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    Daniel Dietsch
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The Wireless Fire Alarm System: Ensuring Conformance to Industrial Standards through Formal Verification

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Context

- Develop a wireless fire alarm system (safety critical).
- Requires certification to international standards.
- Small company with little to no experience with formal methods, but an acute need for product safety and quality.
- Project duration: ca. 2 years.

Goals

- Can formal methods handle development projects in the context af a small company (SME)? at which cost?
- How to tackle requirements from industrial standards using formal methods?
- What research ideas emerged from the project?

Scenario

Develop a Standard-compliant Fire Alarm System

- Use a wireless protocol that supports range extenders (repeaters).
- Maximize energy efficiency.
- Ensure compliance with the norm DIN EN-54 (Part 25).

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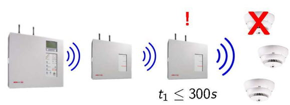

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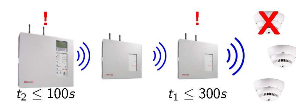

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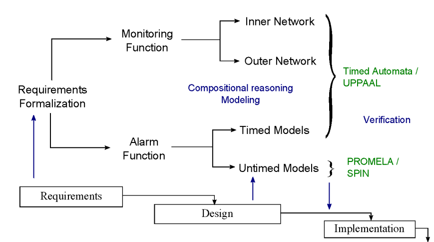
Verification could help.

General Risks

- Development in a small company.
  - Development team of 3 people: 1 computer scientist, 1 programmer, 1 electrical engineer.
- Underspecified standard requirements.
- High cost of certification.
  - A failed certification attempt threatens the very existence of the company.
  - Market introduction deadlines have high priority.
- Lack of structure in the software development process.
  - Weak documentation practices.
  - No familiarity with model-based development.

Overview

We accompanied the conventional development process as consultants.



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Chose duration calculus (DC) as formalism to generalize and capture the standard requirements based on test procedures.

- The formalism was not familiar to developers or the certificate authority.
- Required developing a graphical means of communication between the stakeholders. [Visual Narratives]

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$$\exists t_0, t_1, t_2, t_3 \bullet t_0 \le t_1 \le t_2 \le t_3$$
$$\land FS(t_0) \land Disab_S(t_1) \land Det_S(t_2) \land Disp_S(t_3)$$
$$\land t_2 \le t_1 + 300 \land t_3 \le t_2 + 100$$
$$\land \forall t \bullet t \ge t_0 \land t \ne t_1 \land t \ne t_2 \land t \ne t_3 \implies \emptyset(t)$$

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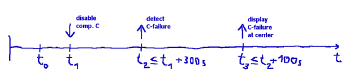

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In total:

- 6 (quantified) observables
- 7 (quantified) testable DC formulae

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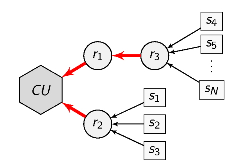

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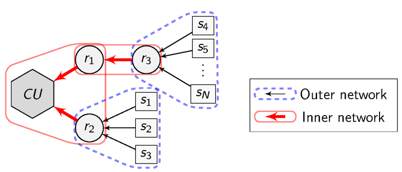

We modeled each "network" separately using networks of timed automata (UPPAAL).

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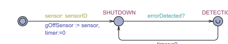
To make models tractable, we require optimization:

- Each component has an individual clock. [Quasi-equal clock reduction]
- Support plug-in models: Separate environment and design.

Modeling: Sensor Failures

Modeled as timed automata networks with UPPAAL:



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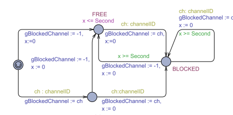

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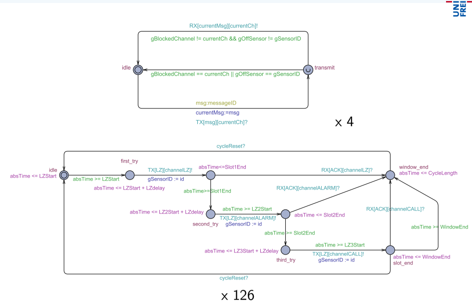

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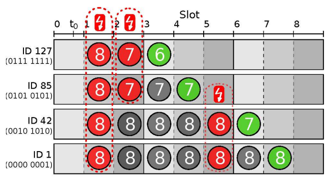
A revised design was successfully verified:

Query	Sensors as slaves			Repeaters as slaves		
	seconds	**MB**	**States**	**seconds**	**MB**	**States**
Detection	36,070.78	3,419.00	190M	231.84	230.59	6M
No Spurious	97.44	44.29	0.6M	3.94	10.14	0.15M
No LZ-Collision	12,895.17	2,343.00	68M	368.58	250.91	9.6M
Detection Possible	10,205.13	557.00	26M	38.21	55.67	1.2M

Verification is scalable for real world problems (!). But additional effort is required.

Modeling: Alarm Function

Alarms are transmitted (semi-)asynchronously using CSMA-CD / Collision resolution using tree splitting.



Each component ID induces a unique timing pattern for retrying transmissions.

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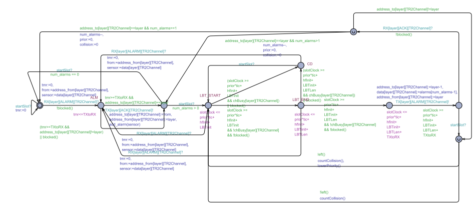

Verification: Alarm Function

For single, explicit topologies: Timed automata / UPPAAL.

Full collision				
Query	**ids**	**seconds**	**MB**	**States**
OneAlarm	-	3.6 ± 1	43.1 ± 1	$59k \pm 15k$
TwoAlarms	seq	4.7	67.1	110,207
TenAlarms	seq	44.6 ± 11	311.4 ± 102	$641k \pm 159k$
	opt	41.8 ± 10	306.6 ± 80	$600k \pm 140k$

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Limited Collision				
Query	**ids**	**seconds**	**MB**	**States**
OneAlarm	-	1.4 ± 1	38.3 ± 1	$36k \pm 14k$
TwoAlarms	seq	0.5	24.1	19,528
TenAlarms	seq	17.3 ± 6	179.1 ± 61	$419k \pm 124k$
	opt	17.1 ± 6	182.2 ± 64	$412k \pm 124k$

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Results:

- Reproduced the hidden terminal problem.
- For $N = 2$: found a problem with IDs 0 and 128.
- For $N = \{3..10\}$: still not scaling to all IDs, used sampling (31744).

$\|I\|$	N	**sec.**	**MB**	**States**
255	2	49	1,610	1,235,970
H	10	3,393	6,390	6,242,610
L	10	4,271	10,685	10,439,545
Rnd	10	4,465	11,534	11,268,368
average		4,138	9,994	9,763,809

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Models are useful:

- For validation.
- As documentation.
- But still not very accesible for developers.

Formal verification shows potential to relieve the effort of testing.

Conclusions

- Formal methods are able to handle typical industrial scenarios (but require expert knowledge).
- The customers are confident early in the process that certification tests will be passed.
- Implementation is easier when based on a verified design.
- Other requirements can be simply tested.
- Still expensive: Almost as expensive as the certification test itself.
- Additional value: Formal methods not only improve confidence but helps structure development processes.
- Difficult technology transfer: SMEs prefer to scale out instead of up.

Outlook

- Check whether the source code of the implementation corresponds to the design models. Interrupt based implementations are hard to verify.
- Use the models to perform model-based testing.
- Investigate reuse strategies (new features, product lines).

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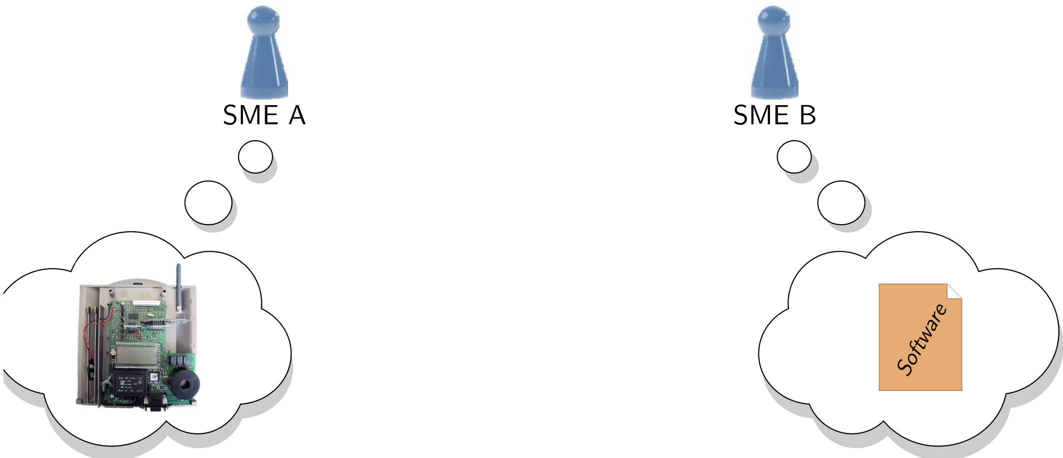

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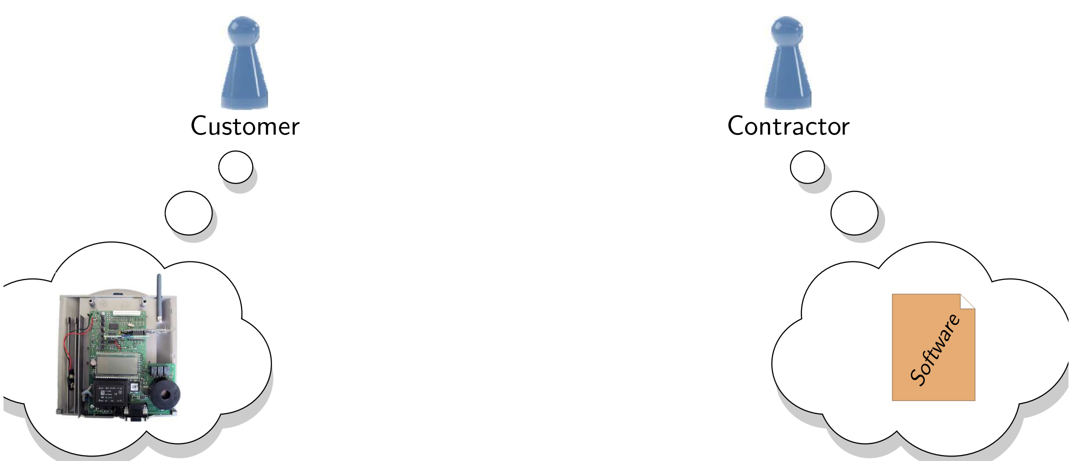

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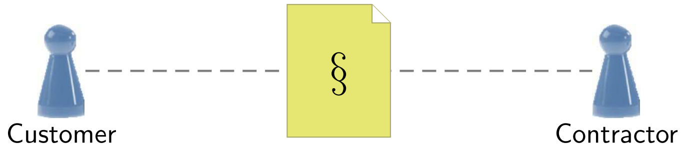

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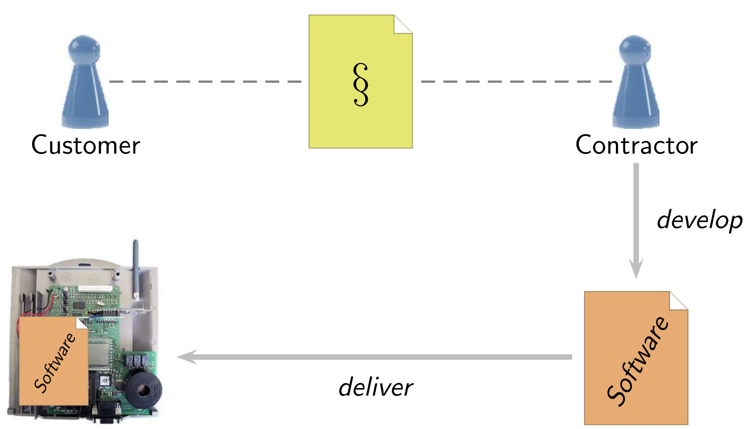

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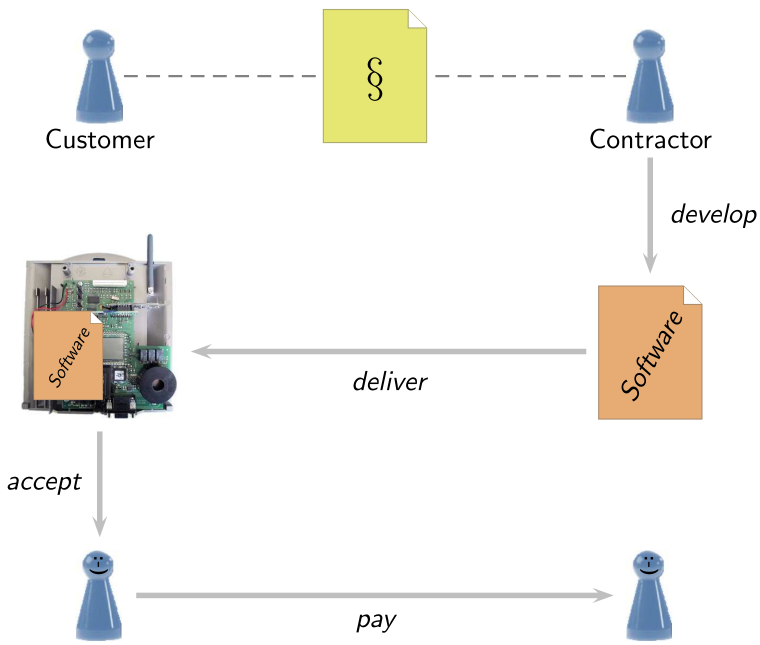

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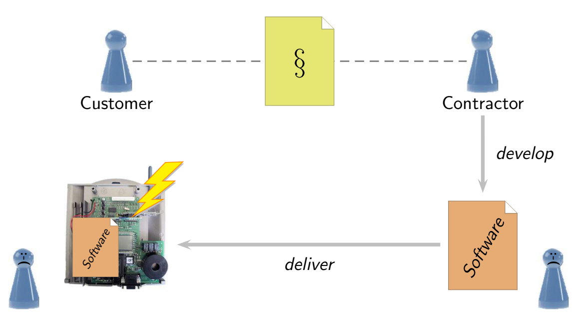

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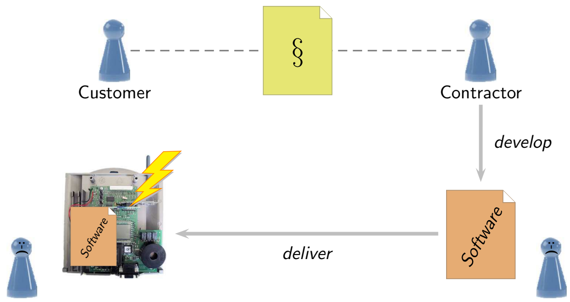

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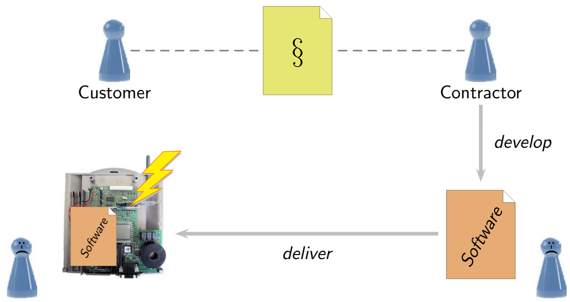

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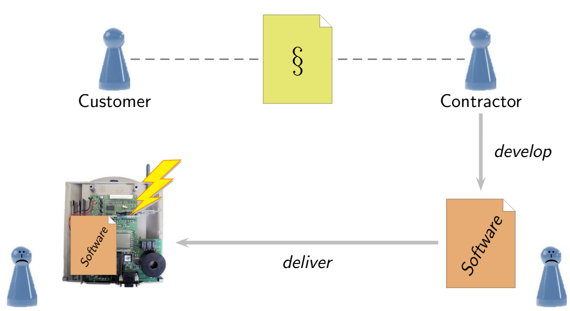

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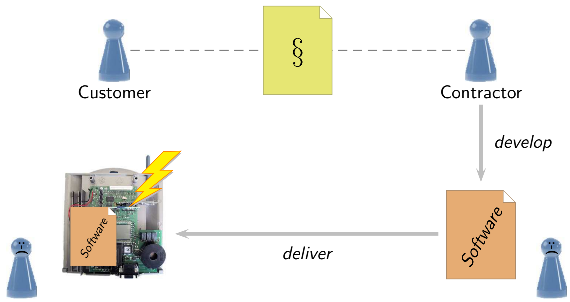

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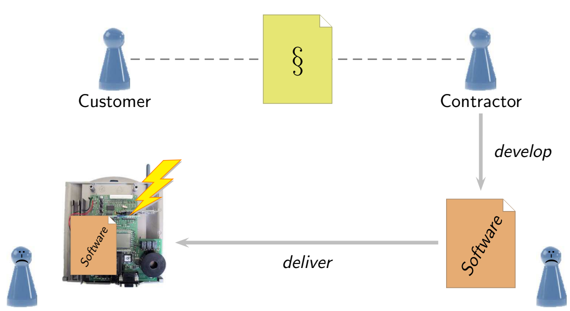

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Many SMEs conclude: subcontracting for software is too **risky**
due to these three main sources of **uncertainty**.

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- **(Legal) certainty** is crucial for subcontracting between SMEs:
  Outcomes of possible court judgements need to be **as clear as possible**.

- To **achieve legal certainty**, we need
  (a) **clear and precise requirements**,
  they avoid the 1st source of uncertainty.
  (b) **clear and precise acceptance testing procedures**,
  they avoid the 2nd source of uncertainty.
  (c) **standardised legal contracts** which integrate (a) and (b),
  they avoid the 3rd source of uncertainty.

  The contract allows a judge to decide on (a) and (b),
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Towards Legal ertaint

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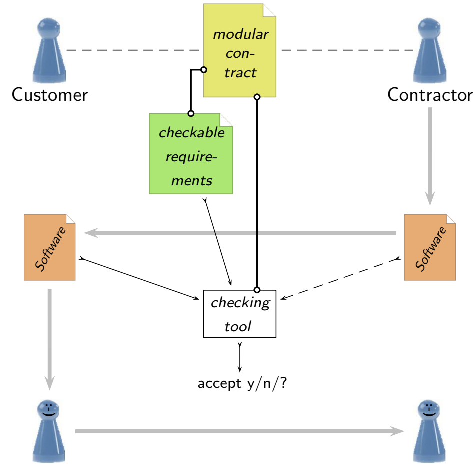
- new notion: **checking tool**.
- a new, **modular** software development **contract**,



The **modular contract**

assumes: a subset of requirements is **designated** as **checkable requirements**,

includes: the **checkable requirements** in **machine-readable** form,

codifies: **agreement** that outcome of corresponding **checking tool** is — with few and exactly specified exceptions — **binding** for both parties,

provides: **legal certainty**.

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- A **checkable specification** is a pair (φ, T) comprising a **program property** φ and a **backend** T.

- A **backend** maps a program p and a program property φ to a result $T(p, \varphi) \in \{\mathit{Yes}, \mathit{No}, \mathit{Unknown}\}$ such that the result is
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Further work:

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Thanks.

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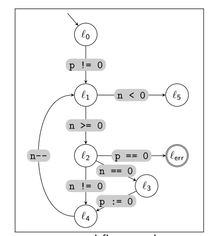

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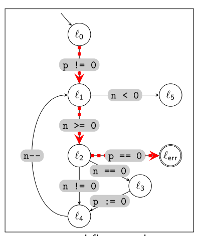

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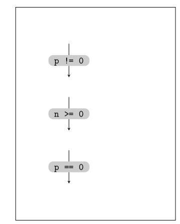

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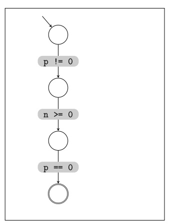

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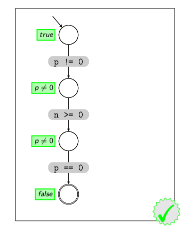

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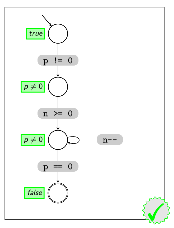

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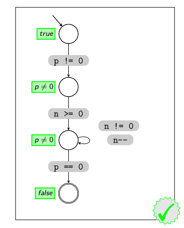

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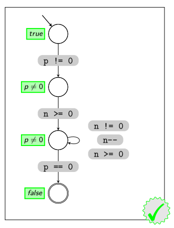

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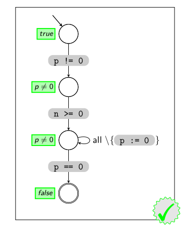

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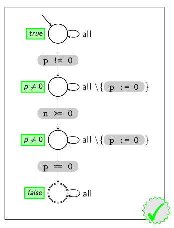

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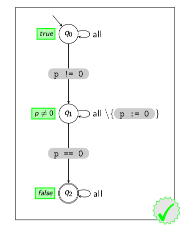

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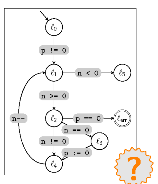

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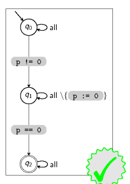

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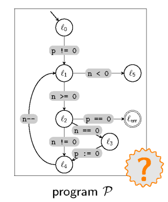

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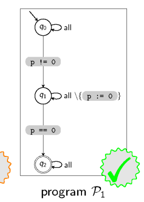

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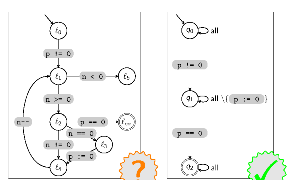

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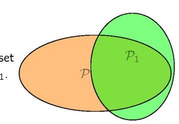

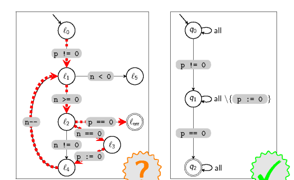

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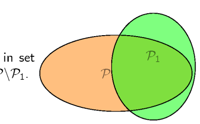

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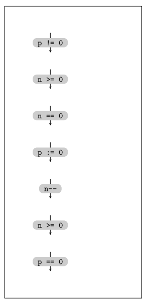

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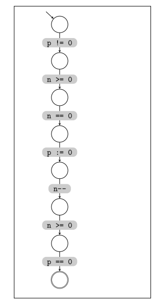

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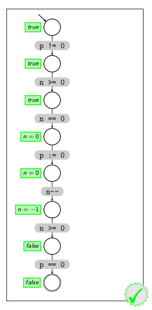

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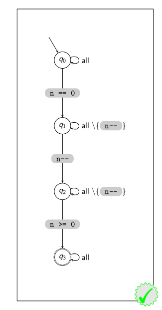

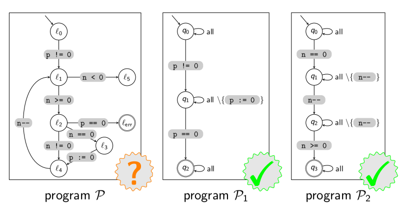

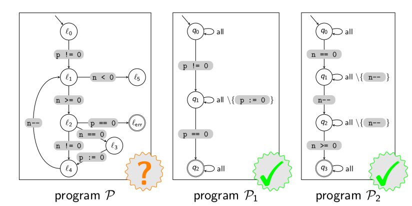

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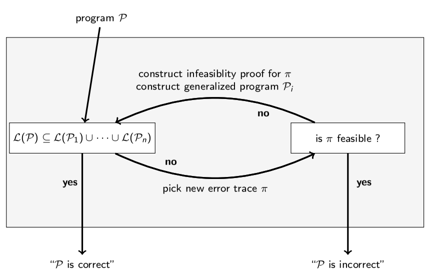

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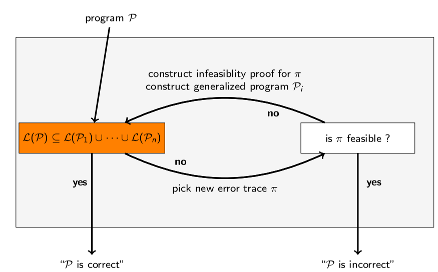

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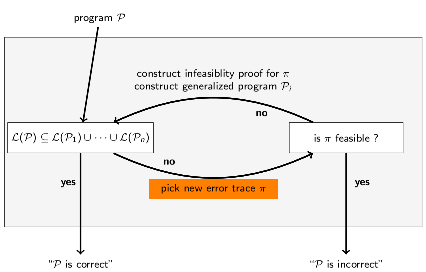

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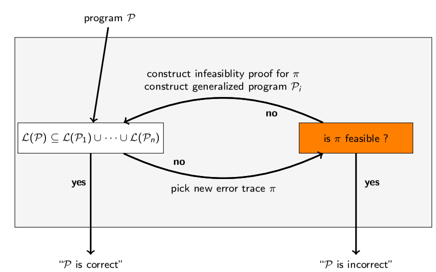

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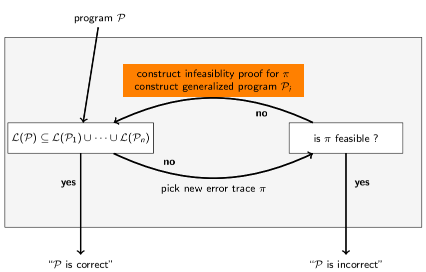

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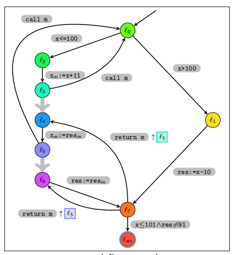

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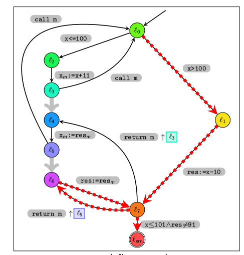

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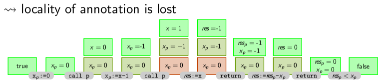

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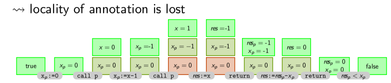

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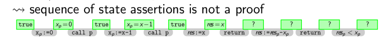

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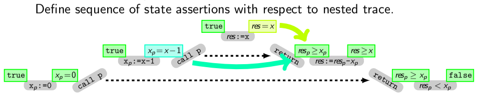

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Ranking Function (for a Loop)

Function from program states to well-founded domain such that value is decreasing while executing the loop body.
Proof by contradiction for the absence of infinite executions.

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                swap(a,i,j)
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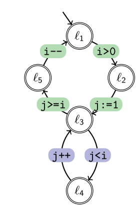

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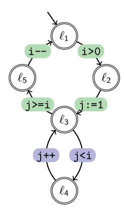

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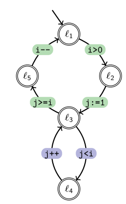

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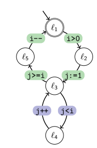

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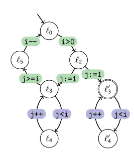

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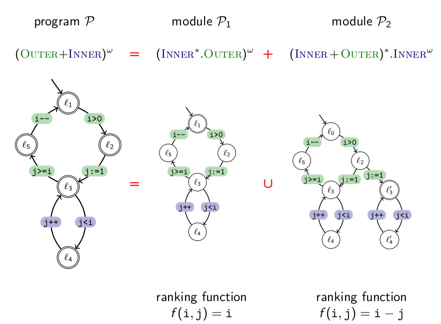

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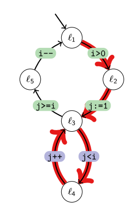

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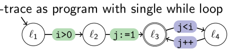

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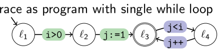

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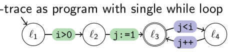

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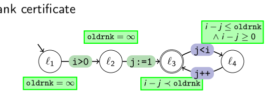

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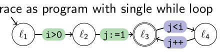

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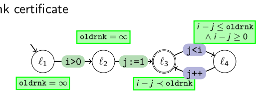

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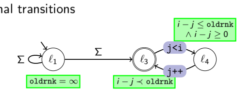

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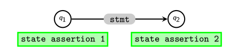

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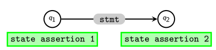

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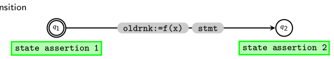

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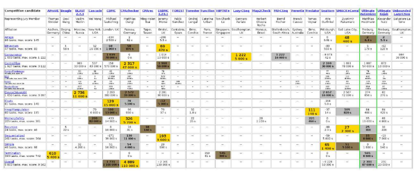

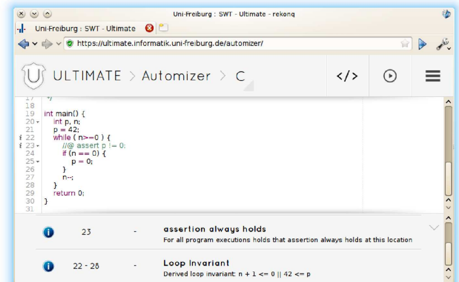

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Future Work

- verification tasks $\leftrightarrow$ automata
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