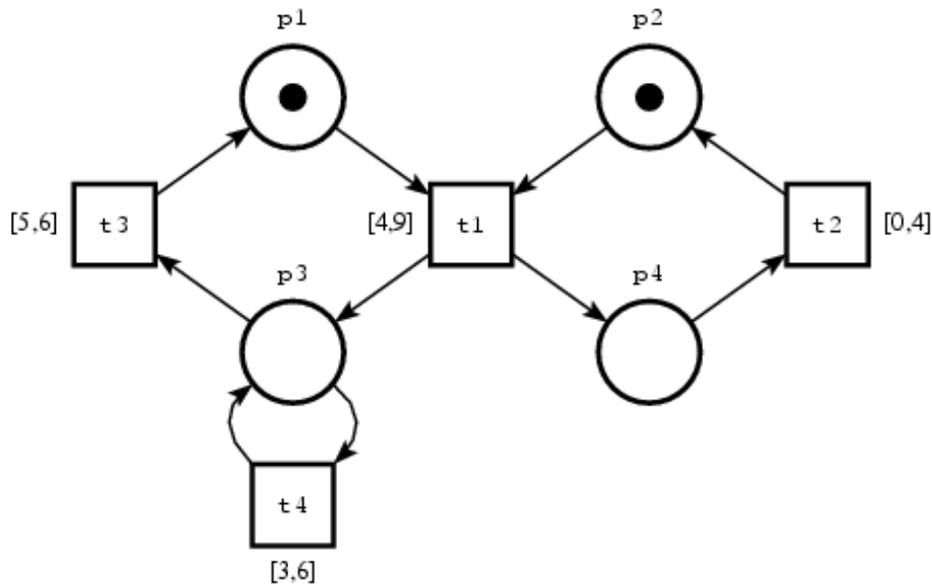
$$\downarrow I_s(t) \leq \underline{\gamma}_t + \theta$$

$$\{\theta + \underline{\gamma}_i \leq \uparrow I_s(i) \mid m \geq \mathbf{Pre}(i)\}$$
- If so, then  $m' = m - \mathbf{Pre}(t) + \mathbf{Post}(t)$ , and  $Q'$  is obtained by:
  1. add inequations (ii) to  $Q$ ;
  2.  $\forall i$  enabled at  $m'$ , add  $\underline{\gamma}'_i$  and inequations:
 
$$\underline{\gamma}'_i = \underline{\gamma}_i + \theta, \text{ if } i \neq t \text{ and } m - \mathbf{Pre}(t) \geq \mathbf{Pre}(i)$$

$$0 \leq \underline{\gamma}'_i \leq 0, \text{ otherwise}$$
  3. Eliminate variables  $\underline{\gamma}$  and  $\theta$
- $(m, Q) \equiv (m', Q')$  iff  $m = m'$  and  $Q$  and  $Q'$  have equal solution sets

# Example

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$$C_0 = (p_1 \ p_2, \{0 \leq t_1 \leq 0\})$$

$$C_1 = (p_3 \ p_4, \{0 \leq t_2 \leq 0, 0 \leq t_3 \leq 0, 0 \leq t_4 \leq 0\})$$

$$C_2 = (p_2 \ p_3, \{0 \leq t_3 \leq 4, 0 \leq t_4 \leq 4, t_3 - t_4 \leq 0, t_4 - t_3 \leq 0\})$$

$$C_3 = (p_2 \ p_3, \{0 \leq t_3 \leq 0, 0 \leq t_4 \leq 0\})$$

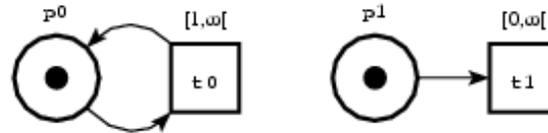
$$C_4 = (p_3 \ p_4, \{3 \leq t_2 \leq 4, 0 \leq t_3 \leq 0, 0 \leq t_4 \leq 0\})$$

$$C_5 = (p_2 \ p_3, \{0 \leq t_3 \leq 1, 0 \leq t_4 \leq 1, t_3 - t_4 \leq 0, t_4 - t_3 \leq 0\})$$

# Handling Unbounded Intervals

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**Problem:** If  $\equiv$  implemented as said, then  $SSCG$  may be infinite



$$C_\epsilon = (m_0, \{0 \leq \underline{\gamma}_{t_0} \leq 0, 0 \leq \underline{\gamma}_{t_1} \leq 0\})$$

$$C_{(t_0)^k} = (m_0, \{0 \leq \underline{\gamma}_{t_0} \leq 0, k \leq \underline{\gamma}_{t_1}\})$$

**But**  $C_{(t_0)^k} \equiv (m_0, \{0 \leq \underline{\gamma}_{t_0} \leq 0, 0 \leq \underline{\gamma}_{t_1}\})$

**Solution:** Relax clock systems in Strong Classes

$\hat{Q}$  obtained by, recursively:

Partition  $Q$  by  $\underline{\gamma}_k \geq Eft_s(k)$ , for  $k$  s.t.  $Lft_s(k) = \infty$

In half space  $\underline{\gamma}_k \geq Eft_s(k)$ , relax upper bound of  $\underline{\gamma}_k$

**Theorem:**

$$(m, Q) \equiv (m', Q') \text{ iff } m = m' \text{ and } Sol(\hat{Q}) = Sol(\hat{Q}')$$

# Implementations

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Assume  $Q$  denotes the set of states  $E$

## **Relaxation** [BV03]:

computes the largest set of clock vectors denoting set  $E$

fragments classes ( $\hat{Q}$  is not convex)

## **Normalization** [Had06]:

compute the largest clock DBM denoting set  $E$

faster, avoids fragmentation

# Properties

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SSCG Finite iff the  $TPN$  is bounded

Preserves EA, hence firing sequences ( $LTL$ )

Decides  $k$ -boundedness, marking and state reachability (if bounded)

Does not preserve branching properties nor liveness

# Analysis with the *SSCG*

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## Checking state reachability (in the DSG)

From  $s = (m, I)$ , compute the smallest  $\underline{\gamma}$  such that

$$(\forall t \in \mathcal{E}(m))(I(t) = I_s(t) \dot{-} \underline{\gamma}_t)$$

Then  $s$  is reachable if  $\underline{\gamma}$  belongs to some (relaxed) strong class

## LTL model checking with the *SSCG*

As for the SCG

But SCG is a better choice since typically smaller

## Checking boundedness

As for the SCG

# Computation of the SSCG

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Clock domains of classes are difference systems (DBM's)

Same complexity as SCG for class computations ( $O(n^2)$ )

≡ implemented as equality of canonical forms  
after relaxation or normalization

## Preserving states only, $SSCG_{\subseteq}$

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Similar to the SCG:

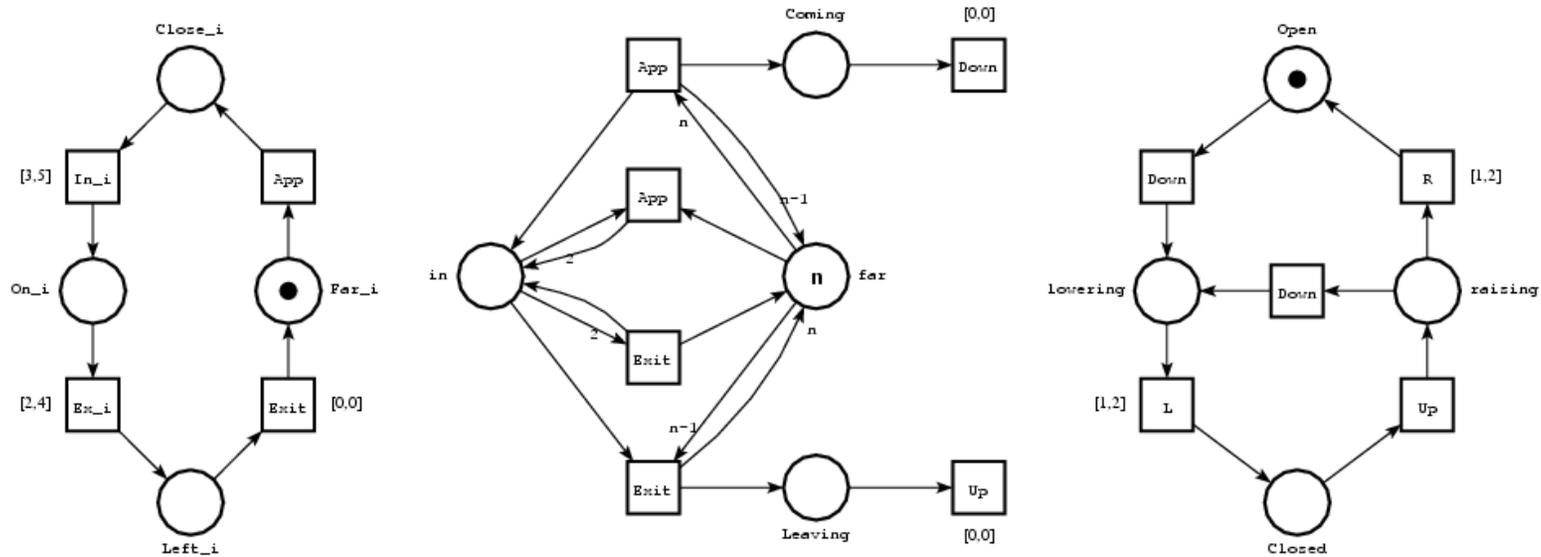
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	CPU(s)	0.00	0.00
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	Edges	218	254
	CPU(s)	0.00	0.00
(3 trains)	Classes	3101	5051
	Edges	7754	13019
	CPU(s)	0.07	0.13
(4 trains)	Classes	134501	351271
	Edges	436896	1193376
	CPU(s)	5.85	20.14
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	Edges	34337748	151908273
	CPU(s)	1254.92	7439.25

		$SCG_{\underline{C}}$	$SSCG_{\underline{C}}$
(1 train)	Classes	10	10
	Edges	13	13
	CPU(s)	0.00	0.00
(2 trains)	Classes	37	41
	Edges	74	82
	CPU(s)	0.00	0.00
(3 trains)	Classes	172	232
	Edges	492	672
	CPU(s)	0.01	0.01
(4 trains)	Classes	1175	1807
	Edges	4534	7062
	CPU(s)	0.07	0.15
(5 trains)	Classes	10972	18052
	Edges	53766	89166
	CPU(s)	1.20	3.70

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# SSCG analysis

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Satisfies EA (hence preserves LTL) but not AE

Does not preserve branching properties

**ASCG**: (Atomic State class graph revisited):

Start from the SSCG or  $SSCG_{\subseteq}$

Enforce AE using partition refinement

The ASCG and DSG will be bisimilar

First such construction proposed in [YR98] (Atomic state classes)

# Partition refinement

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[Paige et Tarjan, 1987]

Consider a structure  $(P, \rightarrow)$  and two subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $P$

$A$  is **Stable** wrt  $B$  if no  $s \in A$  has a successor in  $B$  or all have one.

$$B^{-1} = \{A \mid A \rightarrow B\}$$

Partitions  $(P, \rightarrow)$  according to bisimulation:

$$Q = P$$

**while**  $(\exists A, B \in Q)(A \text{ is not Stable wrt } B)$

**do** replace  $A$  by  $A_1 = A \cap B^{-1}$  and  $A_2 = A - B^{-1}$

# Revisited Atomic state classes

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$SCG$  inadequate as initial partition (too coarse)

$SSCG$  or  $SSCG_{\subseteq}$  are adequate

## Algorithm 3

Start from the  $SSCG$  [BV03] (or  $SSCG_{\subseteq}$  [BH04])

**while** some class  $c$  is unstable wrt one of its successor classes  $c'$   
**do** partition  $c$  such that is stable wrt  $c'$

Collect all classes reachable from the initial one

# Partitioning *SSCG* classes

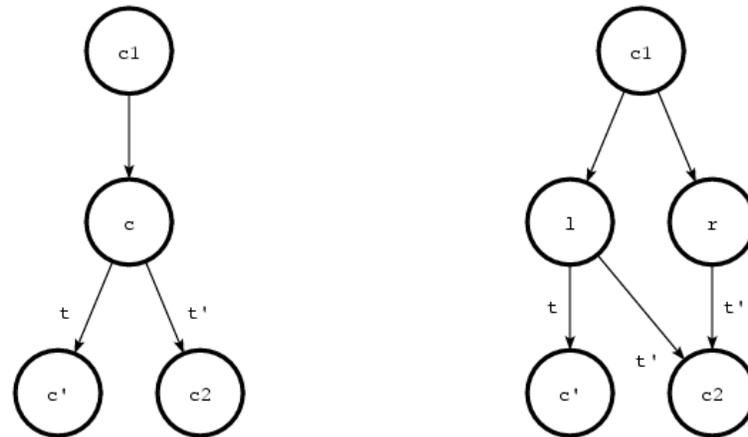
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## Partition Technique

If  $c = (m, Q) \xrightarrow{t} c'$  and  $c$  is unstable wrt  $c'$  then some constraint  $\rho$  is:

- **necessary** for  $s \in c$  to have a successor in  $c'$
- **nonredundant** in  $Q$

$c$  is partitioned into  $(m, Q \cap \{\rho\}), (m, Q \cap \{\neg\rho\})$ :



## Computing $\rho$ constraints

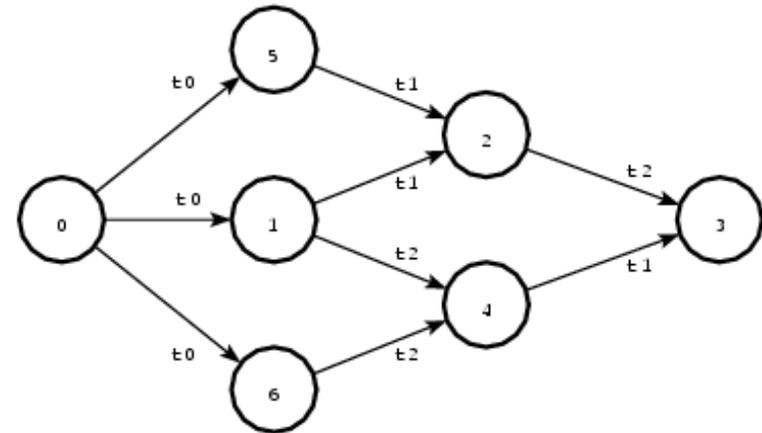
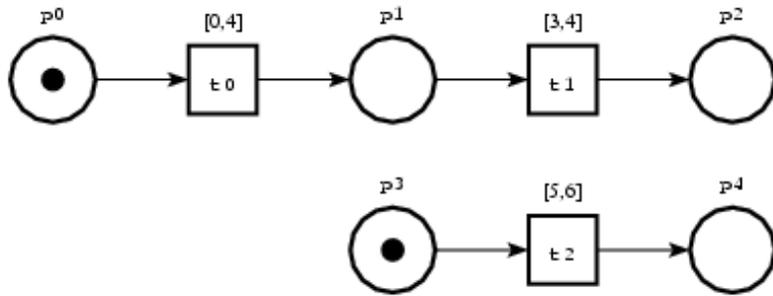
Compute predecessors  $P$  by  $t$  of states in  $c'$  (by reverse SSCG rule)

$Q$  is stable iff  $Sol(Q) \subseteq Sol(P)$

Otherwise take any constraint of  $P$  nonredundant in  $Q$

# Example 1

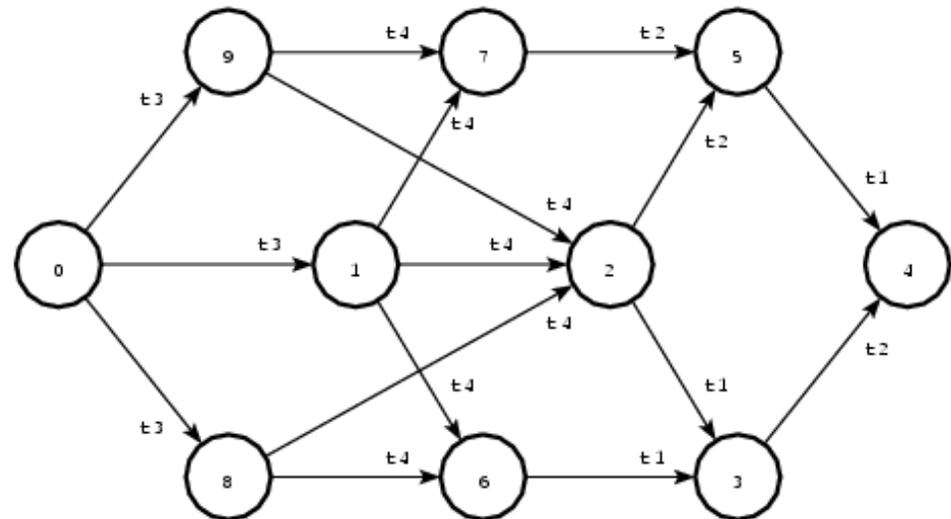
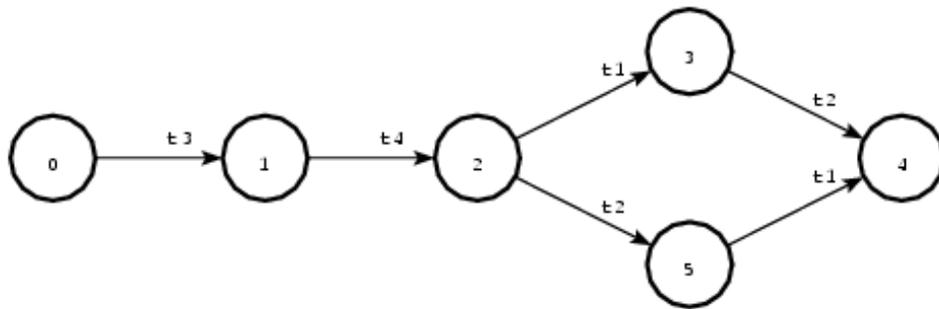
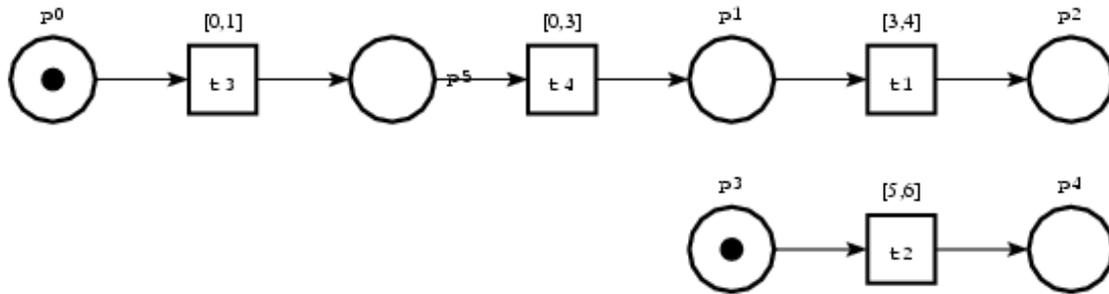
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- $C_3 = (p_2 \ p_4, \{\})$
- $C_4 = (p_1 \ p_4, \{1 \leq t_1 \leq 4\})$
- $C_5 = (p_1 \ p_3, \{0 \leq t_1 \leq 0, 0 \leq t_2 < 1\})$
- $C_6 = (p_1 \ p_3, \{0 \leq t_1 \leq 0, 3 < t_2 \leq 4\})$

# Example 2

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# Properties:

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Finite iff the  $TPN$  is bounded

Abstraction preserves states and firing sequences ( $LTL$ )

Decides  $k$ -boundedness, marking and state reachability

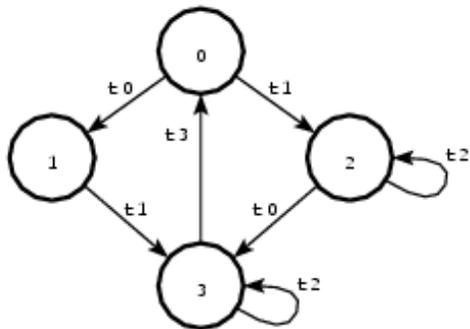
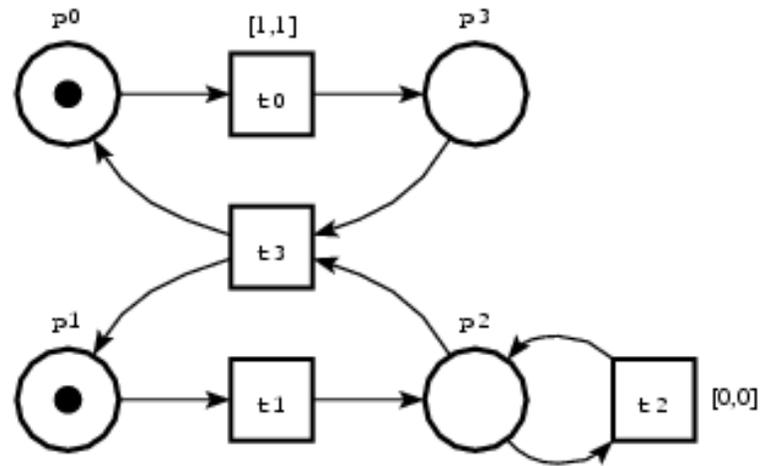
Refinement restores AE, hence ASCG preserve branching properties and liveness (suitable for CTL modelchecking)

Notes:

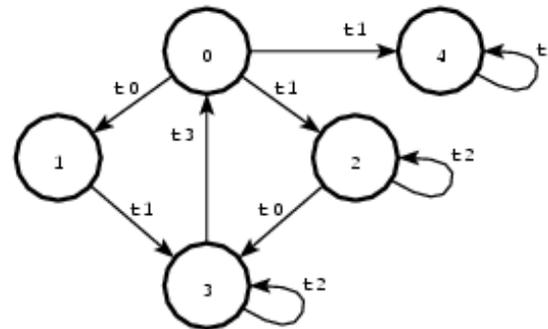
ASCG is a cover rather than a partition  $\Rightarrow$  not minimal

ASCG is bisimilar to the DSG, but not to the SG

# Liveness analysis



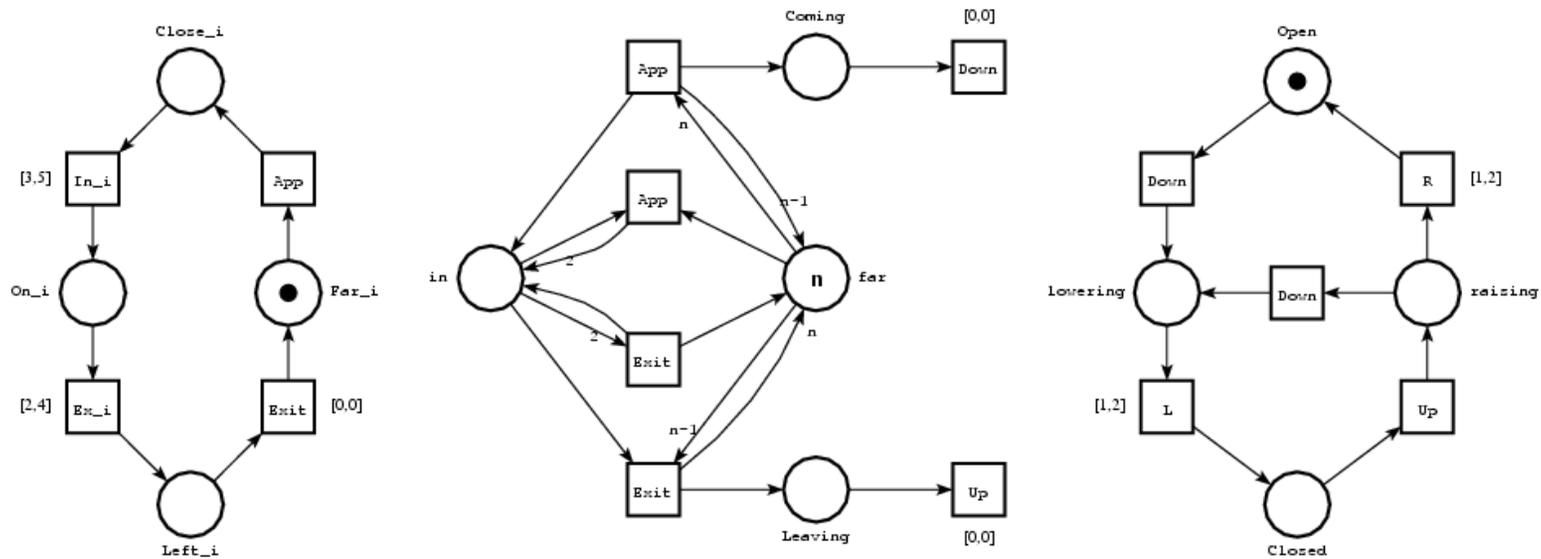
SCG, SSCG



ASCG

**Theorem:** A TPN is live if each of its transitions labels some arc in all pending SCCs of its ASCG.

# Example : Level crossing



		<i>SCG</i>	<i>SSCG</i>	<i>ASCG</i>
(1 train)	<i>Classes</i>	11	11	11
	<i>Edges</i>	14	14	15
	<i>CPU(s)</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
(2 trains)	<i>Classes</i>	123	141	192
	<i>Edges</i>	218	254	844
	<i>CPU(s)</i>	0.00	0.00	0.02
(3 trains)	<i>Classes</i>	3101	5051	6966
	<i>Edges</i>	7754	13019	49802
	<i>CPU(s)</i>	0.07	0.13	2.24
(4 trains)	<i>Classes</i>	134501	351271	356940
	<i>Edges</i>	436896	1193376	3447624
	<i>CPU(s)</i>	5.85	20.14	291.478
(5 trains)	<i>Classes</i>	8557621	35945411	23081275
	<i>Edges</i>	34337748	151908273	279572133
	<i>CPU(s)</i>	1254.92	7439.25	54 : 30 : 07

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## 6. Quantitative properties, Other techniques

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Checking “Timed” properties

Path analysis

State classes % alternative techniques

# Checking “Timed” properties

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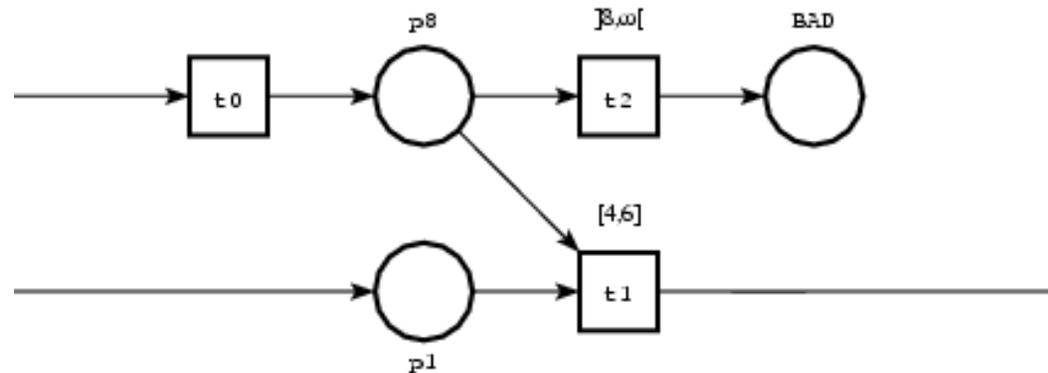
## Model checkers for timed logics:

e.g. Romeo, technique adapted from Timed Automata

## Observers technique:

Reduce property to reachability using an observer composed with TPN

e.g.  $t_1$  fires at most 8 ut after  $t_0 \Rightarrow$  no reachable marking marks *BAD*:



A large class of formulas can be reduced to reachability

# Path Analysis

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## Problem:

Given a firing sequence  $\sigma$ :

Characterize firing schedules over  $\sigma$

Check existence of time constrained schedules

Find fastest/slowest schedule

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# Computing Path Systems

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As for SSCG, but without elimination of  $\theta$ :

**Algorithm 4:** Computes  $K_{\sigma,t} = (m', Q')$  from  $K_\sigma = (m, Q)$ :

- $K_\epsilon = (m_0, \{0 \leq \underline{\gamma}_t \leq 0 \mid \mathbf{Pre}(t) \leq m_0\})$
- $t$  is firable from some state of  $K_\sigma$  iff:
  - (i)  $m \geq \mathbf{Pre}(t)$  ( $t$  is enabled at  $m$ )
  - (ii)  $Q$  augmented with the following is consistent:
$$0 \leq \theta$$
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- If so, then  $m' = m - \mathbf{Pre}(t) + \mathbf{Post}(t)$ , and  $Q'$  is obtained by:
  1. add inequations (ii) to  $Q$ ;
  2.  $\forall i$  enabled at  $m'$ , add  $\underline{\gamma}'_i$  and inequations:
$$\underline{\gamma}'_i = \underline{\gamma}_i + \theta, \text{ if } i \neq t \text{ and } m - \mathbf{Pre}(t) \geq \mathbf{Pre}(i)$$
$$0 \leq \underline{\gamma}'_i \leq 0, \text{ otherwise}$$
  3. Eliminate variables  $\underline{\gamma}$

# Path Systems ...

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$K_\sigma$  Links firing times along  $\sigma$  with state reached

$$P(\underline{\theta}|\underline{\gamma}) \leq \underline{p}$$

Projecting on  $\underline{\theta}$  yields path system

$$T(\underline{\theta}) \leq \underline{t}$$

Characterizes times at which transitions can fire along  $\sigma$

in delays ( $\underline{\theta}$ , relative times)

or dates ( $\underline{\delta}$ , absolute times) using:

$$\underline{\delta}_i = \underline{\theta}_1 + \dots + \underline{\theta}_i$$

# Tools ...

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## Implementation: PLAN/TINA

Computes all paths (system) or one path

In delays or dates

## Applications:

Path analysis (existence, fastest, ...)

Timing counter-examples returned by LTL modelchecker

# Alternative methods

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## Essential states methods

easier implementation

build nondeterministic graphs (may be much smaller than deterministic)

preserve LTL

no open intervals

sensitive to scaling of intervals (may blow up)

## Unfolding methods

mature for untimed nets

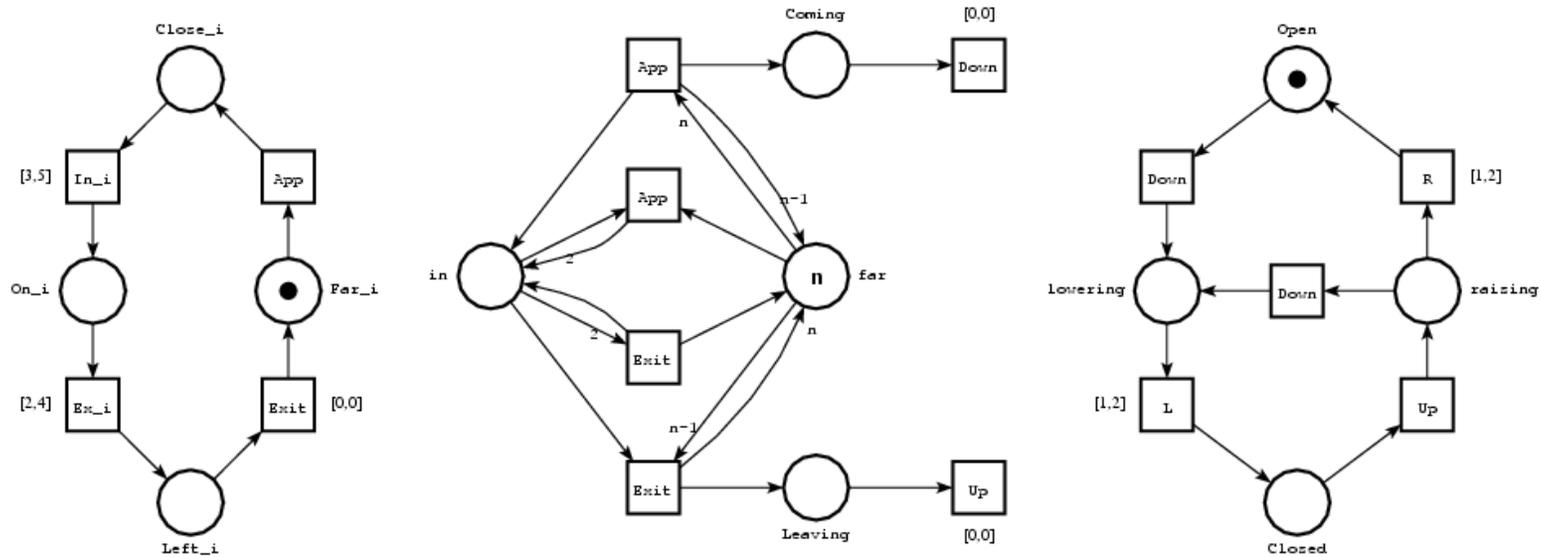
some progress for dense timed systems

## Translation into Timed Automata

Structural translation [CR06] preserves weak timed bisimilarity

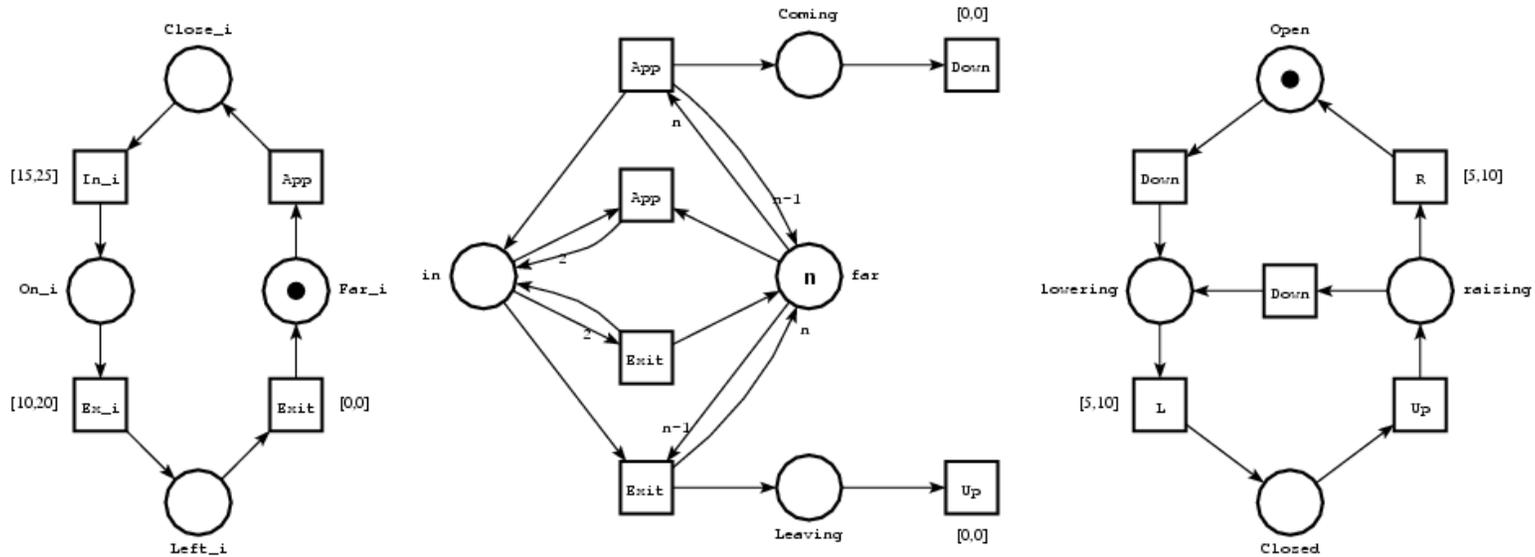
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# State classes % Essential states



		<i>SCG</i>	<i>ES</i>	<i>ES + delays</i>
(1 train)	<i>Classes</i>	11	13	24
	<i>Edges</i>	14	27	37
	<i>CPU(s)</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
(2 trains)	<i>Classes</i>	123	116	203
	<i>Edges</i>	218	382	378
	<i>CPU(s)</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
(3 trains)	<i>Classes</i>	3101	1550	2299
	<i>Edges</i>	7754	5823	5294
	<i>CPU(s)</i>	0.07	0.03	0.03
(4 trains)	<i>Classes</i>	134501	22268	28895
	<i>Edges</i>	436896	91256	81142
	<i>CPU(s)</i>	5.85	0.671	0.600
(5 trains)	<i>Classes</i>	8557621	313214	372475
	<i>Edges</i>	34337748	1397517	1245566
	<i>CPU(s)</i>	1254.92	15.12	12.92

# Same example, intervals scaled by 5



		<i>SCG</i>	<i>ES</i>	<i>ES + delays</i>
(1 train)	<i>Classes</i>	11	25	80
	<i>Edges</i>	14	123	129
	<i>CPU(s)</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
(2 trains)	<i>Classes</i>	123	564	3110
	<i>Edges</i>	218	8154	6107
	<i>CPU(s)</i>	0.00	0.03	0.02
(3 trains)	<i>Classes</i>	3101	27950	119479
	<i>Edges</i>	7754	315629	273782
	<i>CPU(s)</i>	0.07	1.65	1.48
(4 trains)	<i>Classes</i>	134501	1680212	5785743
	<i>Edges</i>	436896	18328768	15813462
	<i>CPU(s)</i>	5.85	133.09	114.61
(5 trains)	<i>Classes</i>	8557621	?	?
	<i>Edges</i>	34337748	?	?
	<i>CPU(s)</i>	1254.92	?	?

# State Classes

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# 7. Subclasses, extensions, alternatives

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## 7.1. Subclasses

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# Subclasses

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All intervals singular (reduced to a point)

have finite state spaces

All intervals unbounded

state class graph = marking graph

Poor expressiveness

# 7. Subclasses, extensions, alternatives

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# “Light” extensions

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## Open time intervals

e.g.  $]1, 3]$   $[3, 6[$   $]4, 5[$   $]6, \infty[$

## Read arcs, Inhibitor arcs:

Do not transfer tokens

Positive ( $m(p) \geq k$ ) or Negative ( $m(p) < k$ ) conditions

Only impacts enabledness (and resets of intervals)

## Flush arcs:

Transfer as many tokens as found in the source place

Only impacts computation of markings

⇒ Can be handled

# Multi-enabledness

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$t$  is  $k$ -enabled at  $m$  if  $m \geq k * \mathbf{Pre}(t)$  ( $k \geq 0$ )

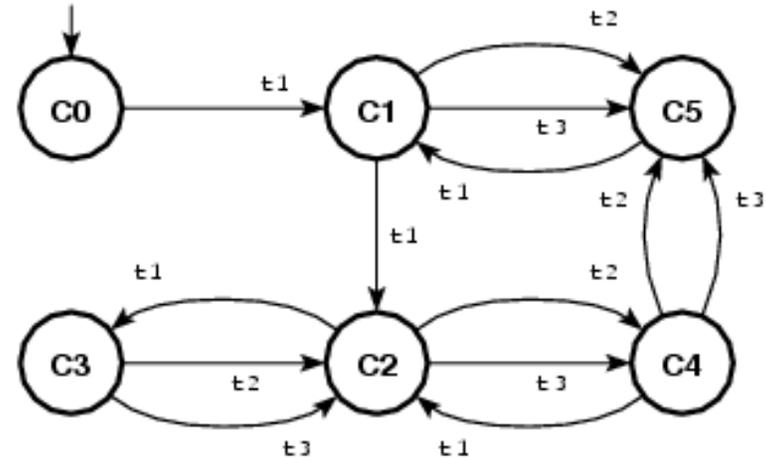
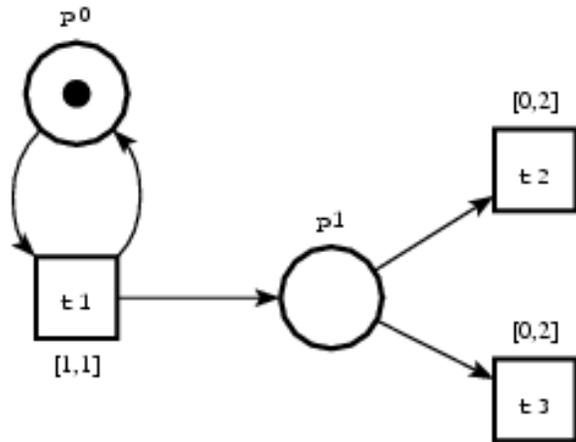
**So far:** One temporal variable per transition, whether or not multi-enabled ([single-server](#) semantics)

**Consider:** If  $t$  is  $k$ -enabled, then  $k$  temporal variables associated with  $t$  ([multi-server](#) semantics)

Instances considered independent or not (e.g. oldest fires first)

⇒ State class constructions can be adapted

# Multi-enabledness example (oldest fires first SCG)



$C_0$ $M_0$ $p_0(1)$ $D_0$ $1 \leq t_1 \leq 1$	$C_1$ $M_1$ $p_0(1), p_1(1)$ $D_1$ $1 \leq t_1 \leq 1$ $0 \leq t_2 \leq 2$ $0 \leq t_3 \leq 2$	$C_2$ $M_2$ $p_0(1), p_1(2)$ $D_2$ $1 \leq t_1 \leq 1$ $0 \leq t_2^0 \leq 1$ $0 \leq t_2^1 \leq 2$ $0 \leq t_3^0 \leq 1$ $0 \leq t_3^1 \leq 2$
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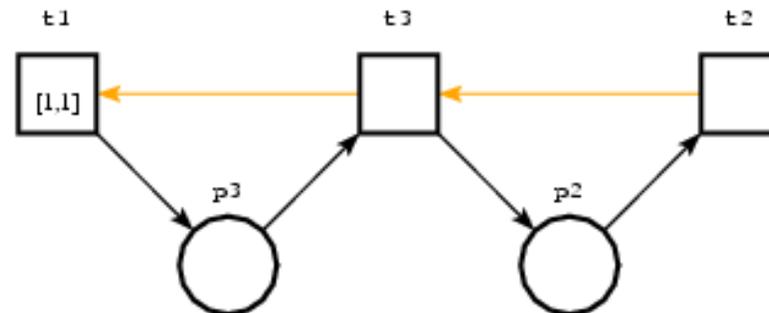
# Time Petri nets with Priorities ( $PrTPN$ )

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$\langle P, T, \text{Pre}, \text{Post}, m_0, I_s, \succ \rangle$  in which:

- $\langle P, T, \text{Pre}, \text{Post}, m_0 \rangle, \mathbf{I}^+$  is a Time Petri net
- $\succ \subseteq T \times T$  is the *Priority relation*

$\succ$  assumed irreflexive, asymmetric and transitive



# Semantics

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- Initial state:  $(m_0, I_{s_0})$
- discrete transitions:  $(m, I) \xrightarrow{t} (m', I')$  iff  $t \in T$  and
  1.  $m \geq \mathbf{Pre}(t)$
  2.  $0 \in I(t)$
  3.  $(\forall k \in T)(m \geq \mathbf{Pre}(k) \wedge 0 \in I(k) \Rightarrow \neg(k \succ t))$
  4.  $m' = m - \mathbf{Pre}(t) + \mathbf{Post}(t)$
  5.  $(\forall k \in T)(m' \geq \mathbf{Pre}(k) \Rightarrow I'(k) = \mathbf{if } k \neq t \wedge m - \mathbf{Pre}(t) \geq \mathbf{Pre}(k) \mathbf{ then } I(k) \mathbf{ else } I_s(k))$
- continuous transitions:  $(m, I) \xrightarrow{d} (m, I')$  iff
$$(\forall k \in T)(m \geq \mathbf{Pre}(k) \Rightarrow d \leq \uparrow I(k) \wedge I'(k) = I(k) \dot{-} d)$$

# Expressiveness

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In terms of timed language acceptance:

$$TPN = TA \text{ [BCHRL05, BHR06]}$$

In terms of weak timed bisimulation:

$$TPN < TA \text{ [CR06]}$$

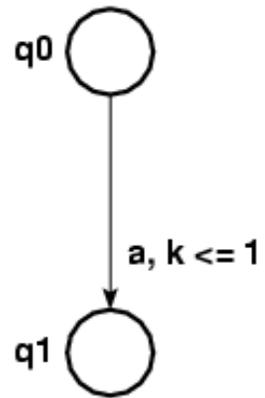
$$TPN = TA^- \text{ [BCHRL05]}$$

$$TA + \{\leq, \wedge\} = PrTPN \text{ with right-closed or unbounded intervals [BPV06]}$$

Note: Priorities enable compositional design

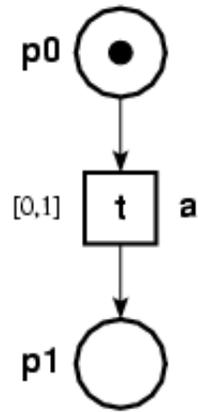
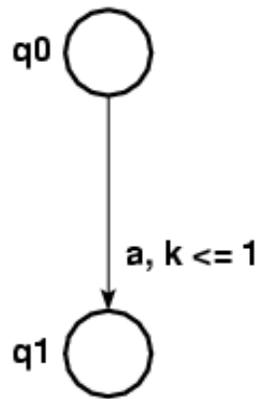
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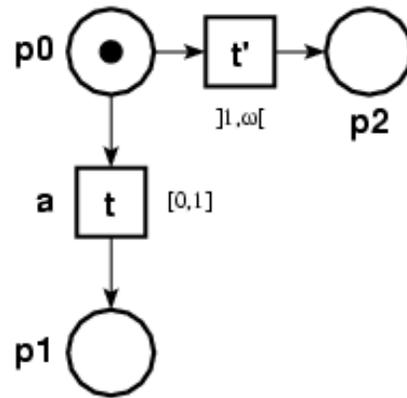
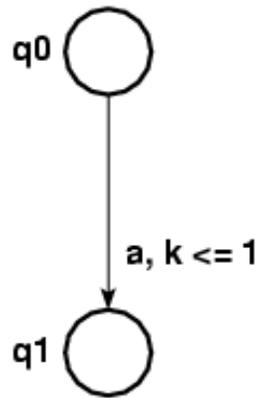
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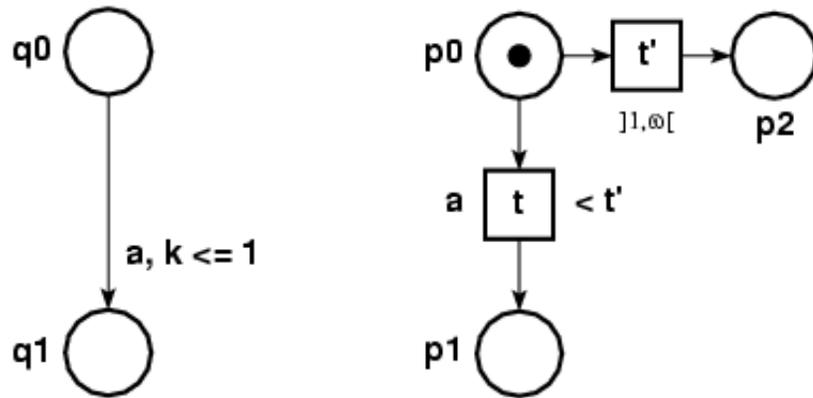
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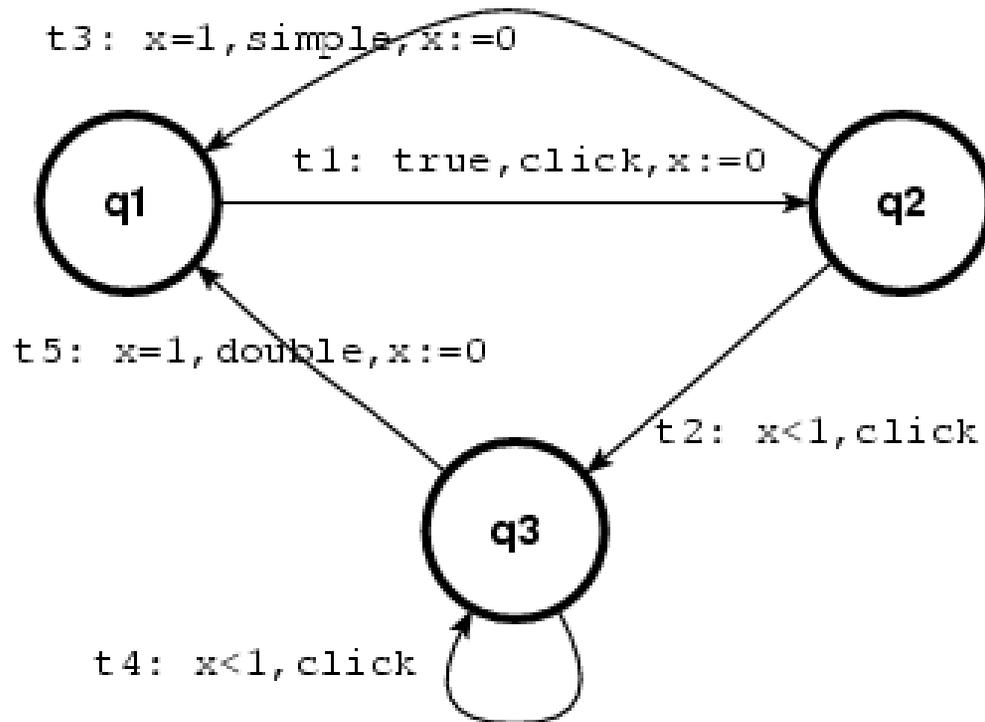
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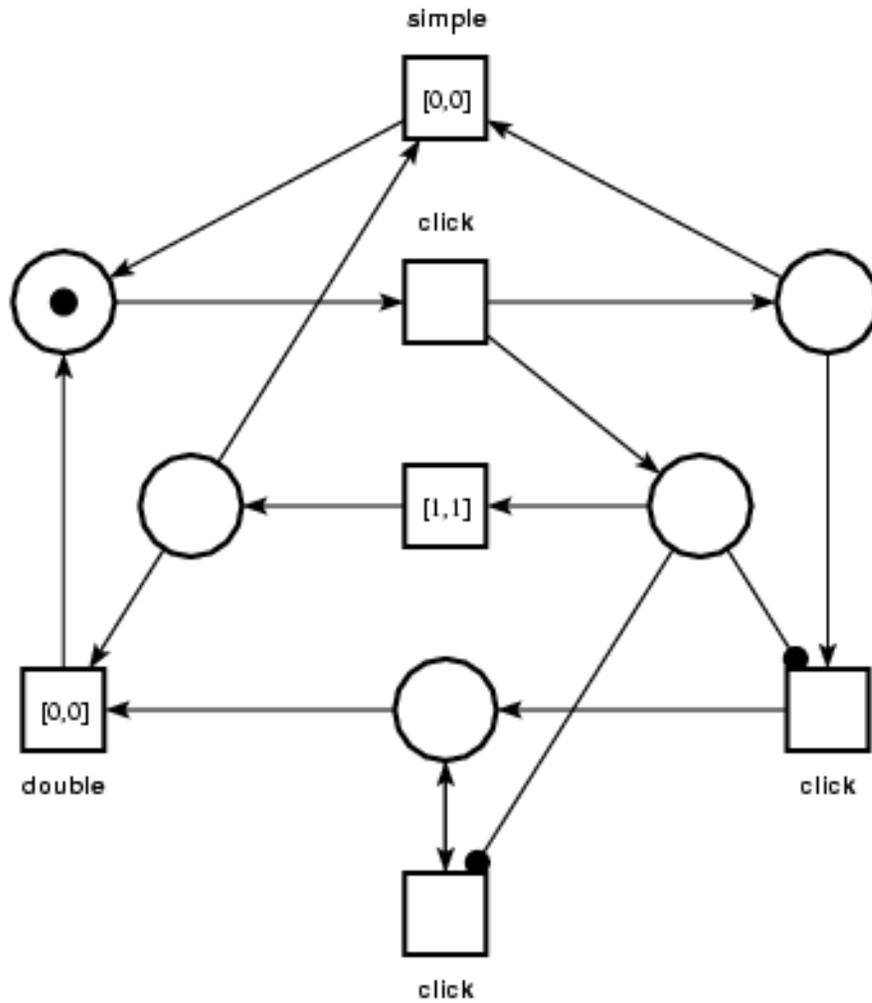
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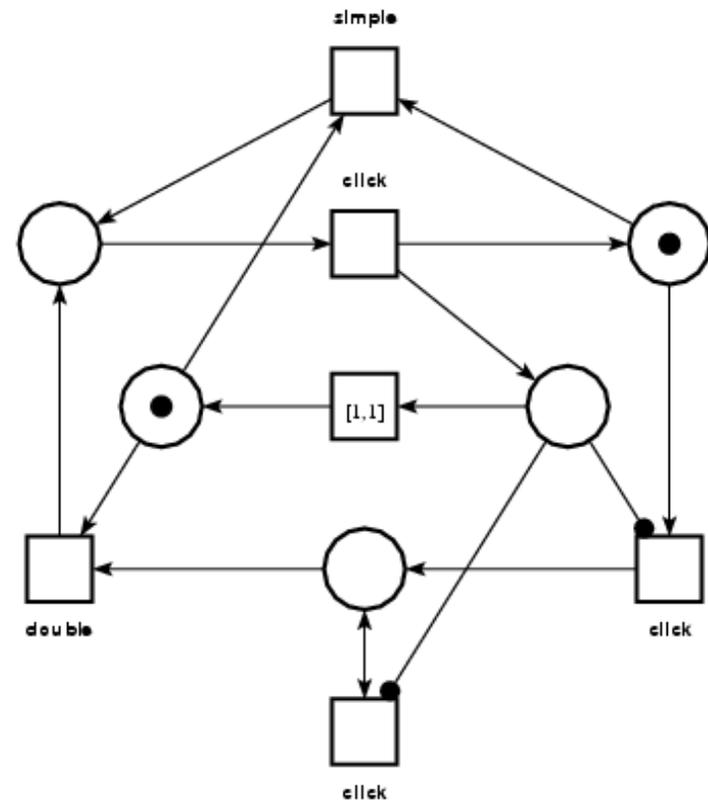
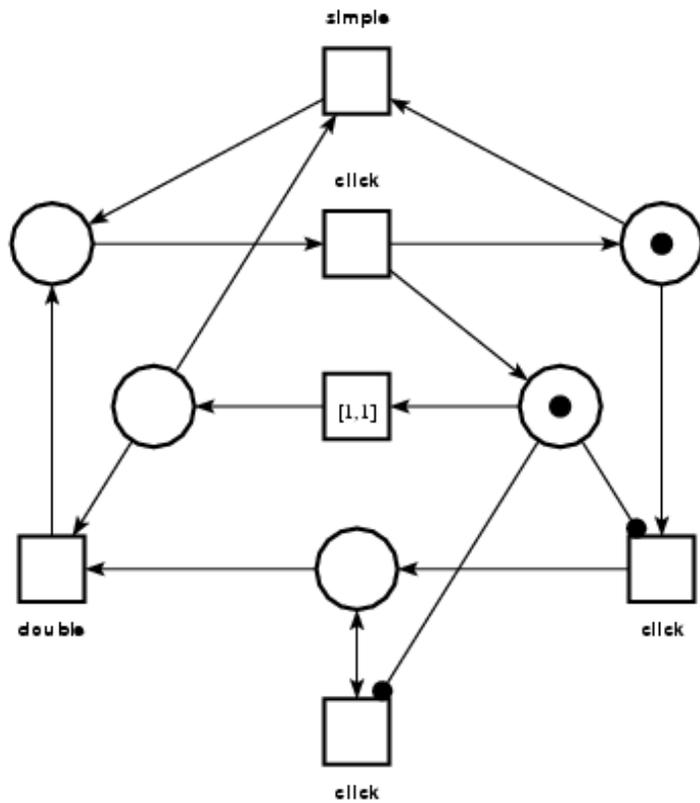
# Not quite double click in *TPN*

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# At time 1:

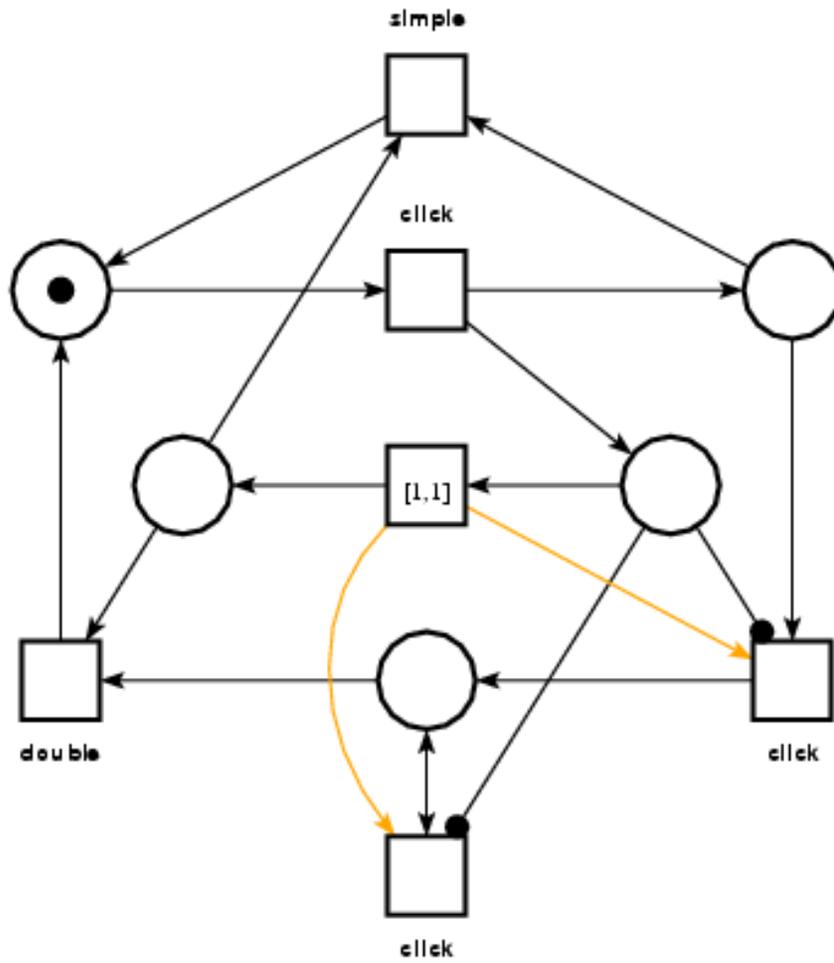
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Incorrect: simple enabled

# Double click in $PrTPN$

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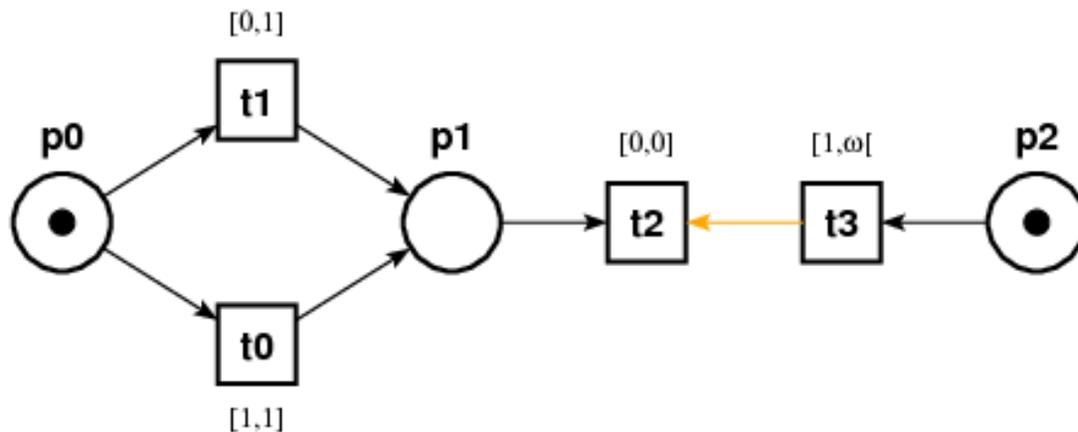
# SCG and priorities

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Founding observation for *SCG*:

**Classes equivalent by  $\cong$  have same future**

Is no more true with priorities:



Firing  $t_0$  or  $t_1$  leads to equal classes  
but  $t_2$  may fire only if less than 1 unit of time elapsed ...

$\Rightarrow$  *SCG* inapplicable

# Computing Strong State Classes **with priorities**

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**Algorithm 2:** Computes  $C_{\sigma.t} = (m', Q')$  from  $C_{\sigma} = (m, Q)$ :

- $C_{\epsilon} = (m_0, \{0 \leq \underline{\gamma}_t \leq 0 \mid \mathbf{Pre}(t) \leq m_0\})$
- $t$  is firable from some state of  $C_{\sigma}$  iff:
  - (i)  $m \geq \mathbf{Pre}(t)$  ( $t$  is enabled at  $m$ )
  - (ii)  $Q$  augmented with the following is consistent:
 
$$0 \leq \theta$$

$$\downarrow I_s(t) \leq \underline{\gamma}_t + \theta$$

$$\{\theta + \underline{\gamma}_i \leq \uparrow I_s(i) \mid m \geq \mathbf{Pre}(i)\}$$

$$\{\theta + \underline{\gamma}_j < \uparrow I_s(j) \mid m \geq \mathbf{Pre}(j) \wedge j \succ t\}$$
- If so, then  $m' = m - \mathbf{Pre}(t) + \mathbf{Post}(t)$ , and  $Q'$  is obtained by:
  1. add inequations (ii) to  $Q$ ;
  2.  $\forall i$  enabled at  $m'$ , add  $\underline{\gamma}'_i$  and inequations:
 
$$\underline{\gamma}'_i = \underline{\gamma}_i + \theta, \text{ if } i \neq t \text{ and } m - \mathbf{Pre}(t) \geq \mathbf{Pre}(i)$$

$$0 \leq \underline{\gamma}'_i \leq 0, \text{ otherwise}$$
  3. Eliminate variables  $\underline{\gamma}$  and  $\theta$

# Updated firability conditions

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Firability conditions (ii) rephrased:

$$(ii.1) \theta \geq 0$$

$$(ii.2) \theta + \underline{\gamma}_t \in I_s(t)$$

$$(ii.3) (\forall i \neq t)(m \geq \mathbf{Pre}(i) \Rightarrow \theta + \underline{\gamma}_i \leq \uparrow I_s(i))$$

$$(ii.4) (\forall j)(m \geq \mathbf{Pre}(j) \wedge j \succ t \Rightarrow \theta + \underline{\gamma}_j \notin I_s(j))$$

In (ii.4):

$$\theta + \underline{\gamma}_i \notin I_s(i) \Leftrightarrow \theta + \underline{\gamma}_j < \downarrow I_s(j) \vee \theta + \underline{\gamma}_j > \uparrow I_s(j)$$

But last subcondition would contradict (ii.3), hence:

$$\theta + \underline{\gamma}_i \notin I_s(i) \Leftrightarrow \theta + \underline{\gamma}_j < \downarrow I_s(j)$$

Hence no cost penalties ( $O(n^2)$ )

(No  $O(n^4)$  polyhedra differences required)

# Modeling temporal preemption

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## Why

Verification of task scheduling in realtime systems (e.g. Avionics)

## How

Scheduling extended TPNs [LR03]

Preemptive TPNs [BFSV04]

TPNs with inhibitor hyperarcs [RL04]

Stopwatch Time Petri Nets [BLRV07]

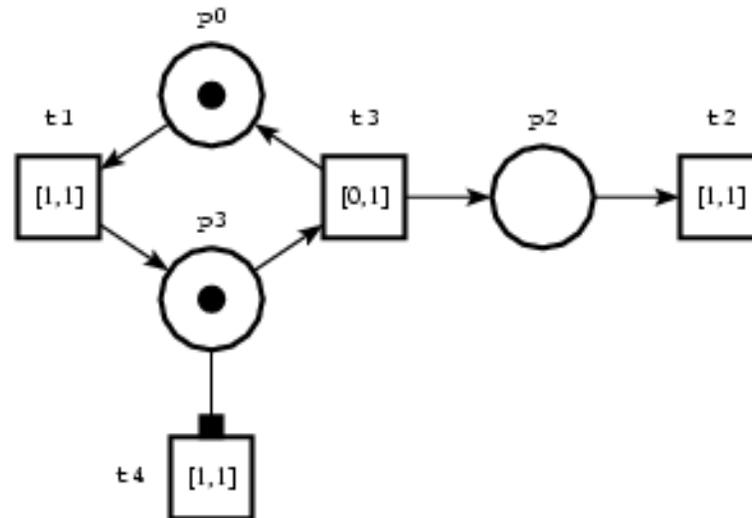
# Time Petri nets with Stopwatches ( $SwTPN$ )

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[BLRV07]

$\langle P, T, \text{Pre}, Sw, \text{Post}, m_0, Is \rangle$  in which:

- $\langle P, T, \text{Pre}, \text{Post}, m_0 \rangle, \mathbf{I}^+$  is a Time Petri net
- $Sw$  is the *Stopwatch incidence function*



An enabled transition is either **Active** or **Suspended**

# Semantics

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- discrete transitions:  $(m, I) \xrightarrow{t} (m', I')$  iff  $t \in T$  and
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# State classes

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## **All state class constructions remain applicable, but**

May yield infinite graphs, even for bounded nets

In fact: state reachability with stopwatches is undecidable

## **Overapproximations of state spaces**

Identify state spaces containing the exact one

Finite iff the net is bounded

Yield sufficient conditions for verification

# Undecidability [BPV07]

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Counters can be encoded as phase differences between two periodic events

**Any 2-counter machine can be encoded into a safe (1-bounded) SwTPN with:**

A single stopwatch arc

A single transition with non singular interval

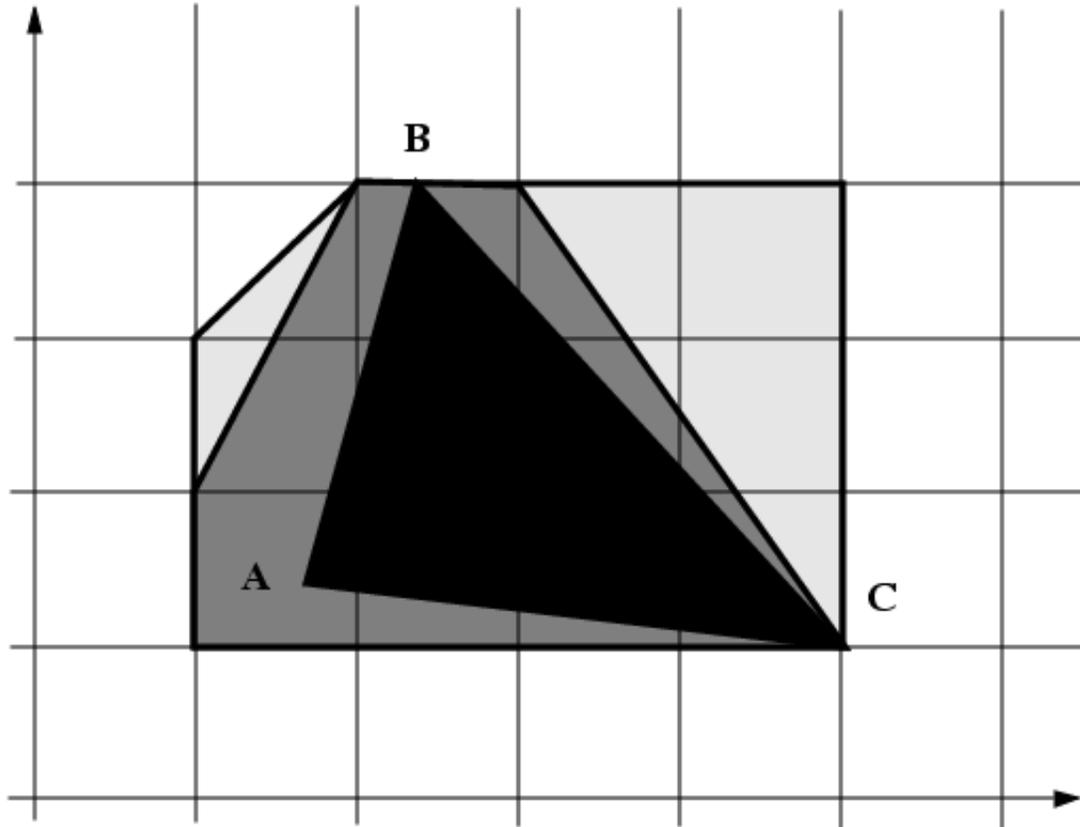
**Hence:**

State/marking reachability undecidable for bounded SwTPN

k-boundedness undecidable for SwTPN

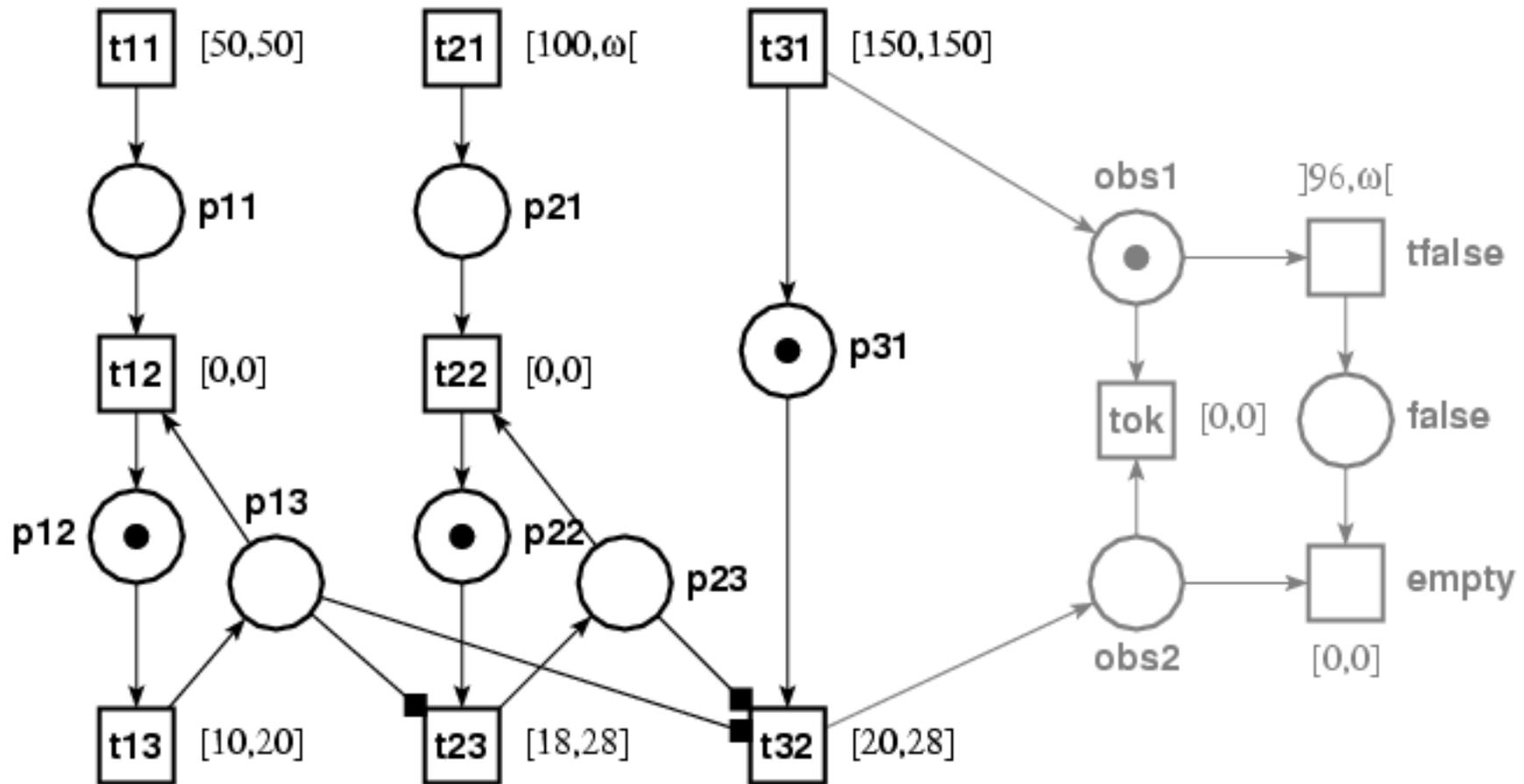
# Overapproximations

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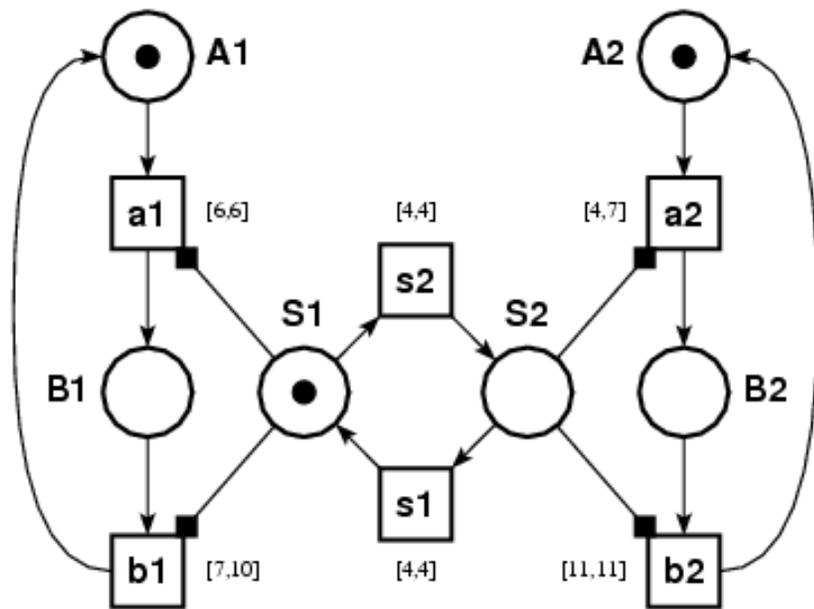
exact polyhedra  $\subseteq$  quantized polyhedra  $\subseteq$  smallest enclosing DBM

# Example, task system [BFSV04]

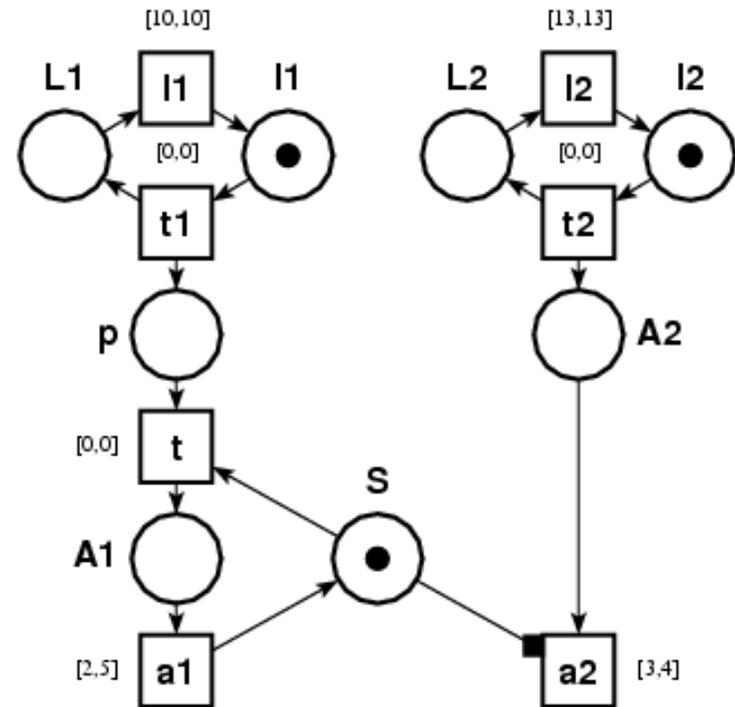


(observer in grey for the property “task 3 achieved in  $\leq 96s$ ”)

# More examples, scheduling policies



Round-Robin



Rate-monotonic

# Handling Data

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## From Petri nets to Keller transition systems:

markings  $\Rightarrow$  vectors of integers

“additives” transitions  $\Rightarrow$  arbitrary transitions

Higher expressiveness but:

reachability and boundedness undecidable

## From Keller systems to Time transition systems:

Time Transition System = Keller TS + temporal intervals

State class techniques remain applicable

# High level Notations

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## **Cotre Project** (<http://www.laas.fr/COTRE>)

Avionics software

**Cotre** language

## **TOPCASED project** (<http://www.topcased.org>)

Toolkit in OPEN source for Critical Applications and SysTEms Development

**Fiacre** language:

- intermediate form language for RTS;
- end-user formalisms (AADL, SDL, etc) translated into **Fiacre**;
- **Fiacre** programs translated into Tina and CADP input (mid 2008).

# Fiacre example

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```
type index is 0..3
type request is union get_sum, get_value of index end
type data is array 4 of nat

process ATM [req : in request, resp : out nat] is
  states ready, send_sum, send_value
  var c : request, i : index, sum : nat, val : data := [6, 2, 7, 9]
  init to ready
  from ready
    req ?c;
    case c of get_sum -> to send_sum
      | get_value (i) -> to send_value
    end
  from send_value
    resp !val[i]; to ready
  from send_sum
    sum, i := 0, 0;
    while i < 3 do sum, i := sum + val[i], i + 1 end;
    sum := sum + val[i];
    resp !sum;
    to ready

component C [p : in nat] (&X : read nat) is
  port q : none in [2, 8]
  var Y : bool := false
  par p -> C1 [p,q] (X, Y)
  || p -> C2 [p,q] (X, Y)
end
```

# 7. Subclasses, extensions, alternatives

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## 7.1. Subclasses

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Open time intervals

Inhibitor arcs, read arcs, flush arcs

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Stopwatches

High level notations – Time transition systems

## 7.3. Other models for real-time systems

The variety of TPN's

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# The variety of TPNs

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## Intervals on transitions (TPNs)

Oldest, and most widely used

Established convenient analysis methods, tools available

Good expressiveness

Extensions available (priorities, stopwatches)

## Intervals on places (p-TPNs)

Tokens have age of creation attached

Places bear intervals, filtering tokens according to their age

## Intervals on arcs (Timed arcs TPNs)

Tokens have age of creation attached

Arcs from places bear intervals, filtering tokens according to age

More expressive than above both

Some relative expressiveness results can be found in [BR06]

# Timed Automata

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## Timed Automata

Without progress conditions

With progress conditions (invariants, urgency, etc)

Extensions available (priorities, stopwatches, linear hybrid, etc)

Widely used, extensively studied, tools available [Uppaal, Kronos, Hytech]

## Same semantic model (timed transition systems)

TPN to TA translators available [Romeo]

Analyzing TPNs by translation into TAs

Adapting TA methods to TPNs (e.g. TCTL model checking)

## Expressiveness

In terms of language acceptance:  $TA = TPN$

In terms of weak timed bisimilarity:  $TA > TPN$

But  $TA + \{\leq, \wedge\} < PrTPN$

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## 8.1. Application areas

Communication protocols (Merlin)

Embedded software systems

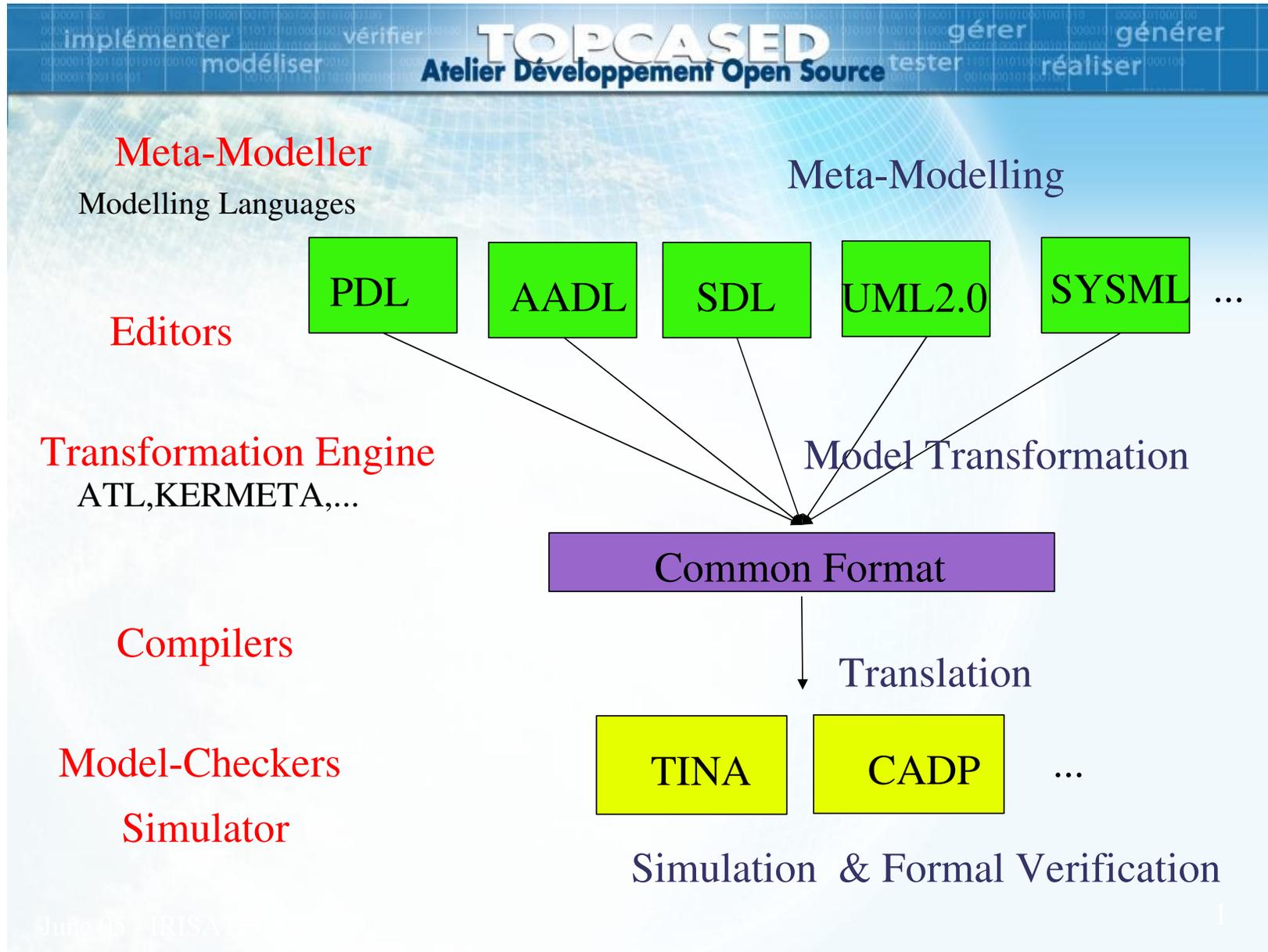
Hardware systems

## 8.2. Tools

Some tools using state classes

The TINA toolbox

# Topcased Project



## Some tools (state class based)

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Tina, <http://www.laas.fr/tina>

Oris, <http://www.stlab.dsi.unifi.it/oris>

Romeo, <http://romeo.rts-software.org>

# TINA (TIme petri Net Analyzer)

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## Handles

- Time Petri Nets (+ read arcs, inhibitor arcs, open intervals)
- + Priorities (Priority TPNs)
- + Data (Time Transition Systems)
- + Suspension/Resumption (Stopwatch TPNs)
- + High level notations (Fiacre language, forthcoming)

# State space abstractions

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## Exact state spaces

When possible . . .

## Managing combinatorial explosion

Partial order methods (Covering steps, Stubborn/Persistent sets)

## Handling time constraints

Finite abstractions by State Class methods

## Handling Suspension/Resumption

State reachability undecidable  $\Rightarrow$  geometric overapproximations

## Handling Data

High level description languages  $\Rightarrow$  discrete overapproximations

# Main components

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## **tina** (Time petri Net Analyzer)

Input nets in graphical or textual form

Builds behavior abstractions, Preserving some classes of properties

Output in verbose form or for popular transition system analyzers

## **nd**

Graphic and textual editor

Of Time Petri Net or Transition Systems

Drawing, printing functions

Interfaced with tina tool and selt model-checker

## **struct, plan, setl, muse, ktzio, ndrio, ...**

Structural analysis, path analysis, SE-LTL model-checker, converters ...

# nd

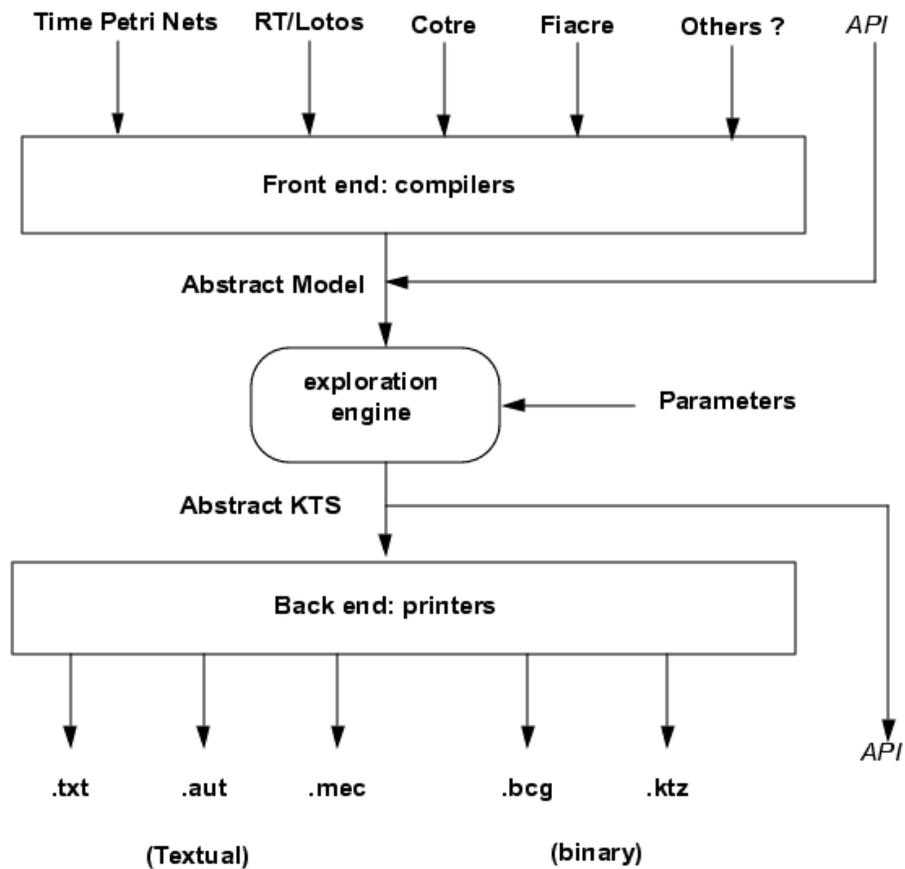
The screenshot displays the 'nd' software interface, which is used for editing Petri nets. It is divided into four main panels:

- nd controls:** A sidebar containing various tools for creating and editing edges (straight/curved), redrawing edges (like new/keep rays), and other functions like clear, load, save, print, etc.
- ifip.ndr:** A high-level Petri net diagram with places p1, p2, p3, p4, p5 and transitions t1, t2, t3, t4, t5. Place p1 contains one token. Edges are labeled with numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
- ifip-tina-w.txt:** A text-based description of the Petri net, showing two classes of places and their associated transitions and domains.
- ifip.adr:** A detailed Petri net diagram with 12 places (0-11) and 5 transitions (t1-t5), showing the internal structure and token distribution.

```
bounded
12 classe(s), 29 transition(s)
CLASSES:
class 0
  marking
  p1 p2*2
  domain
  4 <= t1 <= 9
class 1
  marking
  p3 p4 p5
  domain
  0 <= t2 <= 2
  1 <= t3 <= 3
  0 <= t4 <= 2
  0 <= t5 <= 3
```

# tina – exploration module

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# Untimed constructions

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## **Covering graphs** (Karp/Miller)

Detection of unbounded places, several heuristics

## **Marking graphs** (Classical constructions)

Various stopping conditions

Liveness analysis

## **Partial order constructions** (Classical constructions)

Covering steps

Stubborn sets

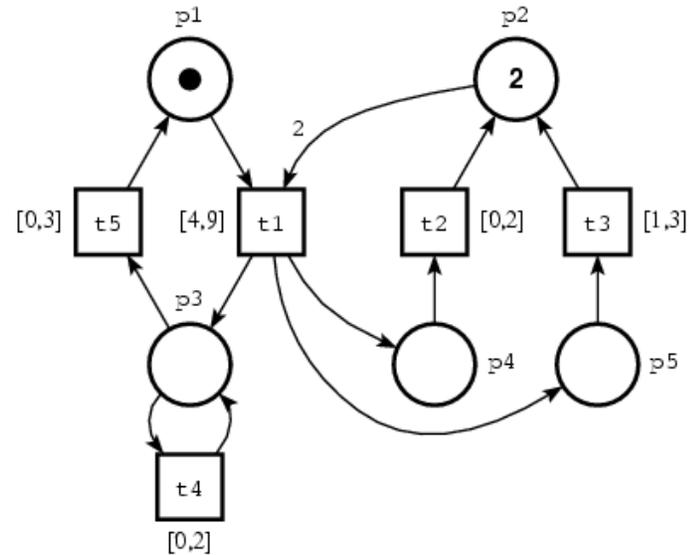
Stubborn steps

# KTS, example

## Marking graph

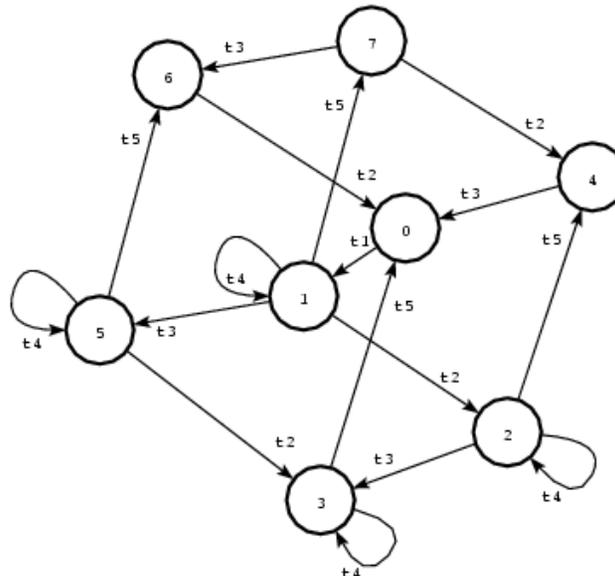
MARKINGS:

- 0 : p1 p2\*2
- 1 : p3 p4 p5
- 2 : p2 p3 p5
- 3 : p2\*2 p3
- 4 : p1 p2 p5
- 5 : p2 p3 p4
- 6 : p1 p2 p4
- 7 : p1 p4 p5



REACHABILITY GRAPH:

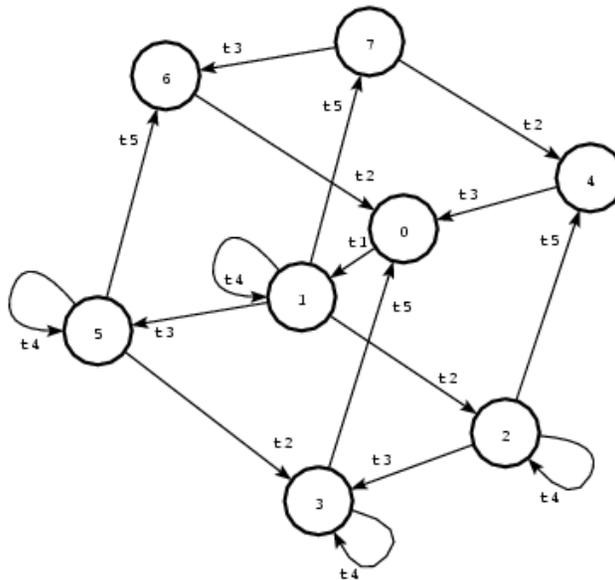
- 0 -> t1/1
- 1 -> t2/2, t3/5, t4/1,
- 2 -> t3/3, t4/2, t5/4
- 3 -> t4/3, t5/0
- 4 -> t3/0
- 5 -> t2/3, t4/5, t5/6
- 6 -> t2/0
- 7 -> t2/4, t3/6



# Or in CADP format

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```
des(0,17,8)
(0, "t1", 1)
(1, "t2", 2)
(1, "t3", 5)
(1, "t4", 1)
(1, "t5", 7)
(2, "t3", 3)
(2, "t4", 2)
(2, "t5", 4)
(3, "t4", 3)
(3, "t5", 0)
(4, "t3", 0)
(5, "t2", 3)
(5, "t4", 5)
(5, "t5", 6)
(6, "t2", 0)
(7, "t2", 4)
(7, "t3", 6)
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# Or in binary formats

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Compact storage and exchange formats

**BCG** (CADP Toolbox, INRIA Grenoble)

Access to CADP tools

**KTZ** (Compressed Kripke Transition Systems)

State AND transition properties

e.g. packs 135000 states and 450000 transitions into 1Mb

# Timed constructions

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## State class graphs

Preserving markings ( $SCG_{\subseteq}$ )

Preserving markings and  $LTL$  properties ( $SCG$ )

Multi-enabledness  $SCG$

Preserving states ( $SSCG_{\subseteq}$ )

Preserving states and  $LTL$  properties ( $SSCG$ )

Preserving  $CTL^*$  properties ( $ASCG$ )

# Model checking

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Native *State/Event* – *LTl* model checker (`se1t`)

Exports to external equivalence or model checkers (CADP, MEC)

Path analysis by the `plan` tool

In progress:

More native model-checkers ( $\mu$ -calculus, MITL, ...)

Parallel model checkers, for very large state spaces

High level descriptions (Fiacre)

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