

# Lecture 5

## Deductive Verification of Control Protocols

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### Outline

- Brief review: where we are at in the course so far
- Barrier certificates and verification of hybrid control systems
- Verification of async control protocols for multi-agent, cooperative control

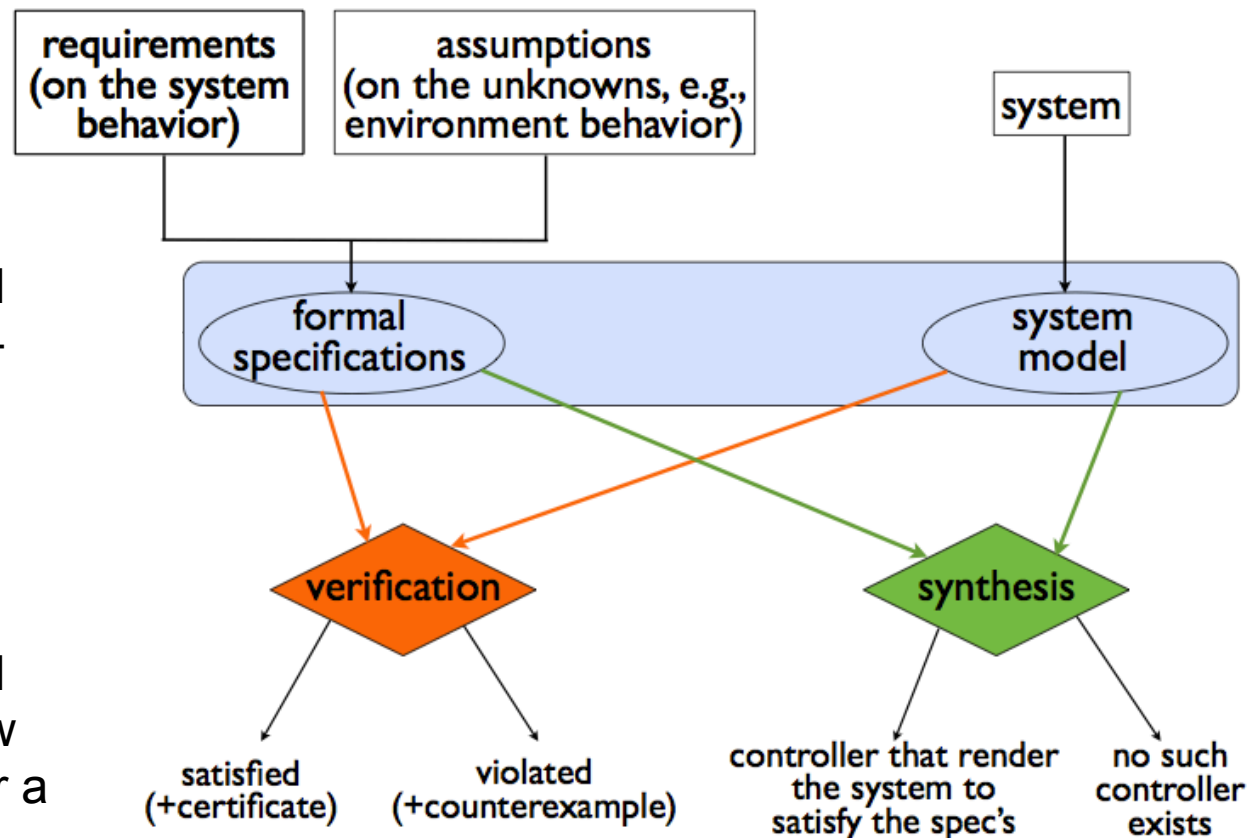
# Formal Methods for System Verification

## Specification using LTL

- Linear temporal logic (LTL) is a math'l language for describing linear-time prop's
- Provides a particularly useful set of operators for constructing LT properties without specifying sets

## Methods for verifying an LTL specification

- *Theorem proving*: use formal logical manipulations to show that a property is satisfied for a given system model
- *Model checking*: explicitly check all possible executions of a system model and verify that each of them satisfies the formal specification
  - Roughly like trying to prove stability by simulating every initial condition
  - Works because discrete transition systems have finite number of states
  - Very good tools now exist for doing this efficiently (SPIN, nuSMV, etc)



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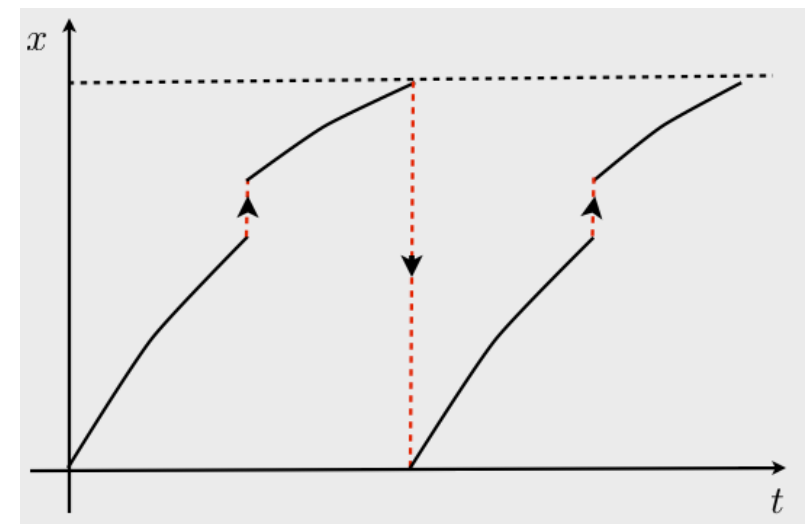
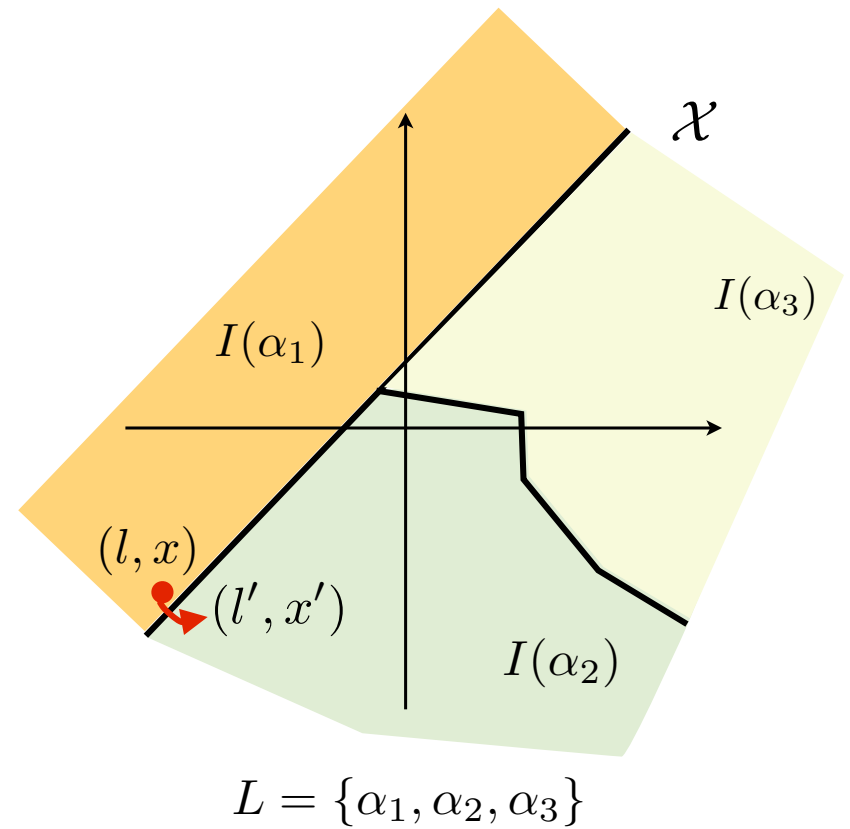
$$j_k \in \mathcal{N}^i \quad m_i = |\mathcal{N}^i|$$

- Similar structure for role update

# A (simple) hybrid system model

Hybrid system:  $H = (\mathcal{X}, L, X_0, I, F, T)$  with

- $\mathcal{X}$ , continuous state space;
- $L$ , finite set of locations (modes);
- Overall state space  $X = \mathcal{X} \times L$ ;
- $X_0 \subseteq X$ , set of initial states;
- $I : L \rightarrow 2^{\mathcal{X}}$ , *invariant* that maps  $l \in L$  to the set of possible continuous states while in location  $l$ ;
- $F : X \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}^n}$ , set of vector fields, i.e.,  $\dot{x} \in F(l, x)$ ;
- $T \subseteq X \times X$ , relation capturing discrete transitions between locations.



# Specifications

**Given:**  $H = (\mathcal{X}, L, X_0, I, F, T)$

Solution at time  $t$  with the initial condition  $x_0 \in \mathcal{X}_0$ :  $\phi(t; x_0)$

- With the simple model  $H$ , specifying the initial state also specifies the initial mode.

## Sample temporal properties:

- Stability: Given equilibrium  $x_e \in \mathcal{X}$ , for all  $x_0 \in \mathcal{X}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ ,

$$\phi(t; x_0) \in \mathcal{X}, \forall t \text{ and } \phi(t; x_0) \rightarrow x_e, t \rightarrow \infty$$

- Safety: Given  $\mathcal{X}_{unsafe} \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ , safety property holds if there exists no  $t_{unsafe}$  and trajectory with initial condition  $x_0 \in \mathcal{X}_0$ ,

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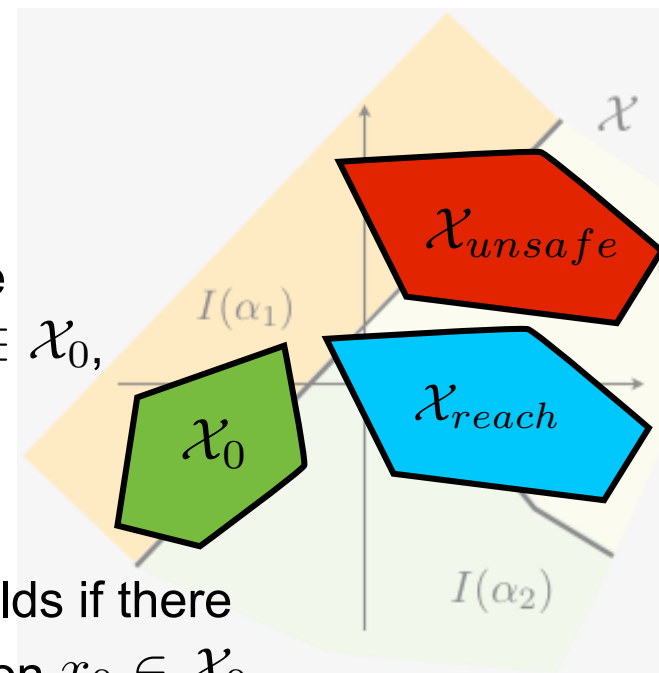
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- Reachability: Given  $\mathcal{X}_{reach} \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ , reachability property holds if there exists finite  $t_{reach} \geq 0$  and a trajectory with initial condition  $x_0 \in \mathcal{X}_0$ ,

$$\phi(t_{reach}; x_0) \in \mathcal{X}_{reach} \text{ and } \phi(t; x_0) \in \mathcal{X}, \forall t \in [0, t_{reach}]$$

- Eventuality: reachable from every initial condition

- Combinations of the above, e.g., starting in  $X_A$ , reach both  $X_B$  and  $X_C$ , but  $X_B$  will not be reached before  $X_C$  is reached while staying safe.



# Verification of hybrid systems: Overview

*Why not directly use model checking?*

- Model checking applied to finite transitions systems
- Exhaustively search for counterexamples....
  - if found, property does not hold.
  - if there is no counterexample in all possible executions, the property is verified.

*Exhaustive search is not possible over continuous state spaces.*

## Approaches for hybrid system verification:

1. Construct finite-state approximations and apply model checking

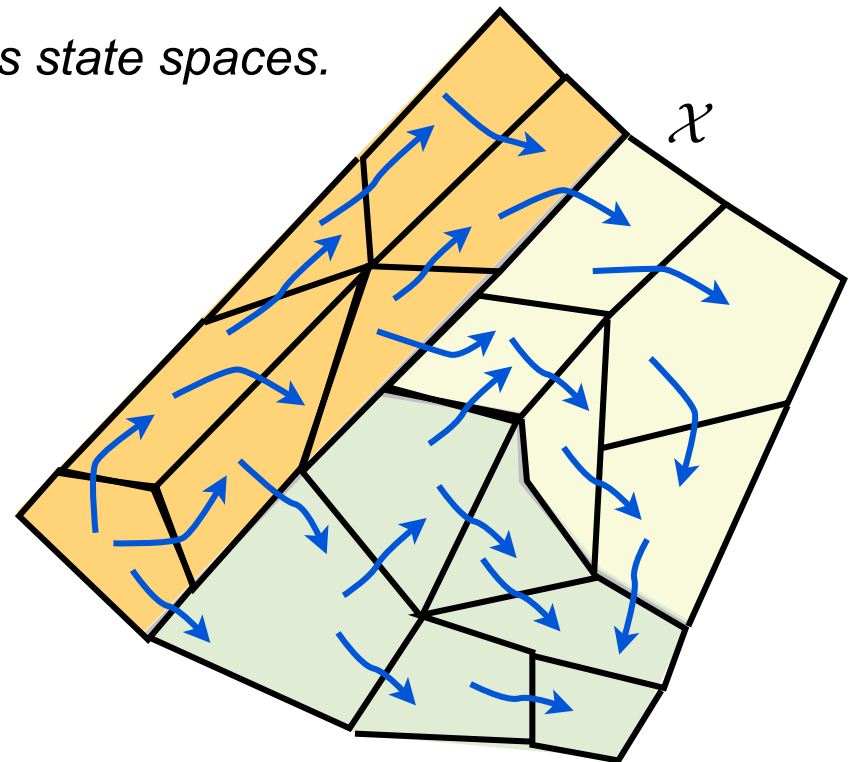
- Preserve the meaning of the properties, i.e., proposition preserving partitions
- Use “over”- or “under”-approximations

2. Deductive verification

- Construct Lyapunov-type certificates
- Account for the discrete jumps in the construction of the certificate

3. Explicitly construct the set of reachable states

- Limited classes of temporal properties (e.g., reachability and safety)
- Not covered in this lecture



# What does deductive verification mean?

## Example with continuous, nonlinear dynamics:

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t))$$

where  $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $x = 0$  is an asymptotically stable equilibrium.

Region-of-attraction:  $\mathcal{R} := \left\{ x : \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \phi(t; x) = 0 \right\}$

### Question 1 (a system analysis question):

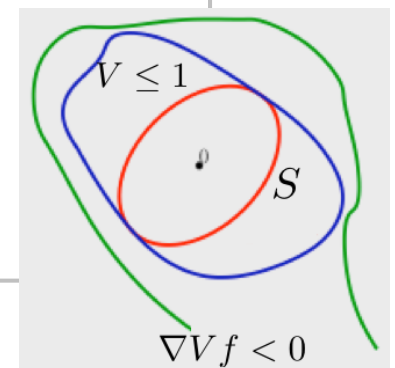
Given  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , is  $S$  invariant and  $S \subseteq \mathcal{R}$ ?

the question we want to answer  
the question we attempt to answer

### Question 2 (an algebraic question):

Does there exist a continuously differentiable function  $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

- $V$  is positive definite,
- $V(0) = 0$ ,
- $\Omega := \{x : V(x) \leq 1\} \subset \{x : \nabla V \cdot f(x) < 0\} \cup \{0\}$
- $S \subseteq \Omega$ ?



**Yes to Question 2  $\rightarrow$  Yes to Question 1.**

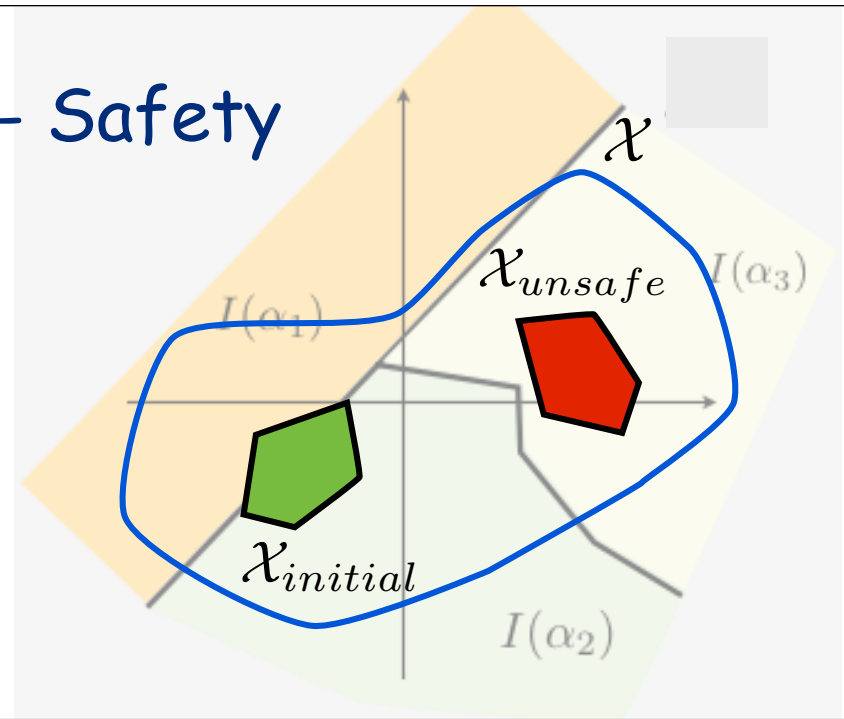
# Barrier Certificates - Safety

Safety property holds if there exists no  $T \geq 0$  and trajectory such that:

$$x = \phi(0; x) \in \mathcal{X}_{initial}$$

$$\phi(T; x) \in \mathcal{X}_{unsafe}$$

$$\phi(t; x) \in \mathcal{X} \quad \forall t \in [0, T].$$



## Continuous dynamics:

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t))$$

Suppose there exists a differentiable function  $B$  such that

$$B(x) \leq 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}_{initial}$$

$$B(x) > 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}_{unsafe}$$

$$\frac{\partial B}{\partial x} f(x) \leq 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}.$$

Then, the safety property holds.

## Hybrid dynamics:

$$H = (\mathcal{X}, L, X_0, I, F, \mathcal{T})$$

Suppose there exist differentiable functions  $B_l$  (for each mode) such that

$$B_l(x) \leq 0, \quad \forall x \in I(l) \cap \mathcal{X}_{initial}$$

$$B_l(x) > 0, \quad \forall x \in I(l) \cap \mathcal{X}_{unsafe}$$

$$\frac{\partial B_l}{\partial x} F(x) \leq 0, \quad \forall x \in I(l)$$

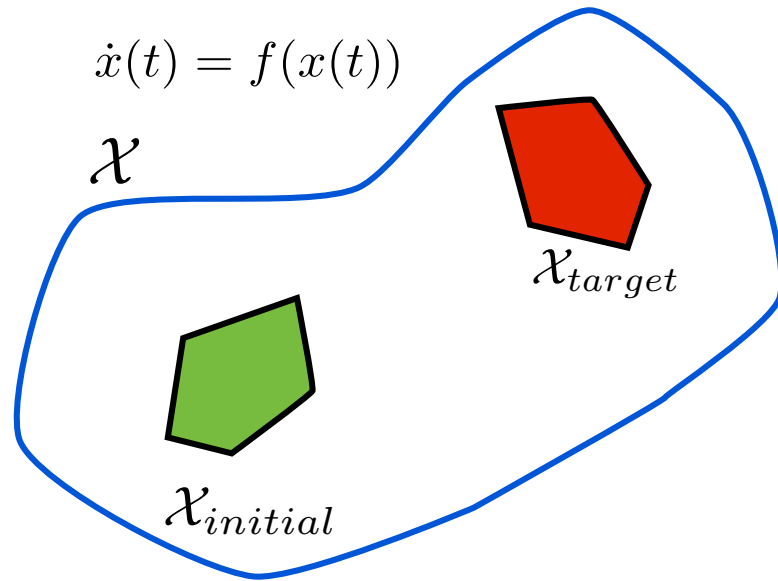
$$B_{l'}(x') - B_l(x) \leq 0, \quad \text{for each jump } (l, x) \rightarrow (l', x')$$

Then, the safety property holds.



# Barrier Certificates - Eventuality

Don't quite understand conditions



Eventuality property holds if for

$x_0 \in \mathcal{X}_{initial}$ ,

$\phi(T; x_0) \in \mathcal{X}_{target}$

$\phi(t; x_0) \in \mathcal{X}, \forall t \in [0, T]$

for some non-negative  $T$ .

notation: set closure

$\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}_{target}, \mathcal{X}_{initial}$  are bounded

Suppose that  $f$  is continuously differentiable and there exists a continuously differentiable function  $B$  such that

$$B(x) \leq 0, \forall x \in \mathcal{X}_{initial}$$

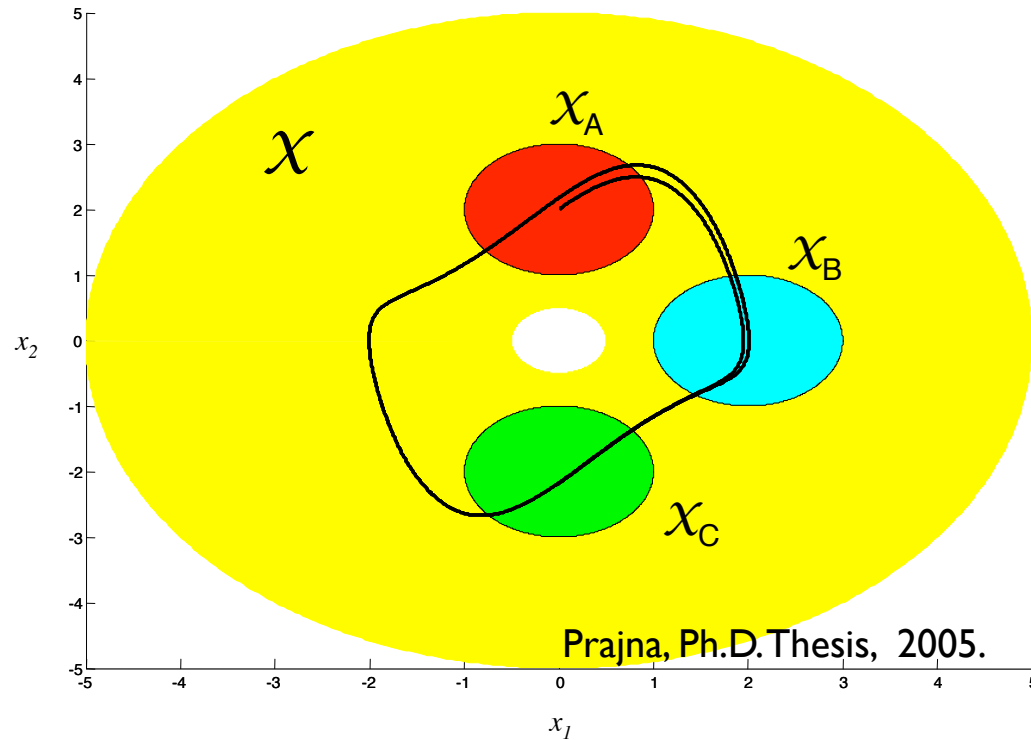
don't leave  $\mathcal{X}$  before reaching  $\mathcal{X}_{target}$   $\longrightarrow B(x) > 0, \forall x \in \overline{\partial\mathcal{X} \setminus \partial\mathcal{X}_{target}}$

leave  $\mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{X}_{target}$  in finite time  $\longrightarrow \frac{\partial B}{\partial x}(x) \cdot f(x) < 0, \forall x \in \overline{\mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{X}_{target}}$

Then, the eventuality property holds.

- Straightforward extensions for hybrid dynamics as in safety verification are possible.

# Composing Barrier Certificates



If system starts in  $\mathcal{X}_A$ , then both  $\mathcal{X}_B$  and  $\mathcal{X}_C$  are reached in finite time, but  $\mathcal{X}_C$  will not be reached before system reaches  $\mathcal{X}_B$ .

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} B_1(x) \leq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}_A, \\ B_1(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \in \partial\mathcal{X} \cup \mathcal{X}_C, \\ \frac{\partial B_1}{\partial x}(x) f(x, d) \leq -\epsilon \quad \forall (x, d) \in (\mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{X}_B) \times \mathcal{D}, \end{array} \right.$$

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incorporating  
disturbances and  
uncertainties

# Constructing Barrier Certificates

## Step 1: System properties $\rightarrow$ algebraic conditions

- Lyapunov functions, barrier certificates, dissipation inequalities



Problem-  
dependent

## Step 2: Algebraic conditions $\rightarrow$ numerical optimization

- Restrict attention to polynomial vector fields, polynomial certificates
- S-procedure like conditions for set containment constraints
- Sum-of-square (SOS) relaxations for polynomial non-negativity
- Convert to semi-definite programming (SDP) problems

## Step 3: Solve resulting set of SDPs

- Often in the form of linear matrix inequalities (LMIs)

## Step 4: Construct polynomial certificates based on SDP solutions



Generally  
taken care of  
by software  
packages.

## This lecture (brief overview only):

- Positive semidefinite polynomials and sum-of-squares (SOS) programming
- Set containment conditions and S-procedure

# Positive semidefinite polynomials

$\mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  or  $\mathbb{R}[x]$  denotes the set of polynomials (with real coefficients) in the variables  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ .

- ▶  $p \in \mathbb{R}[x]$  is positive semi-definite (PSD) if  $p(x) \geq 0 \forall x$ . The set of PSD polynomials in  $n$  variables  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  will be denoted  $\mathcal{P}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  or  $\mathcal{P}[x]$ .
- ▶ Testing if  $p \in \mathcal{P}[x]$  is NP-hard when the polynomial degree is at least four.

Reference: Parrilo, P., *Structured Semidefinite Programs and Semialgebraic Geometry Methods in Robustness and Optimization*, Ph.D. thesis, California Institute of Technology, 2000. (Chapter 4 of this thesis and the reference contained therein summarize the computational issues associated with verifying global non-negativity of functions.)

# Sum-of-Squares Polynomials

$p$  is a sum of squares (SOS) if there exist polynomials  $\{f_i\}_{i=1}^N$  such that  $p = \sum_{i=1}^N f_i^2$ .

The set of SOS polynomials in  $n$  variables  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  will be denoted  $\Sigma[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  or  $\Sigma[x]$ .

If  $p$  is a SOS then  $p$  is PSD.

For every polynomial  $p$  of degree  $2d$ , there exists a symmetric matrix  $Q$  such that

$$p(x) = z(x)^T Q z(x)$$

with

$$z(x) := [1, x_1, \dots, x_n, x_1^2, x_1 x_2, \dots, x_n^2, \dots, x_n^d]^T$$

$p$  is SOS if and only if there exists  $Q \succeq 0$  s.t.  $p(x) = z(x)^T Q z(x)$

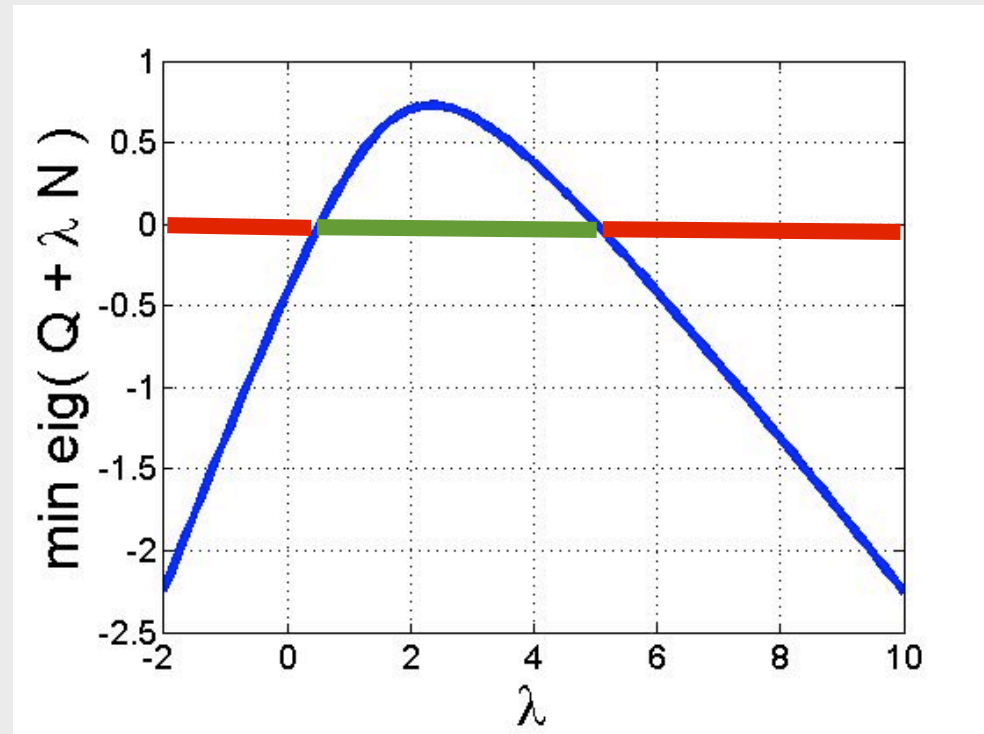
## SOS example

All possible Gram matrix representations of

$$p(x) = 2x_1^4 + 2x_1^3x_2 - x_1^2x_2^2 + 5x_2^4$$

are given by  $z^T (Q + \lambda N) z$  where:

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 \\ x_1x_2 \\ x_2^2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad Q = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -0.5 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.5 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad N = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -0.5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -0.5 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$p$  is SOS iff

$$Q + \lambda N \succeq 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{LMI}$$

for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

# SOS programming

SOS Programming: Given  $c \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and polynomials  $\{f_{j,k}\}_{j=1}^{N_s} \quad m_{k=0}$ , solve:

$$\min_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^m} c^T \alpha$$

subject to:

$$f_{1,0}(x) + f_{1,1}(x)\alpha_1 + \cdots + f_{1,m}(x)\alpha_m \in \Sigma[x]$$

$$\vdots$$

$$f_{N_s,0}(x) + f_{N_s,1}(x)\alpha_1 + \cdots + f_{N_s,m}(x)\alpha_m \in \Sigma[x]$$

There is freely available software (e.g. SOSTOOLS, YALMIP, SOSOPT) that:

1. Converts the SOS program to an SDP
2. Solves the SDP with available SDP codes (e.g. Sedumi)
3. Converts the SDP results back into polynomial solutions

# Set containment conditions

Given polynomials  $g_1$  and  $g_2$ , define sets  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ :

$$S_1 := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : g_1(x) \leq 0\}$$

$$S_2 := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : g_2(x) \leq 0\}$$

Is  $S_2 \subseteq S_1$ ?

Polynomial S-procedure

$$\exists \lambda \in \Sigma[x] \text{ s.t. } -g_1(x) + \lambda(x)g_2(x) \in \Sigma[x]$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\exists \lambda \text{ positive semidefinite polynomial s.t. } -g_1(x) + \lambda(x)g_2(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\{x : g_2(x) \leq 0\} \subseteq \{x : g_1(x) \leq 0\}$$

**Example:**  $B(x) \leq 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}_{initial}$

Suppose  $\mathcal{X}_{initial} = \{x : g(x) \leq 0\}$  for some  $g$

**Sufficient condition:** There exists positive semidefinite function  $s$  such that

$$-B(x) + s(x)g(x) = -B(x) - s(x)(-g(x)) \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$



# Global stability theorem

Theorem: Let  $l_1, l_2 \in \mathbb{R}[x]$  satisfy  $l_i(0) = 0$  and  $l_i(x) > 0 \forall x \neq 0$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . If there exists  $V \in \mathbb{R}[x]$  such that:

▶  $V(0) = 0$

▶  $V - l_1 \in \Sigma[x]$

▶  $-\nabla V \cdot f - l_2 \in \Sigma[x]$

$V$  is positive definite,  
radially unbounded

$V$  is decreasing along  
the vector field

Then  $\mathcal{R}_0 = \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Reference: Vidyasagar, M., *Nonlinear Systems Analysis*, SIAM, 2002.

(Refer to Section 5.3 for theorems on Lyapunov's direct method.)

# Global stability examples with sosopt

```
% Code from Parrilo1_GlobalStabilityWithVec.m
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% Create vector field for dynamics
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```
pvar x1 x2;  
x = [x1;x2];  
x1dot = -x1 - 2*x2^2;  
x2dot = -x2 - x1*x2 - 2*x2^3;  
xdot = [x1dot; x2dot];
```

```
% Use sosopt to find a Lyapunov function  
% that proves  $x = 0$  is GAS
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```
% Define decision variable for quadratic  
% Lyapunov function
```

```
zV = monomials(x,2);  
V = polydecvar('c',zV,'vec');
```

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% Constraint 1 :  $V(x) - L1$  \in SOS
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L1 = 1e-6 * ( x1^2 + x2^2 );  
sosconstr{1} = V - L1;
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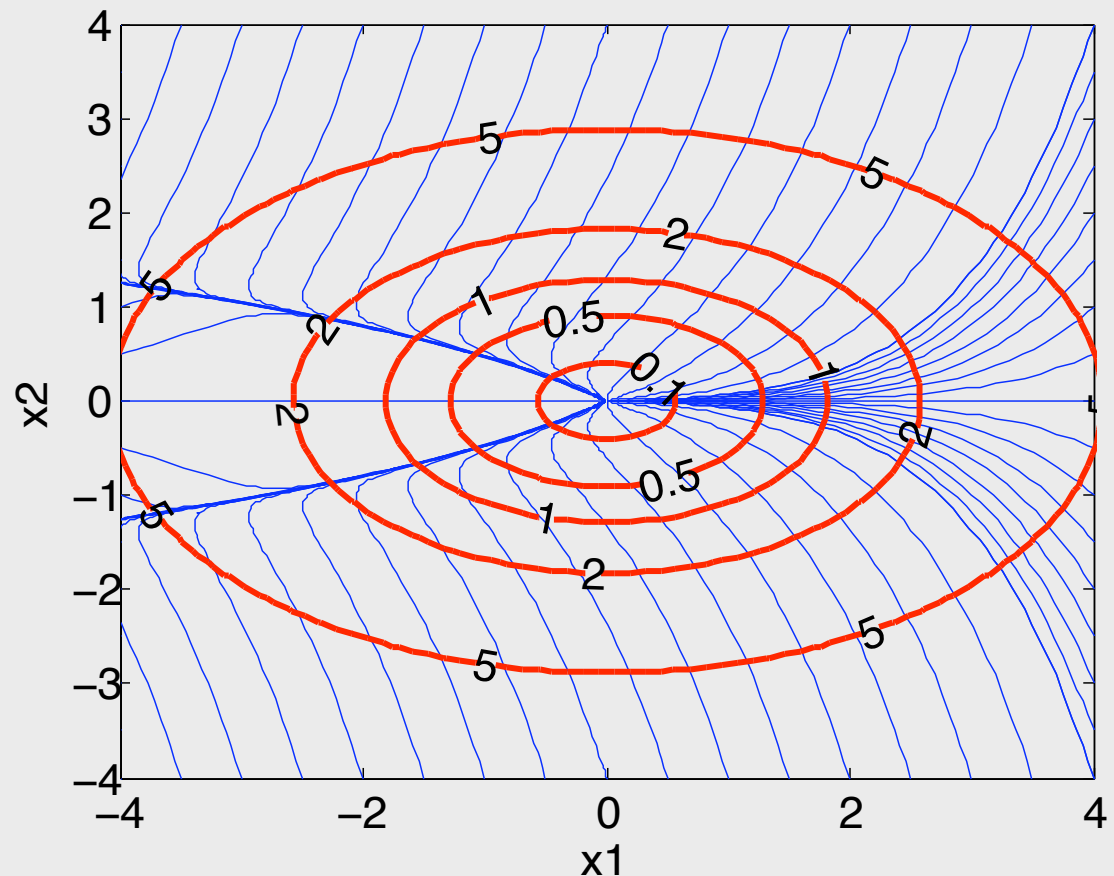
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% Constraint 2:  $-Vdot - L2$  \in SOS
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L2 = 1e-6 * ( x1^2 + x2^2 );  
Vdot = jacobian(V,x)*xdot;  
sosconstr{2} = -Vdot - L2;
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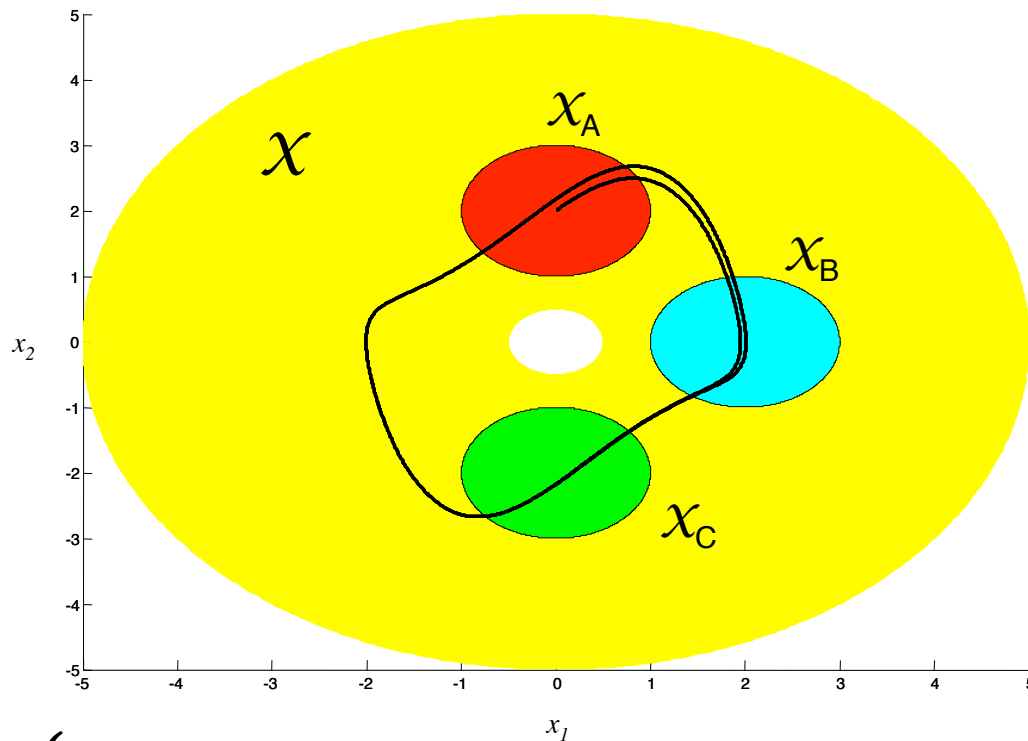
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% Solve with feasibility problem
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[info,dopt,sossol] = sosopt(sosconstr,x);  
Vsol = subs(V,dopt)  
Vsol =
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0.30089*x1^2 + 1.8228e-017*x1*x2 + 0.6018*x2^2
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# Solving Hybrid Verification Problems using SOS



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- Describe all sets using polynomials
  - $\mathcal{X}_A = \{x : g_1(x) \leq 0\}$
- Use S procedure to convert set containment problems into polynomial inequalities
- Use SOS tools to search for coefficients of basis polynomials that give basis functions and multipliers

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## Decentralized strategy

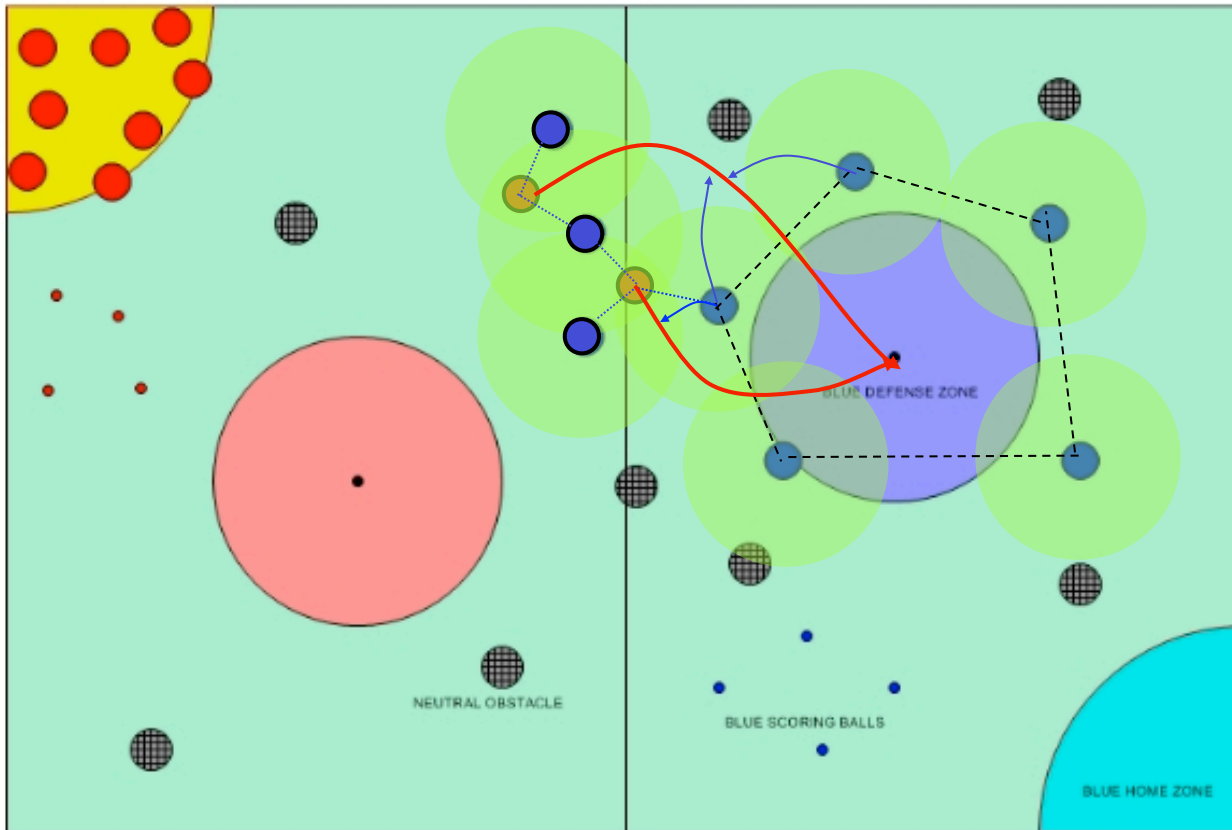
$$u^i(x, \alpha) = u^i(x^i, \alpha^i, y^{-i}, \alpha^{-i})$$

$$y^{-i} = \{y^{j_1}, \dots, y^{j_{m_i}}\}$$

$$j_k \in \mathcal{N}^i \quad m_i = |\mathcal{N}^i|$$

- Similar structure for role update

# RoboFlag Subproblems



## 1. Formation control

- Maintain positions to guard defense zone

## 2. Distributed estimation

- Fuse sensor data to determine opponent location

## 3. Distributed assignment

- Assign individuals to tag incoming vehicles

## Desirable features for designing and verifying distributed protocols

- Controls: stability, performance, robustness
- Computer science: safety, fairness, liveness
- Real-world: delays, asynchronous executions, (information loss)

# Distributed Decision Making: RoboFlag Drill

## Task description

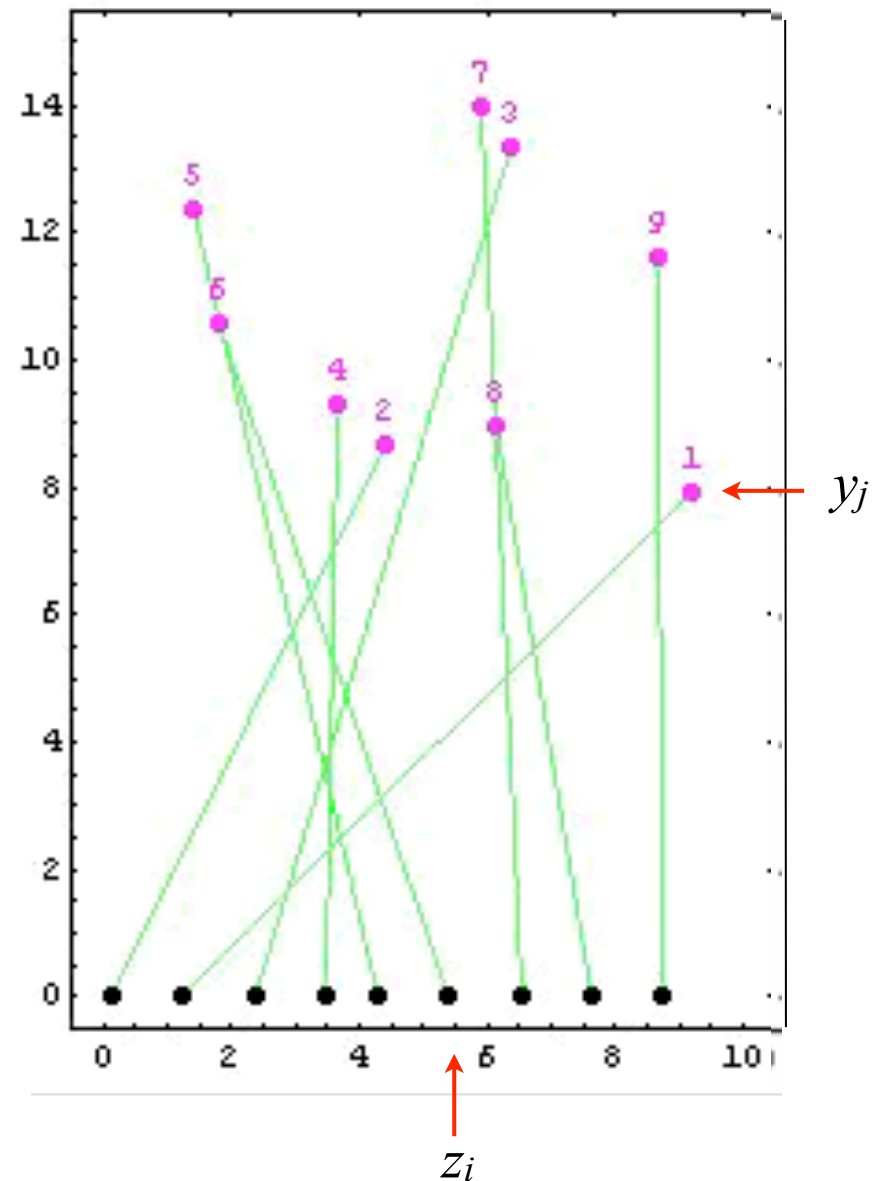
- Incoming robots should be blocked by defending robots
- Incoming robots are assigned randomly to whoever is free
- Defending robots must move to block, but cannot run into or cross over others
- Allow robots to communicate with left and right neighbors and switch assignments

## Goals

- Would like a provably correct, distributed protocol for solving this problem
- Should (eventually) allow for lost data, incomplete information

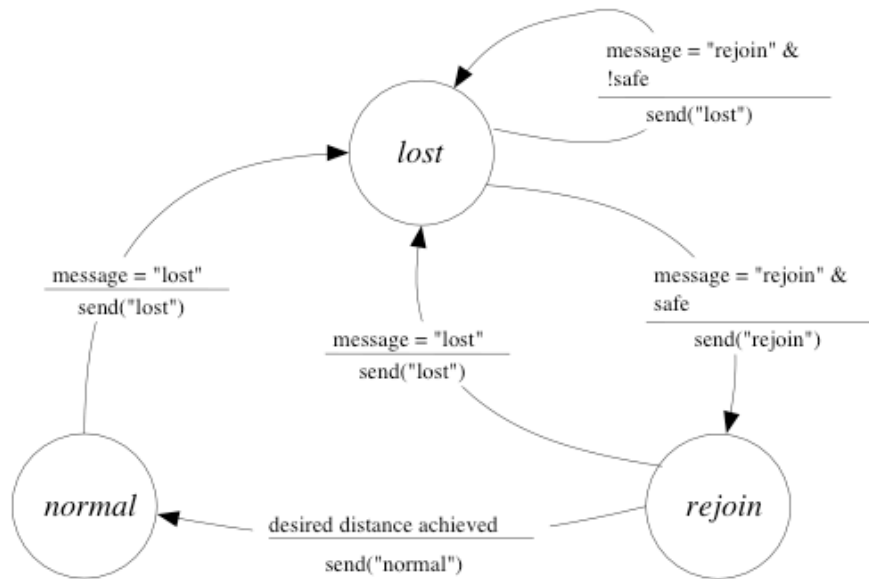
## Questions

- How do we describe task in terms of LTL?
- Given a protocol, how do we prove specs?
- How do we design the protocol given specs?





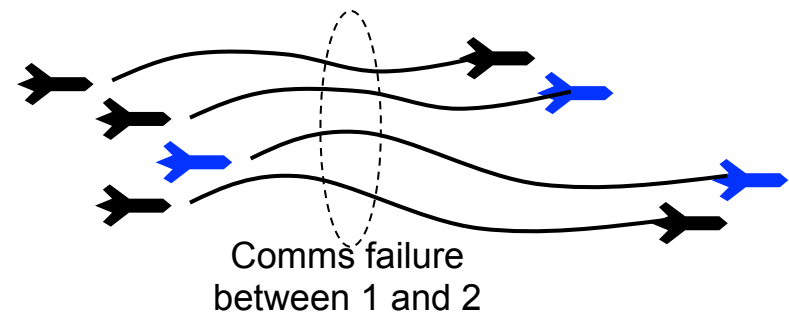
# Lost Wingman Protocol Verification



## Protocol specification in CCL

- Use guarded commands to implement finite state automaton
- Allows reasoning about controlled performance using semi-automated theorem proving
- Relies on Lyapunov certificates to provide information about controlled system

## Lost wingman in fingertip formation



## Temporal logic specification

$$\Psi_l \triangleq mode = lost \rightsquigarrow \Box d(\mathbf{x}_l, \mathbf{x}_f) > d_{sep}$$

- “Lost mode leads to the distance between the aircraft always being larger than  $d_{sep}$ ”





# CCL: Computation and Control Language

Formal Language for Provably Correct Control Protocols



$$P(k_1, k_2) := \{$$

initializers

guard<sub>1</sub>:rule<sub>1</sub>

guard<sub>2</sub>:rule<sub>2</sub>

...

$$\}$$

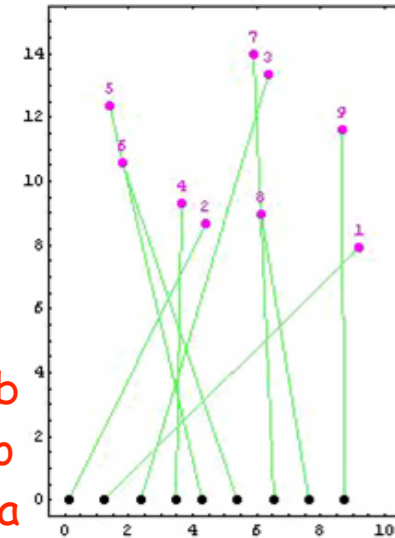
"soup" of  
guarded commands

composition = union

non-shared variab  
remain local to  
component progra

$$S(k_1, k_2) := P(k_1, k_2) + C(k_1 + 1)$$

sharing  $y, u$



*CCL Protocol for  
Decentralized  
Target Allocation*

## CCL Interpreter

Formal programming language for control and computation. Interfaces with libraries in other languages.

## Formal Results

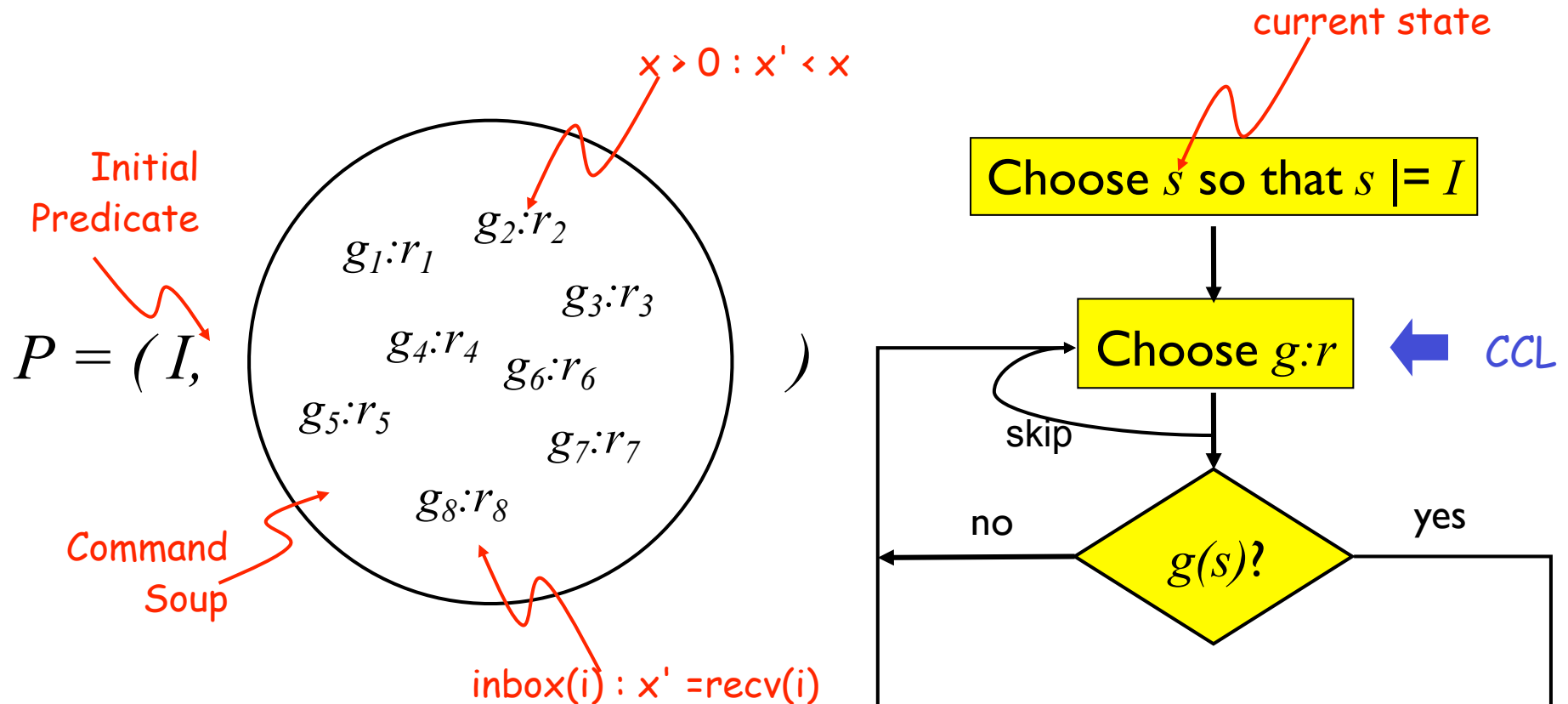
Formal semantics in transition systems and temporal logic. *RoboFlag* drill formalized and basic algorithms verified.

## Automated Verification

CCL encoded in the *Isabelle* theorem prover; basic specs verified semi-automatically. Investigating various model checking tools.



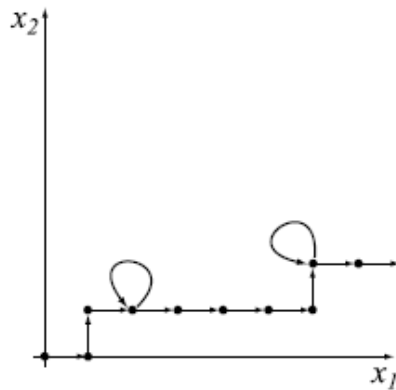
# Guarded Command Programs



- Non-deterministic execution schedule models concurrency
- Easy to reason about programs
- Guarded commands = update functions

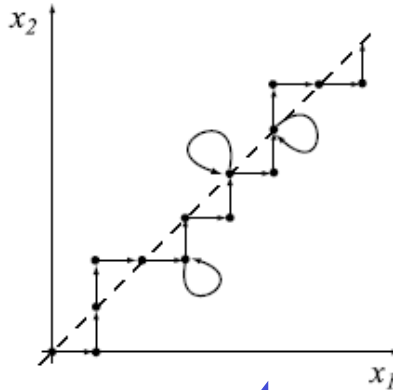
Any sequence of states produced by this process is a possible behavior of the system. We want to reason about them all.

# Scheduling and Composition



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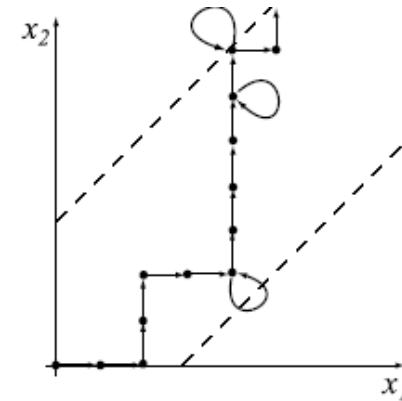
Each command must be executed infinitely often.



## EPOCH

Each command is executed before any are again.

CCL



## SYNCH( $\tau$ )

In any interval, the difference in the number of times any two commands are executed is  $\leq \tau$ .

$P(i)$	
Initial	$x_i = 0$
Commands	$true : x'_i = x_i + 1$

Program composition:

$$(I_1, C_1) + (I_2, C_2) = (I_1 \wedge I_2, C_1 \cup C_2)$$

$$Q = P(1) + P(2)$$

Thm:  $SYNCH(1) \subseteq EPOCH \subseteq SYNCH(2) \subseteq SYNCH(3) \subseteq \dots \subseteq UNITY$ .

# An Example CCL Program

```
include standard.ccl
```

```
program plant ( a, b, x0, delta ) := {  
  x := x0;  
  y := x;  
  u := 0.0;  
  true : {  
    x := x + delta * ( a * x + b * u ),  
    y := x,  
    print ( " x = ", x, "\n" )  
  };  
};
```

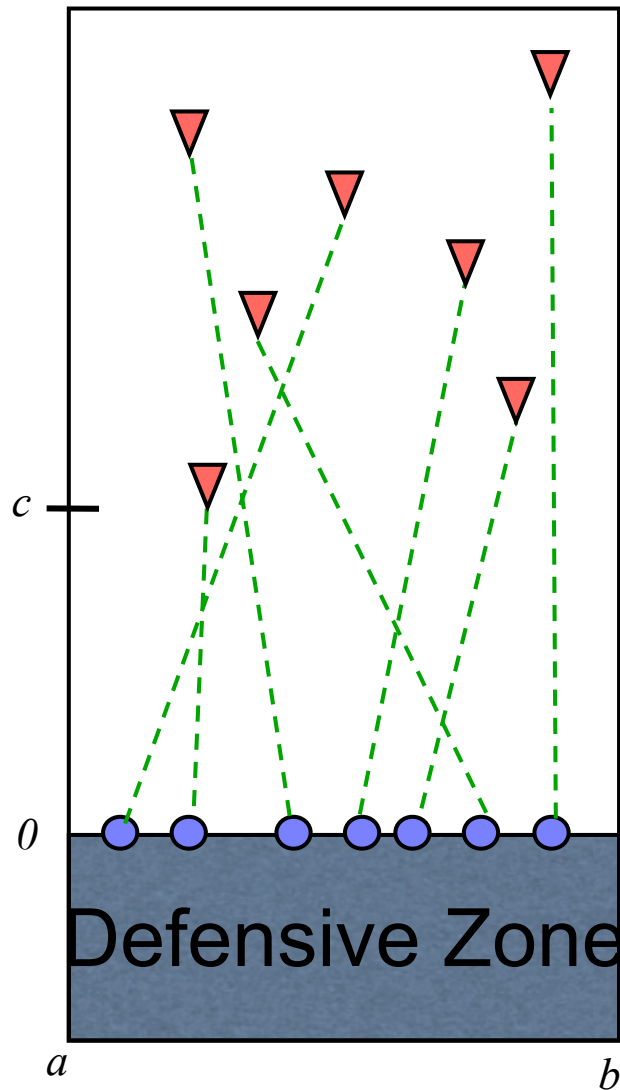
```
program control() := {  
  y := 0.0;  
  u := 0.0;  
  true : { u := -y };  
};
```

```
program sys ( a, b, x0 ) := plant ( a, b, x0, 0.1 ) +  
                             control ( 2*a/b ) sharing u, y;
```

```
exec sys ( 3.1, 0.75, 15.23 );
```

```
x = 3.216250  
x = 3.095641  
x = 2.979554  
x = 2.867821  
x = 2.760278  
x = 2.656767  
x = 2.557138  
x = 2.461246  
x = 2.368949  
x = 2.280113  
x = 2.194609  
x = 2.112311  
x = 2.033100  
x = 1.956858  
x = 1.883476  
x = 1.812846  
x = 1.744864  
x = 1.679432  
x = 1.616453  
...
```

# Example: RoboFlag Drill



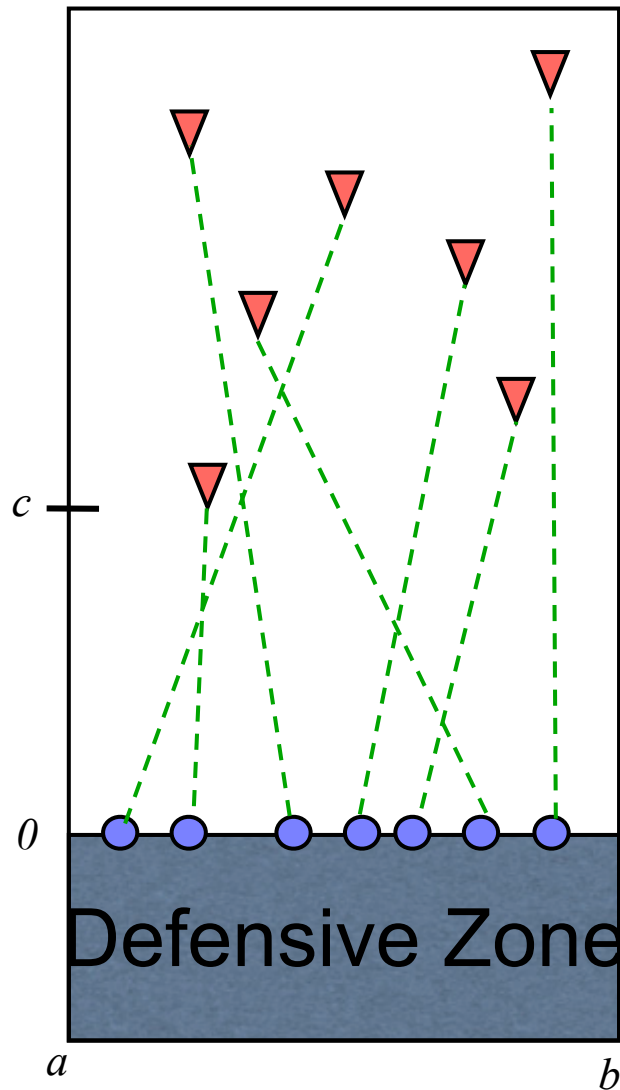
$Red(i)$	
Initial	$x_i \in [a, b] \wedge y_i > c$
Commands	$y_i > \delta : y'_i = y_i - \delta$
	$y_i \leq \delta : x'_i \in [a, b] \wedge y_i > c$

$$P_{Red}(n) = +_{i=1}^n Red(i)$$

$Blue(i)$	
Initial	$z_i \in [a, b] \wedge z_i < z_{i+1}$
Commands	$z_i < x_{\alpha(i)} \wedge z_i < z_{i+1} - \delta : z'_i = z_i + \delta$
	$z_i > x_{\alpha(i)} \wedge z_i > z_{i-1} + \delta : z'_i = z_i - \delta$

$$P_{Blue}(n) = +_{i=1}^n Blue(i)$$

# RoboFlag Control Protocol



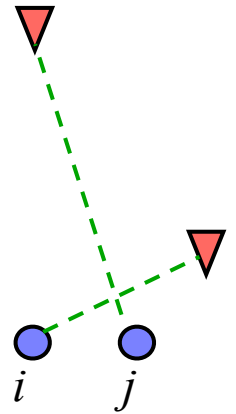
$$r(i, j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y_{\alpha(j)} < |z_i - x_{\alpha(j)}| \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\alpha(j)$  is too far down for  $i$  to get

$$\begin{aligned} \text{switch}(i, j) &= r(i, j) + r(j, i) < r(i, i) + r(j, j) \\ &\vee (r(i, j) + r(j, i) = r(i, i) + r(j, j) \\ &\quad \wedge x_{\alpha(i)} > x_{\alpha(j)}) \end{aligned}$$

$Proto(i)$	
Initial	$i \neq j \Rightarrow \alpha(i) \neq \alpha(j)$
Commands	$\text{switch}(i, i+1) : \alpha(i)' = \alpha(i+1)$ $\alpha(i+1)' = \alpha(i)$

$$P_{Proto}(n) = +_{i=1}^{n-1} Proto(i)$$



# CCL Program for Switching Assignments

```
program Blue ( i ) := {  
  
    red[alpha[i]][0] > blue[i] & blue[i] +  
delta < toplimit i : {  
        blue[i] := blue[i] + delta  
    }  
  
    red[alpha[i]][0] < blue[i] & blue[i] -  
delta > botlimit i : {  
        blue[i] := blue[i] - delta  
    }  
  
};
```

```
program Red ( i ) := {  
  
    red[i][1] > delta : {  
        red[i][1] := red[i][1] - delta  
    }  
  
    red[i][1] < delta : {  
        red[i] := { rrand 0 n, rrand lowerlimit  
n }  
    }  
  
};
```

```
fun r i j .  
    if red[alpha[j]][1] < abs ( blue[i] -  
red[alpha[j]][0] )  
        then 1  
        else 0  
    end;  
  
fun switch i j .  
    r i j + r j i < r i i + r j j  
    | ( r i j + r j i = r i i + r j j  
        & red[alpha[i]][0] > red[alpha[j]][0] );  
  
program ProtoPair ( i, j ) := {  
  
    temp := 0;  
  
    switch i j : {  
        temp := alpha[i],  
        alpha[i] := alpha[j],  
        alpha[j] := temp,  
    }  
  
};
```

# Properties for RoboFlag program

## Safety (Defenders do not collide)

$$z_i < z_{i+1} \text{ co } z_i < z_{i+1}$$

- skip  $\forall v . v' = v$  state remains unchanged
- $p \text{ co } q$   $\Box(p \rightarrow [(\bigcirc q \vee \text{skip}) \wedge \Diamond \bigcirc q])$   
“if p is true, then next time state changes, q will be true”

## Stability (switch predicate stays false)

$$\forall i . \underbrace{y_i > 2\delta \wedge z_i + 2\delta < z_{i+1}}_{\text{Robots are "far enough" apart.}} \wedge \neg \text{switch}_{i,i+1} \text{ co } \neg \text{switch}_{i,i+1}$$

Robots are "far enough" apart.

True if robots i and i + 1 have targets that cause crossed paths

## “Lyapunov” stability

- Let  $\rho$  be the number of blue robots that are too far away to reach their red robots
- Let  $\beta$  be the total number of conflicts in the current assignment
- Define the Lyapunov function that captures “energy” of current state ( $V = 0$  is desired)

$$V = \left[ \binom{n}{2} + 1 \right] \rho + \beta \quad \rho = \sum_{i=1}^n r(i, i) \quad \beta = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n \gamma(i, j) \quad \text{where} \quad \gamma(i, j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_{\alpha(i)} > x_{\alpha(j)} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Can show that V always decreases whenever a switch occurs

$$\forall i . z_i + 2\delta m < z_{i+1} \wedge \exists j . \text{switch}_{j,j+1} \wedge V = m \text{ co } V < m$$

# Sketch of Proof for RoboFlag Drill

**Thm**  $\text{Prf}(n) \models \Box z_i < z_{i+1}$

- For the RoboFlag drill with  $n$  defenders and  $n$  attackers, the location of defender will always be to the left of defender  $i+1$ .

## More notation:

- Hoare triple notation:  $\{p\} a \{q\} \equiv \forall s \xrightarrow{a} t, s \models p \rightarrow t \models q$ 
  - $\{p\} a \{q\}$  is true if the predicate  $p$  being true implies that  $q$  is true after action  $a$

**Lemma** (Klavins, 5.2) Let  $P = (I, C)$  be a program and  $p$  and  $q$  be predicates. If for all commands  $c$  in  $C$  we have  $\{p\} c \{q\}$  then  $P \models p \text{ co } q$ .

- If  $p$  is true then any action in the program  $P$  that can be applied in the current state leaves  $q$  true
- Thus to check if  $p \text{ co } q$  is true for a program, check each possible action

Proof. Using the lemma, it suffices to check that for all commands  $c$  in  $C$  we have  $\{p\} c \{q\}$ , where  $p = q = z_i < z_{i+1}$ . So, we need to show that if  $z_i < z_{i+1}$  then any command that changes  $z_i$  or  $z_{i+1}$  leaves the order unchanged. Two cases:  $i$  moves or  $i+1$  moves. For the first case,  $\{p\} c \{q\}$  becomes

$$z_i < z_{i+1} \wedge (z_i < x_{\alpha(i)} \wedge z_i < z_{i+1} - \delta : z'_i = z_i + \delta) \implies z'_i < z'_{i+1}$$

From the definition of the guarded command, this is true. Similar for second case.



# RoboFlag Simulation

**Specification 1** Red Robot Dynamics:  $\Pi_{red}(i)$

**Initial:**

$$x_i \in [min, max] \wedge y_i > max$$

**Clauses:**

$$y_i - \delta > 0 : y'_i = y_i - \delta$$

**Specification 2** Blue Robot Control:  $\Pi_{blue}(i)$

**Initial:**

$$z_i \in [min, r]$$

**Clauses:**

$$z_i < x_{\alpha(i)} \wedge$$

$$z_i > x_{\alpha(i)} \wedge z_i > z_{i-1} + 2\delta : z'_i = z_i - \delta$$

**Specification**

**Initial:**

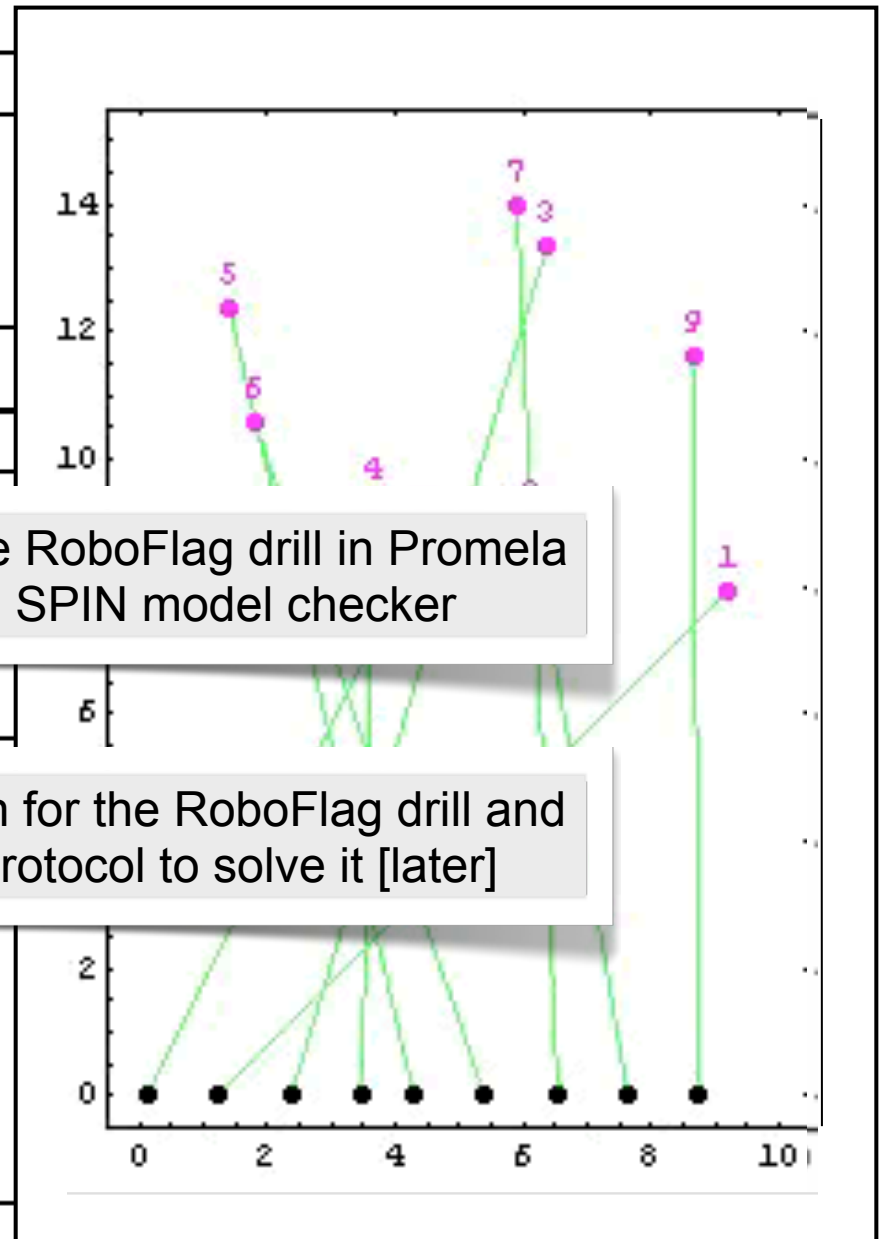
$\alpha$  is a bijection from  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  to  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ .

**Clauses:**

$$switch_{1,2} : (\alpha(1)', \alpha(2)') = (\alpha(2), \alpha(1))$$

...

$$switch_{n-1,n} : (\alpha(n-1)', \alpha(n)') = (\alpha(n), \alpha(n-1))$$



**Exercise 1:** create a model of the RoboFlag drill in Promela and verify correctness using SPIN model checker

**Exercise 2:** create a specification for the RoboFlag drill and *synthesize* a (decentralized) protocol to solve it [later]

# Observation of CCL Programs

## Goal: determine assignments by watching motion

- Assume CCL program describing protocol is known
- Brute force: enumerate all  $N!$  possibilities and eliminate cases that are inconsistent with motion (over time)

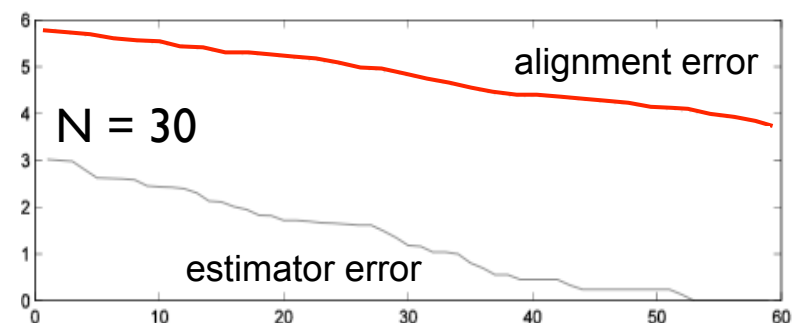
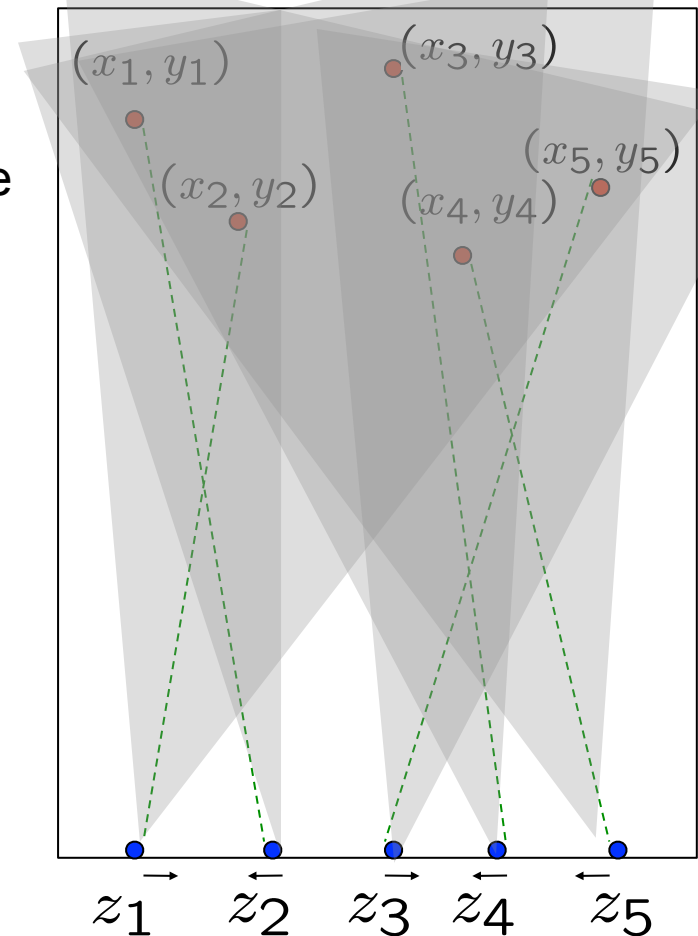
## Alternative approach: exploit structure

- Keep track of upper and lower bounds for each  $z_i$
- Can show this provides a *partial order* on sets of possible assignments
- Extended CCL update law preserves the order:

$$\tilde{f}([l, u]) = [\tilde{f}(l), \tilde{f}(u)] \Rightarrow \text{fast computation}$$

## General case: observers for hybrid systems

- Construct a partial order on discrete states
- Extend CCL program to provide order-isomorphic map (always possible with power set)
- Can construct observer if system is observable: predict + correct on upper/lower bounds (fast)



# Real-World Example: Lost Wingman Protocol



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Control T33 to follow F15 and to execute "lost wingman" during simulated communications loss.



sec.ccl

```
// F15 closed-loop dynamics and software
program F15() := F15_statemachine( 0 )
               + F15_data_sender()
               + F15_controller()
               + F15_dynamics( {0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 30.0} )
               sharing u1, q1 // updates mode
                           // sends state to T33
                           sharing u1, q1;

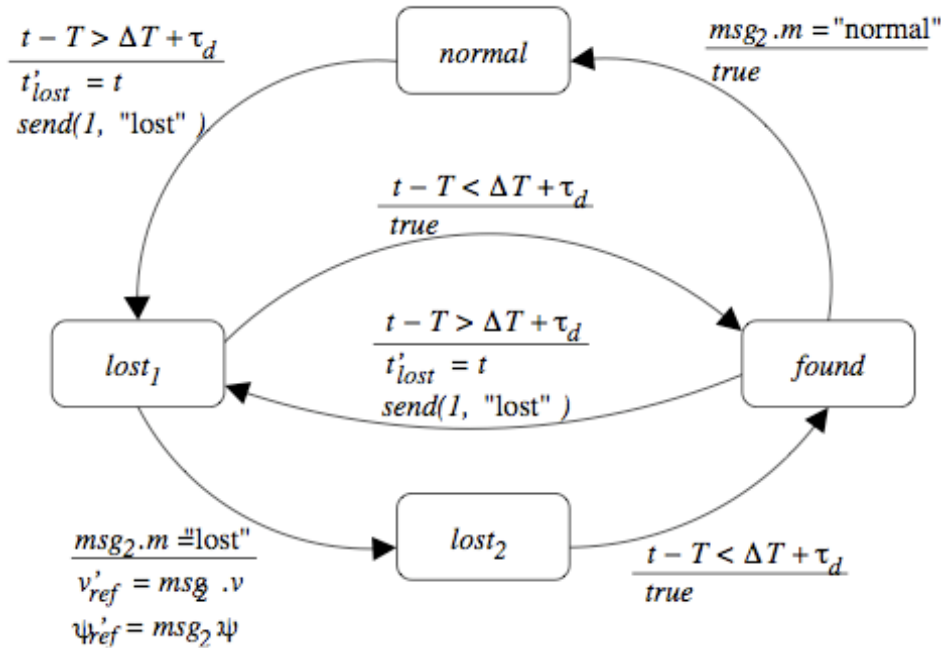
// T33 closed-loop dynamics and software
program T33() := T33_statemachine( 0 )
               + T33_data_receiver()
               + T33_controller( 50, pi/6, {4.47, 0.32, 1.28, 0.32} )
               + T33_dynamics( {-100.0, -40.0, 0.0, 30.0} )
               sharing u2, q2, q1_hat // updates mode
                           // gets state from F15
                           sharing u2, q2, q1_hat;

program main() := F15()
               + T33() sharing q1, q2 // shares q1 just so draw_scene() works
               + draw_scene(400, 400) sharing q1, q2
               + sim_clock()
               + window_manager();
```

**actual F-15 software**

**model of dynamics**

# CCL Specification for Lost Wingman



## CCL-based protocol

- High speed link used to communicate state information between aircraft
- Low speed link used to confirm status
- Update timers based on when we last sent/received data
- Change modes if data is not received within expected period (plus delay)

### Program $P_{comm}$

Initial  $T_s = t_0 \wedge T \in (T_s, T_s + \Delta T]$

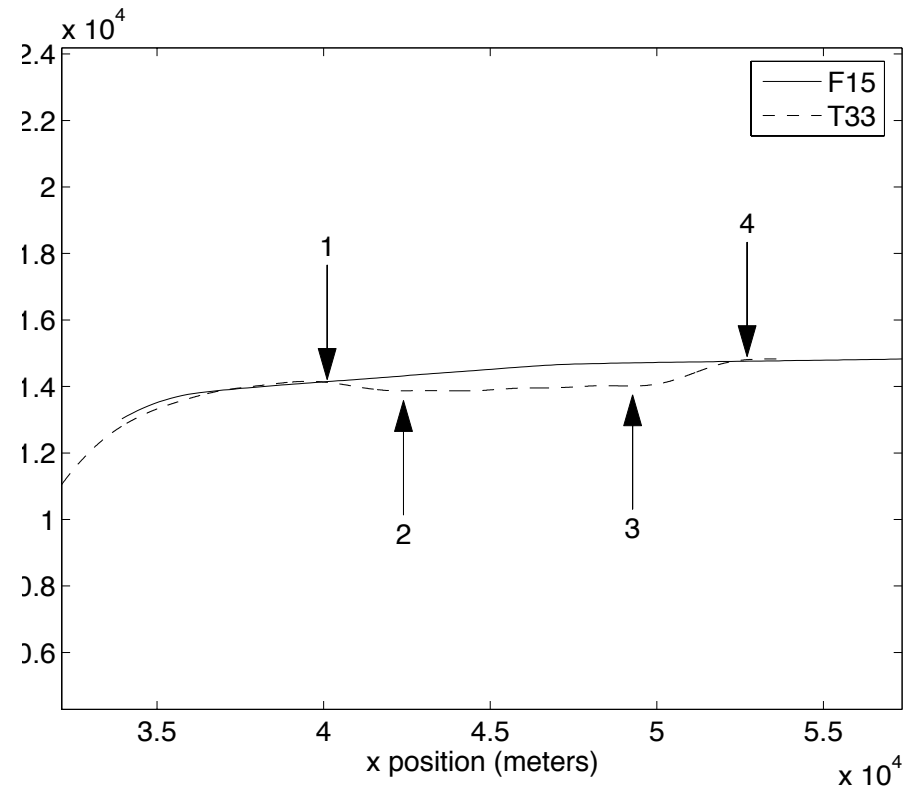
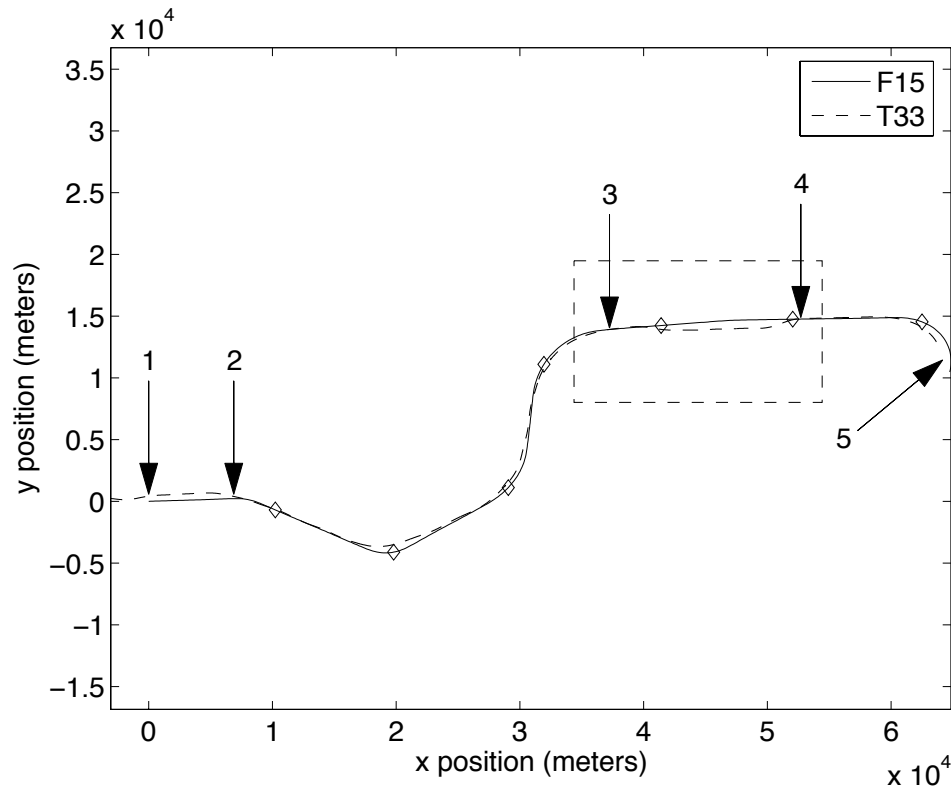
Commands  $c_{data} \equiv t > T \wedge data.on :$   
 $T' \in (T_s + \Delta T, T_s + \Delta T + \tau_d]$   
 $\wedge T'_s = T_s + \Delta T$   
 $c_{msg,1} \equiv in(1) : msg'_1 = recv(1)$   
 $c_{msg,2} \equiv in(2) : msg'_2 = recv(2)$

### Program $T_{sm}$

Initial  $m_2 = n$

Commands  $c_{lost} \equiv m_2 \in \{n, f\} \wedge t - T > \Delta T + \tau_d :$   
 $m'_2 = l_1 \wedge t'_{lost} = t$   
 $\wedge send(1, "lost")$   
 $c_{found} \equiv m_2 \in \{l_1, l_2\} \wedge t - T < \Delta T + \tau_d :$   
 $m'_2 = f$   
 $c_{lost2} \equiv m_2 = l_1 \wedge msg_2.m = "lost" :$   
 $m'_2 = l_2 \wedge v'_{ref} = msg_2.v$   
 $\wedge \psi'_{ref} = msg_2.\psi$   
 ...

# Flight Test Results



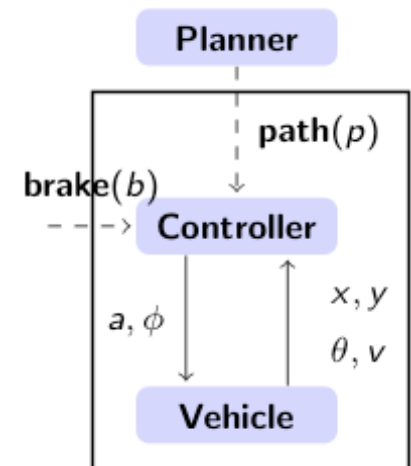
## Event timeline (right figure)

- Event 1: communications lost; T-33 executes tight turn; signals lost comms (slow link)
- Event 2: F-15 confirms communication lost message received
- Event 3: communications restored; T-33 requests rejoin (granted)
- Event 4: rejoin confirmed; return to normal operation

# Periodically Controlled Hybrid Automata (PCHA)

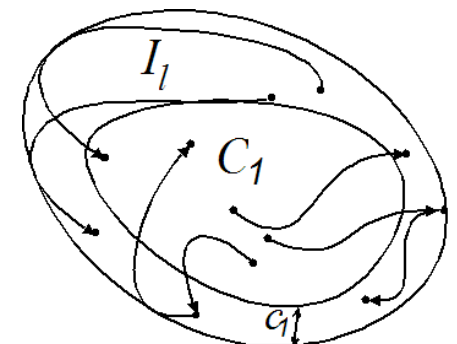
## PCHA setup

- Continuous dynamics with piecewise constant inputs
- Controller executes with period  $T \in [\Delta_1, \Delta_2]$
- Input commands are received asynchronously
- Execution consists of trajectory segments + discrete updates
- Verify safety (avoid collisions) + performance (turn corner)



## Proof technique: verify invariant (safe) set via barrier functions

- Let  $I$  be an (safe) set specified by a set of functions  $F_i(x) \geq 0$
- Step 1: show that the control action renders  $I$  invariant
- Step 2: show that between updates we can bound the continuous trajectories to live within appropriate sets
- Step 3: show progress by moving between nested collection of invariant sets  $I_1 \rightarrow I_2$ , etc



## Remarks

- Can use this to show that settings in Alice were not properly chosen; modified settings lead to proper operation (after the fact)
- Very difficult to find invariant sets (barrier functions) for given control system...

# Verification of hybrid systems: Overview

*Why not directly use model checking?*

- Model checking applied to finite transitions systems
- Exhaustively search for counterexamples....
  - if found, property does not hold.
  - if there is no counterexample in all possible executions, the property is verified.

*Exhaustive search is not possible over continuous state spaces.*

## Approaches for hybrid system verification:

1. Construct finite-state approximations and apply model checking

- Preserve the meaning of the properties, i.e., proposition preserving partitions
- Use “over”- or “under”-approximations

2. Deductive verification

- Construct Lyapunov-type certificates
- Account for the discrete jumps in the construction of the certificate

3. Explicitly construct the set of reachable states

- Limited classes of temporal properties (e.g., reachability and safety)
- Not covered in this lecture

