

# Model checking time-dependent behavior

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# Motivation: Verification of real-time controllers

- Controllers: Time-dependent, state-based, event driven behavior
  - Time is spent in states
  - Conditions (guards) of transitions refer to time
  - Typical implementation: Timers measuring time by counting clock ticks
  - Actions to reset timers
- Typical properties to be checked
  - Satisfying deadlines:  
Reaching a given state in a given time interval
    - E.g., on request, a reply is received in (given) time
    - E.g., message that was sent is received in favorable time
  - Satisfying safety properties in given time interval:  
A property holds in each state that is reachable in a given time interval
    - E.g., the behavior is safe during a mission

# Extensions of “classic” temporal logics

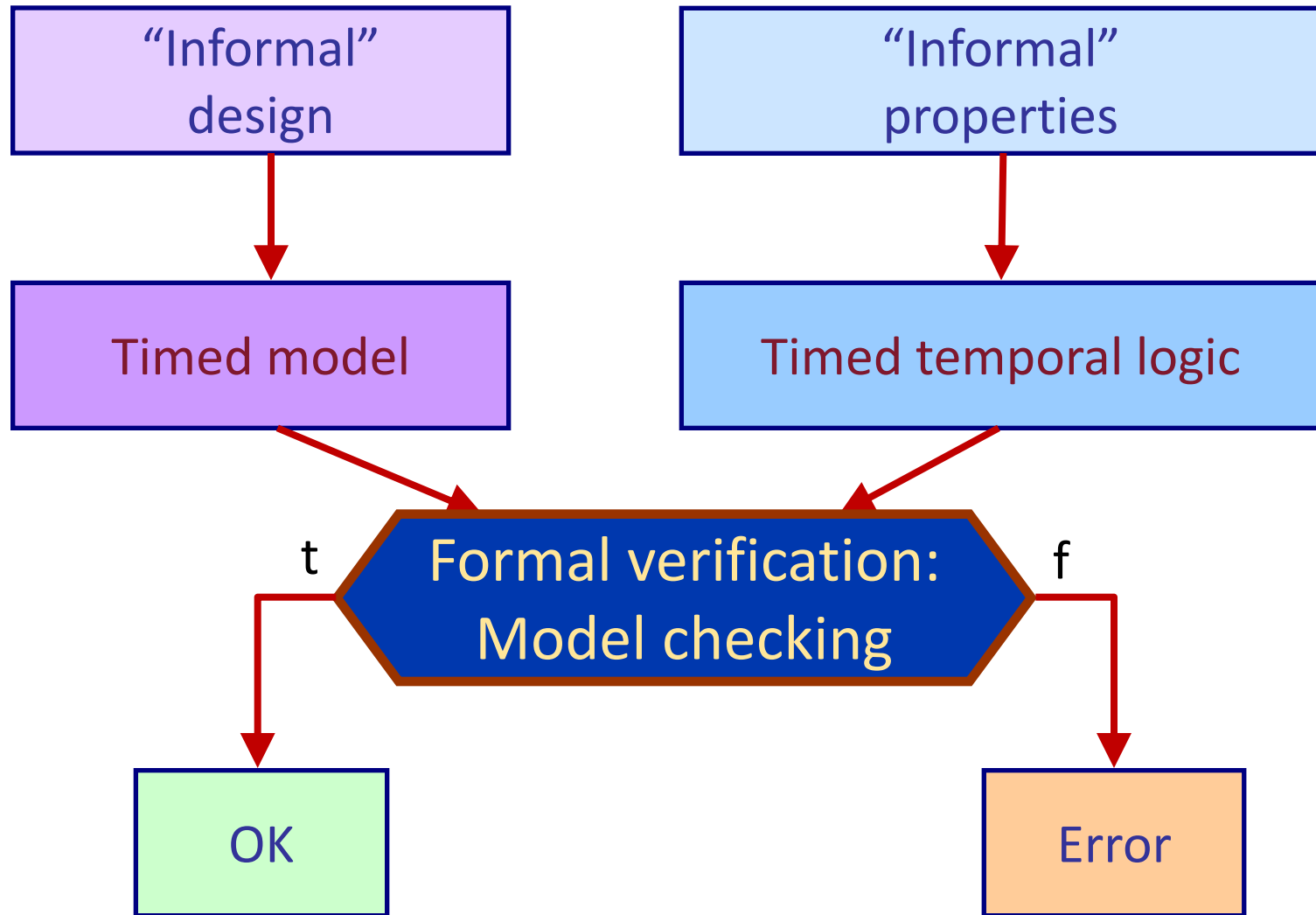
## Timed temporal logics (“real-time” logics):

- Requirements of real-time systems
  - The properties refer to **clock variables**
  - Handling of **time intervals**

## Other extensions: **Stochastic logics**

- **Probability** and **timing** related requirements:
  - E.g.: if the current state is Error then the probability that this condition holds after 2 time units as well, is less than 30%
- Extension of CTL:
  - Interpreted over **Continuous-time Markov chains** (not a Kripke structure)
  - **Probability criteria** for state reachability (steady state), path execution
  - **Timing criteria** (time intervals) for operators **X** and **U**

# Goal: Formal verification of timed properties



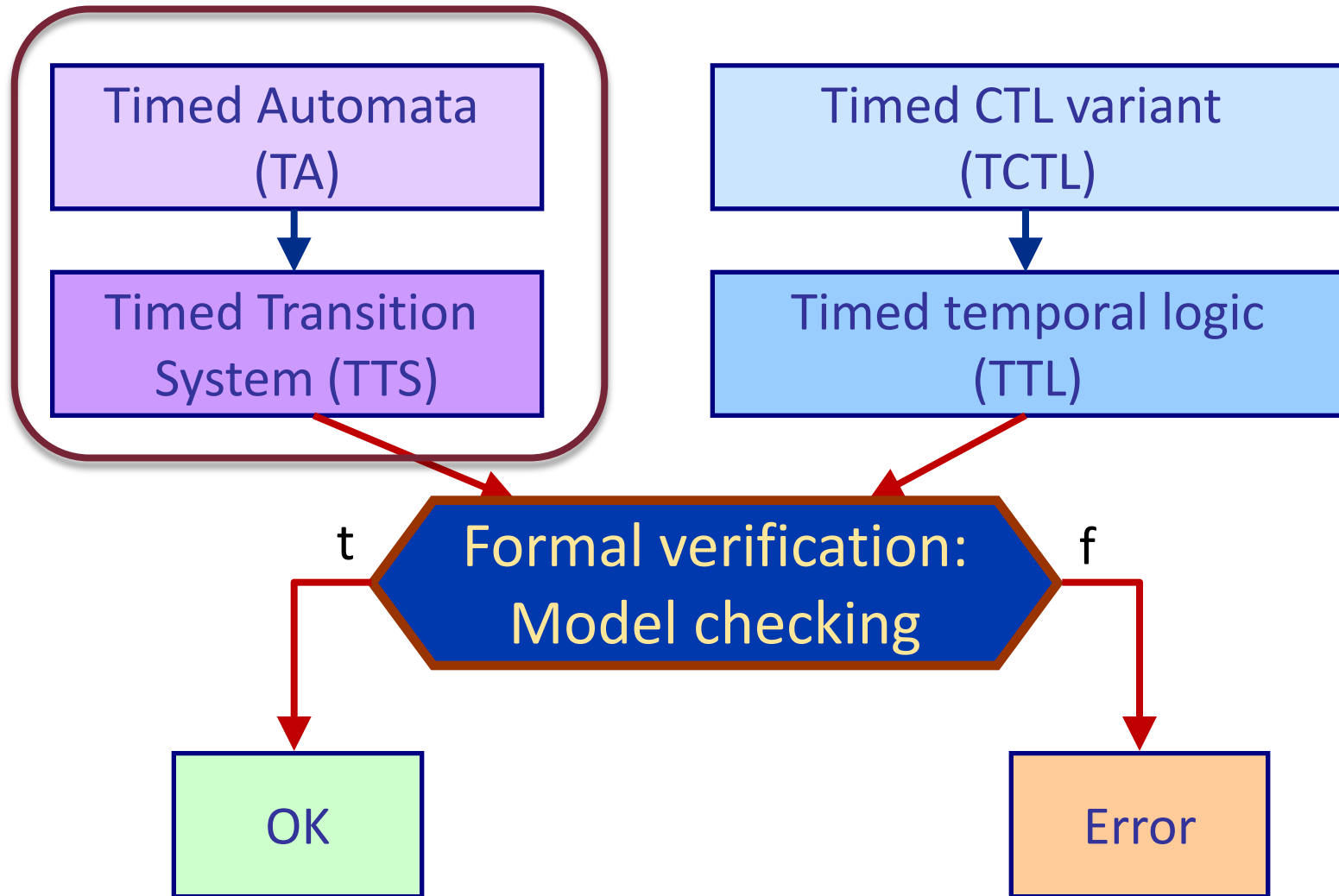
# The modeling approach

- “Engineering” model → Low-level formal model
  - The mapping to **low-level formal model** gives **formal semantics** to the engineering model
  - **Model checking** is performed on the formal model
- Similar approach:
  - UML statecharts → Kripke structure (KS)
  - Checking CTL properties on KS
- Model checking timed properties on timed model:
  - **Timed Automata (TA)** → **Timed Transition System (TTS)**
  - **Timed CTL (TCTL) variant** → **Timed Temporal Logic (TL)**

# Models for time-dependent behavior

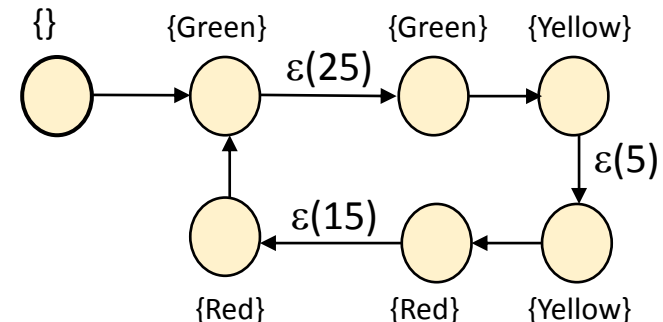
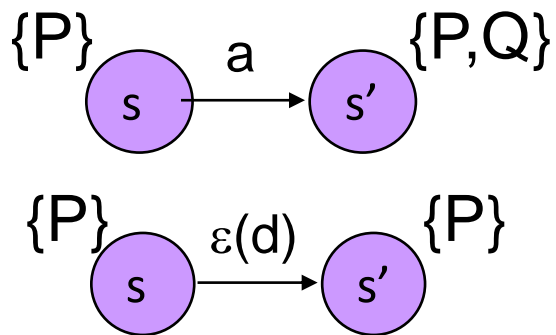
Timed Transition Systems  
Timed Automata

# Overview of the approach



# Low-level model: Timed Transition System (TTS)

- Notation (properties of states and transitions):
  - Atomic propositions:  $AP = \{P, Q, \dots\}$
  - Atomic actions:  $Act = \{a, b, c, \dots\}$
  - Delay actions:  $\Delta = \{\varepsilon(d) \mid d \in R_{\geq 0}\}$
- Definition of TTS:  $TTS = (S, s_0, \rightarrow, V)$  where
  - $S$  set of states
  - $s_0$  initial state
  - $\rightarrow \subseteq S \times L \times S$ , where  $L \in Act \cup \Delta$  ( $\Delta$  delay action is included)
  - $V: S \rightarrow 2^{AP}$  labeling of states





# Engineering model: Timed Automaton (TA)

- Automaton (states, transitions) + clock variables
  - Concurrent (system) **clocks**
  - These all increase with the same pace
  - The clock value can be inspected in **guards** and **invariants**
  - The clocks can be **reset in actions**, independently from each other
- Notation for clocks:
  - $C = \{x, y, z, \dots\}$  clocks
  - $B(C)$  expressions on clocks,  $g \in B(C)$  is a clock expression
    - Syntax:  $g ::= x \sim^n \mid x - y \sim^n \mid g \wedge g$   
where  $\sim \in \{\leq, \geq, ==, <, >\}$ ,  
and  $n$  non-negative integer (constant)

# Formal definition of Timed Automaton

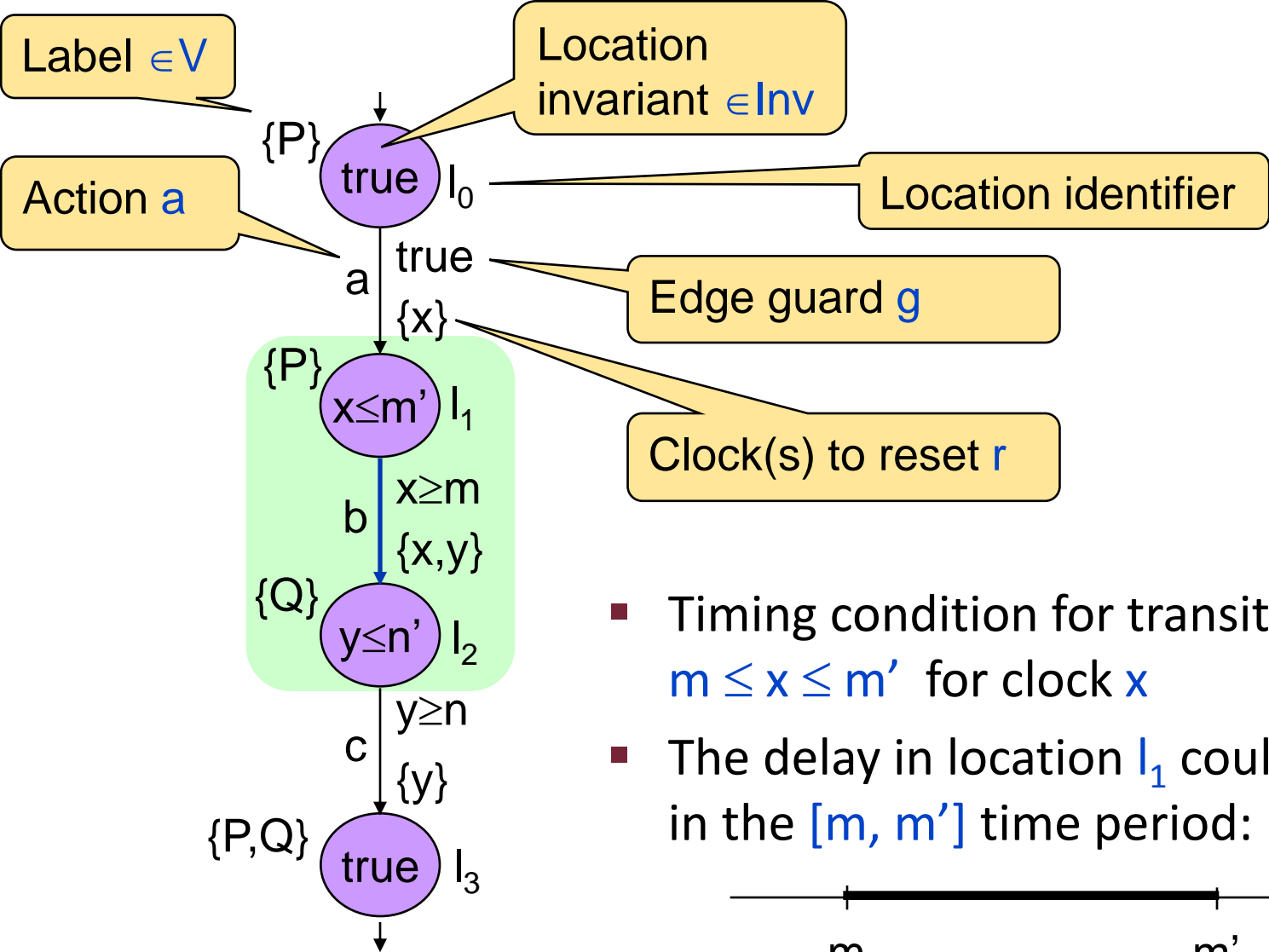
- $TA = (N, l_0, E, Inv, V)$  with  $Act, AP, C$  where
  - $N$  control locations (will be part of the state)
  - $l_0 \in N$  initial location – here the value of clocks is 0
  - $E \subseteq N \times B(C) \times Act \times 2^C \times N$  set of edges, where an edge is

$$l \xrightarrow{g, a, r} l'$$

where

- $g$ : clock expression – guard condition
- $a$ : action – activity
- $r$ : clock set – clocks that are reset
- $Inv: N \rightarrow B(C)$  clock invariants
  - Limiting the time spent in a control location
- $V: N \rightarrow 2^{AP}$  labeling (local conditions in control locations)

# Example: Notations in a TA model



- Timing condition for transition  $l_1 \rightarrow l_2$ :  $m \leq x \leq m'$  for clock  $x$
- The delay in location  $l_1$  could be in the  $[m, m']$  time period:



# Recap: Timed automaton in UPPAAL

Example: revolving door

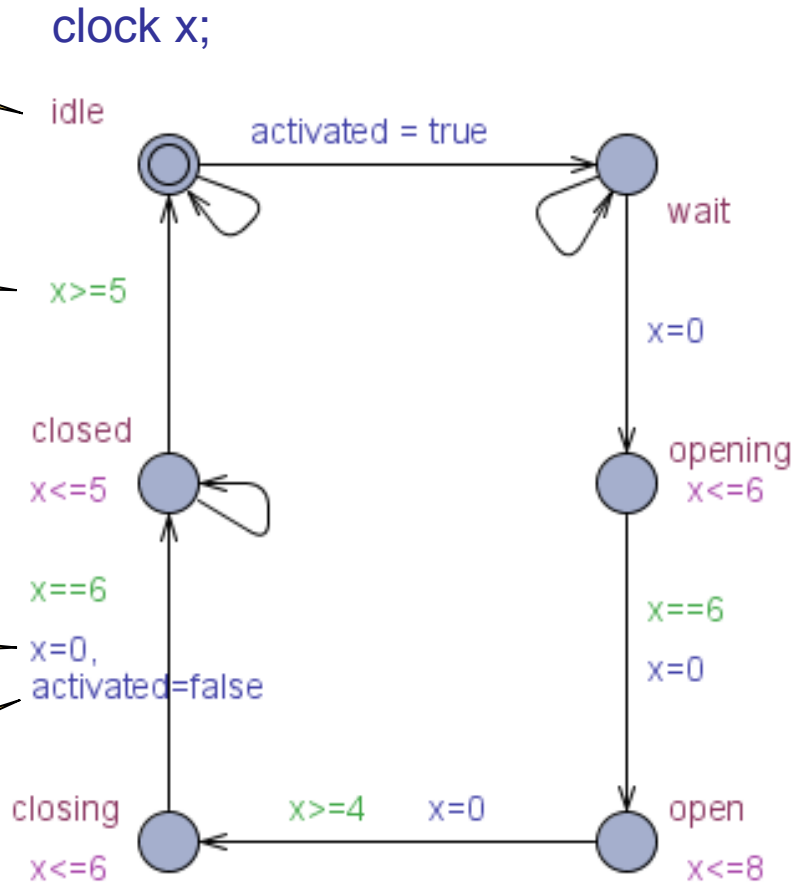
Location

Guard

Invariant

Clock reset

Action



**Edit Location**

Location	Comments
Name: <input type="text" value="wait"/>	
Invariant:	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial	
<input type="checkbox"/> Urgent	
<input type="checkbox"/> Committed	

OK Cancel

**Edit Edge**

Edge	Comments
Select:	<input type="text"/>
Guard: <input type="text" value="x==6"/>	
Sync:	<input type="text"/>
Update: <input type="text" value="x=0"/>	

OK Cancel

# Informal semantics of a Timed Automaton

- **Initial state:**
  - Initial location is active, all clocks are set to 0
- **Delay:**
  - The values of clocks are increased (at the same pace)
  - The maximum time that can be spent in a control location is determined by the location invariant
- **Firing of a transition:**
  - Transition (on an edge) is enabled if
    - Source location is active
    - Guard condition is satisfied
    - Clock resets satisfy the invariant of the target location
    - Synchronization (if any – see later) is possible
  - Transition that is enabled may fire (random selection)
    - Action (variable assignment) executed
    - Clocks that were reset become 0
    - The target location of the edge becomes active

# Formal semantics of TA: Notations

- Notations for formalizing the semantics:
  - $u: C \rightarrow N$  clock valuation
    - $u(x)$  is the value of clock  $x$
  - $u+d$  increasing the clock valuation for all clocks by  $d$ 
    - The new value of clock  $x$  is  $u(x)+d$
  - $uv$ : merging clock valuations for sets of clocks, where  $u$  and  $v$  are clock valuations and  $K, C$  are independent:  $C \cap K = \emptyset$ 
    - $uv(x) = u(x)$  if  $x \in C$
    - $uv(x) = v(x)$  if  $x \in K$
  - $[C' \rightarrow 0]u$  for all clocks  $x \in C'$  the valuation becomes  $0$ , otherwise remains the same
  - $g(u)$  is the evaluation of a guard  $g$  in case of valuation  $u$
- State of TA:  $(l, u)$  control location and clock valuation
  - Valuation of integer variables is similar (not given separately)

# Formal semantics of TA: Mapping to TTS

- The semantics of a TA is a  $TTS=(S, s_0, \rightarrow, V)$  where
  - $S$  set of states, where each state is in form  $(l,u)$
  - $s_0 = (l_0, u_0)$  initial state
  - $\rightarrow \subseteq S \times L \times S$  is defined in the following way:
    - $(l,u) \xrightarrow{a} (l',u')$  is possible, if there exist  $r$  and  $g$  such that

$l \xrightarrow{g, a, r} l'$  edge exists between the locations,  
 $g(u)$  guard evaluates to true,  
 $u' = [r \rightarrow 0]u$  clock resets occur

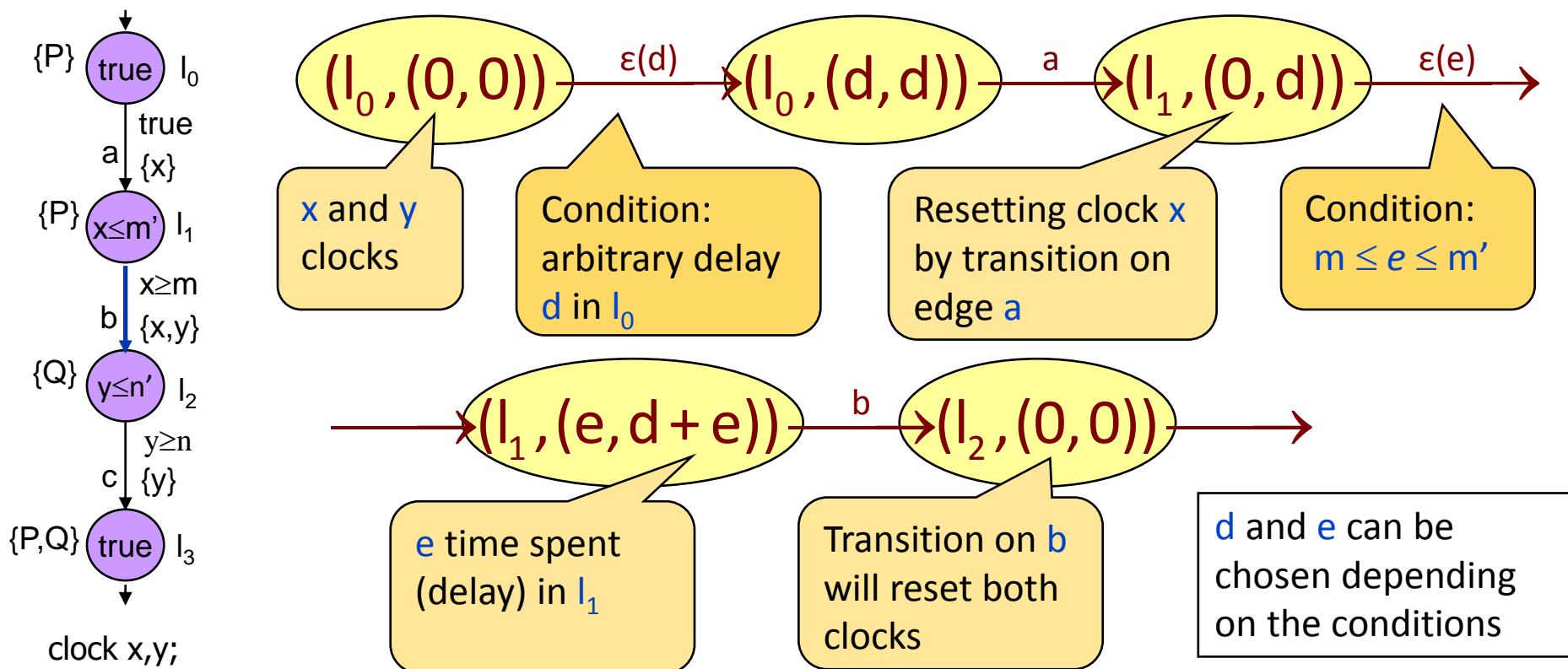
- $(l,u) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon(d)} (l',u')$  is possible, if

$l = l'$  control location does not change,  
 $u' = u + d$  time spent is  $d$ ,  
 $Inv(u')$  clock invariant holds

- $V(l,u) = V(l)$  is the labeling of states

# Example of the formal semantics of TA

- The semantics of a TA determines a **set of TTS**
  - Guards and invariants make various delays possible: possible delays are in (multidimensional) **ranges**
- The TTS is defined in case of the example TA as follows:



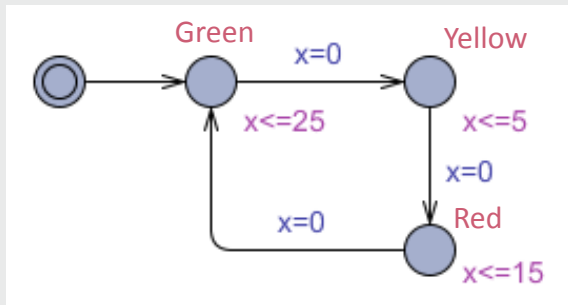


# Summary: Formal semantics of TA

Timed Automaton  
(TA)

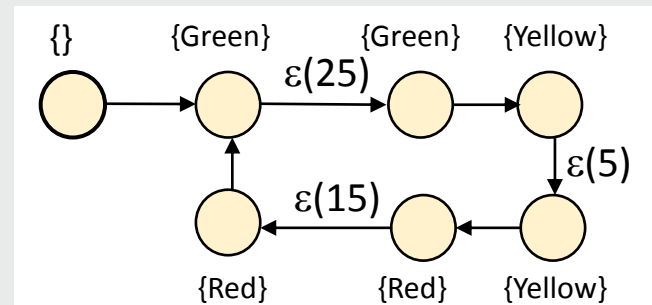
Mapping

Timed Transition System  
(TTS)



TA = (N, I<sub>0</sub>, E, Inv, V), where

- Set of control location: N
- Initial control location: I<sub>0</sub>
- Edges with guards, actions and clocks resets:  
E ⊆ N × B(C) × Act × 2<sup>C</sup> × N
- Location invariants: Inv: L → B(C)
- Location labeling: V: N → 2<sup>AP</sup>



TTS = (S, s<sub>0</sub>, →, V) where

- Set of states: S as (l, u)
- Initial state: s<sub>0</sub>
- Transitions: → ⊆ S × A × S,  
A = Act ∪ {ε(d) | d ∈ ℝ<sub>≥0</sub>}
- Action transitions: Act labels
- Delay transitions: ε(d)
- Labeling: V: S → 2<sup>AP</sup>

# Composition of Timed Automata

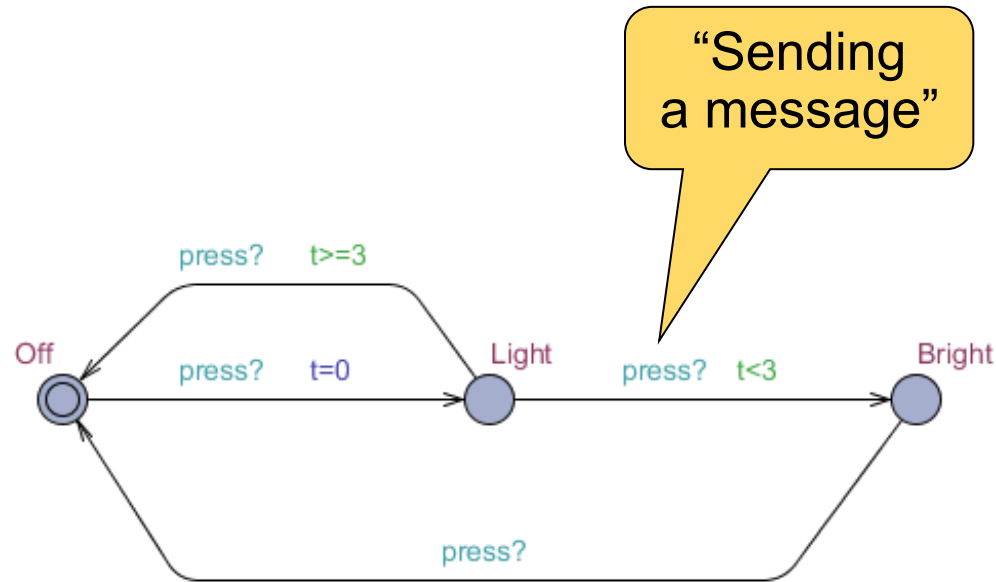
- Composition of TA: **Network of automata**
  - Synchronization among automata
    - Transitions executed **simultaneously** (rendezvous)
    - **Synchronous communication**: Sending and receiving on a channel
  - Definition of the composition (synchronization):
    - Which are the transitions that are executed simultaneously?
    - Description: by an **f synchronization function**, that is defined on actions (this way implicitly on transitions)
    - Example: **c!** and **c?** are synchronized,  $f(c!, c?)=0$  – corresponding transitions are executed simultaneously, resulting in “no action”
  - $TA_1 \mid_f TA_2$  composition:
    - Its semantics is given as a TTS ← derived from **composition of TTSs**
    - Before that: Let us define the **composition of TTSs**

# Recap: Synchronization in UPPAAL

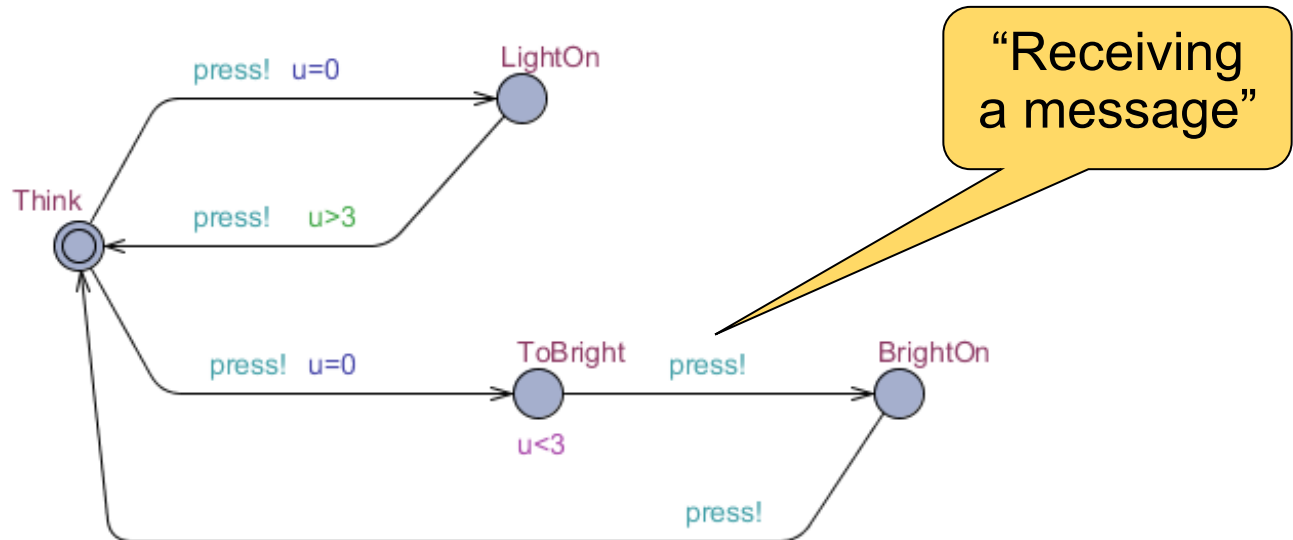
Declarations:

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clock t, u;  
chan press;
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Switch:



User:



# Background: Parallel composition of TTSs

- Parameter: **synchronization function**  $f$ 
  - $f: (\text{Act} \cup \{0\}) \times (\text{Act} \cup \{0\}) \rightarrow \text{Act} \cup \{0\}$   
where  $0$  denotes a missing action (also when no transition is taken)
- Definition: Composition  $\text{TTS}_1 \mid_f \text{TTS}_2 = \text{TTS}_0$ ,  
where  $\text{TTS}_1 = (S_1, s_{1,0}, \rightarrow_1, V_1)$  and  $\text{TTS}_2 = (S_2, s_{2,0}, \rightarrow_2, V_2)$   
resulting in  $\text{TTS}_0 = (S, s_0, \rightarrow, V)$ 
  - $(s_1 \mid_f s_2) \in S$  (pairs of states are composed)
  - $s_0 = (s_{1,0} \mid_f s_{2,0}) \in S$  (initial state)
  - $\rightarrow$  is defined **inductively** (transitions in  $\text{TTS}_0$ ):
    - $(s_1 \mid_f s_2) \rightarrow^e (s'_1 \mid_f s'_2)$  if  $s_1 \rightarrow^a s'_1$  and  $s_2 \rightarrow^b s'_2$  and  $f(a,b)=e$
    - $(s_1 \mid_f s_2) \rightarrow^{\varepsilon(d)} (s'_1 \mid_f s'_2)$  if  $s_1 \rightarrow^{\varepsilon(d)} s'_1$  and  $s_2 \rightarrow^{\varepsilon(d)} s'_2$
  - $V(s_1 \mid_f s_2) = V_1(s_1) \cup V_2(s_2)$  (union of labeling)

# Semantics of the parallel composition of TA

- Notation:  $TA_1 \mid_f TA_2$  network of automata
- Semantics of  $TA_1 \mid_f TA_2$  is a  $TTS_0 = TTS_1 \mid_f TTS_2$  where
  - Semantics of  $TA_1$  is  $TTS_1$ , semantics of  $TA_2$  is  $TTS_2$ 
    - $TA_1 \mid_f TA_2$  is **not an automaton**, but  $TTS_1 \mid_f TTS_2$  is a **TTS**
    - Note: It is **possible to construct** such  $TA_1 \otimes TA_2$  product automation, that for the semantics of  $TA_1 \otimes TA_2$ :  
 $TTS_{TA_1 \otimes TA_2} \sim TTS_1 \mid_f TTS_2$ , i.e., these are bisimulation equivalent (the definition of bisimulation: see later)
- The **f** synchronization function in case of UPPAAL TA:
  - $f(a!, a?) = 0$  synchronized actions  
( $a!$  "sending" and  $a?$  "receiving")
  - $f(a, 0) = a$  action of the first automaton only
  - $f(0, a) = a$  action of the second automaton only

# Summary: Semantics of the parallel composition of TA



- Defining synchronized actions:

$$f: (\text{Act} \cup \{\}) \times (\text{Act} \cup \{\}) \rightarrow \text{Act}$$

- $TA_1$  semantics:

$$TTS_1 = (S_1, s_{1,0}, \rightarrow_1, V_1)$$

- $TA_2$  semantics:

$$TTS_2 = (S_2, s_{2,0}, \rightarrow_2, V_2)$$

$TTS_0 = TTS_1 \mid_f TTS_2 = (S, s_0, \rightarrow, V)$ , where

- States:  $(s_1, s_2)$  pairs,  $s_1 \in S_1, s_2 \in S_2$
- Initial state:  $s_0 = (s_{1,0}, s_{2,0})$
- Transitions:  $\rightarrow$  defined as:
  - Action transition:  $(s_1, s_2) \xrightarrow{e} (s_1', s_2')$  if  $s_1 \xrightarrow{a_1} s_1'$  and  $s_2 \xrightarrow{b_2} s_2'$  and  $f(a,b)=e$
  - Delay transition:  $(s_1, s_2) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon(d)} (s_1', s_2')$  if  $s_1 \xrightarrow{\varepsilon(d)} s_1'$  and  $s_2 \xrightarrow{\varepsilon(d)} s_2'$
- Labeling of states:  
 $V(s_1, s_2) = V_1(s_1) \cup V_2(s_2)$

# Strange behavior of timed automata

Time convergence

Timelock

Zenoness

# Overview

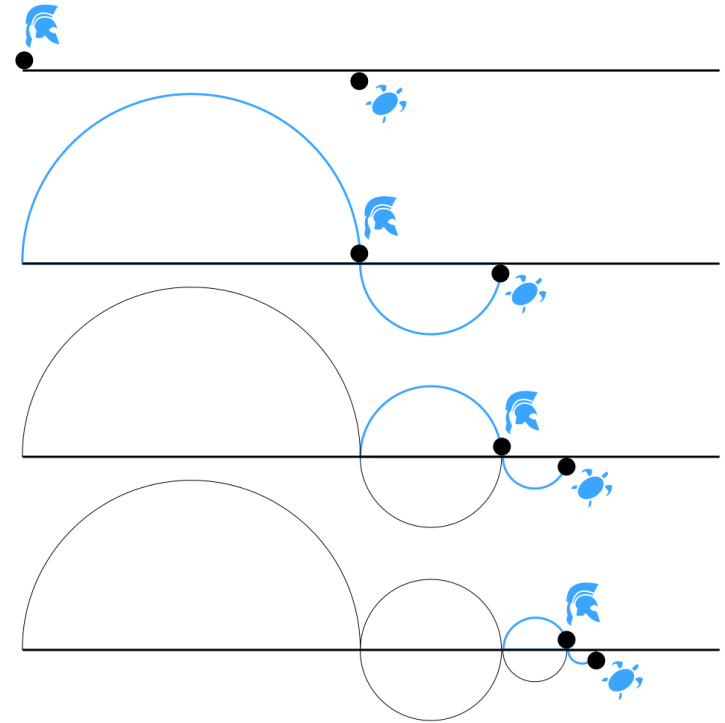
- Strange behavior: “Unrealistic” execution paths, these may complicate the model checking
  - **Time convergence**: Infinite sequence of delays converges towards a constant delay
  - **Timelock**: Time cannot progress to infinity
  - **Zenoness**: Performing infinitely many actions in finite time
- Handling these paths:
  - Time convergent paths **must not be generated** as counter-examples by model checking (these are not “fair” paths)
  - Timelock and zenoness can be avoided by **proper construction of the model** (imposing delays)



# Background: Zeno paradox and convergent series

## Zeno paradox: Race of Achilles

- The quicker runner (Achilles) gives the slower runner (tortoise) a head start
- In the race, the **quicker runner can never overtake the slower**
  - The quicker must first reach the point where the slower started
  - In the meantime the slower moved along
  - And so on, so that the slower always holds a lead



From wikipedia:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zeno%27s\\_paradoxes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zeno%27s_paradoxes)

## Convergent series (in mathematics):

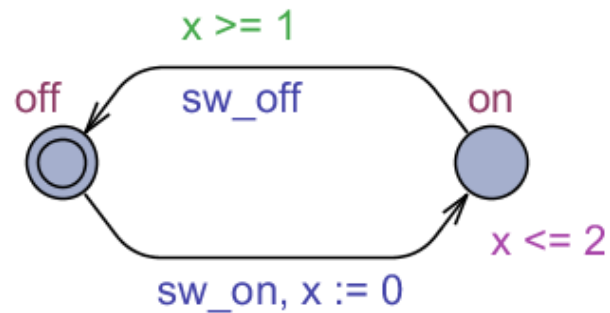
- Sequence of infinite partial sums has a finite limit:

$$L = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n.$$

- Example:  $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n} + \dots$

# Time convergence

- Example automaton:



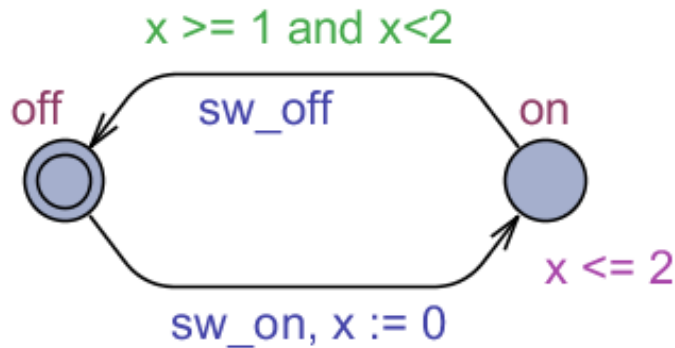
- Example path in its TTS: valid but not realistic

$$\langle \text{off}, 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{\varepsilon(1/2)} \langle \text{off}, 1-2^{-1} \rangle \xrightarrow{\varepsilon(1/4)} \langle \text{off}, 1-2^{-2} \rangle \xrightarrow{\varepsilon(1/8)} \langle \text{off}, 1-2^{-3} \rangle \dots\dots$$

- **Time convergent** path (in general):
  - Infinite sequence  $d_1, d_2, \dots$  of delays, where  $d_1+d_2+\dots$  converges to  $d$  (constant)
- **Time divergent** path:
  - The sum of delays converges to infinity

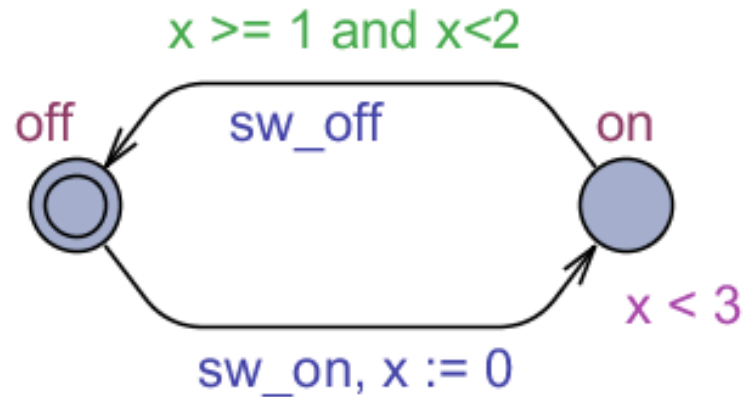
# Timelock

- A location contains a timelock if there is **no time divergent path** from that location
  - There is no path on which the time can progress to infinity
  - Terminal location is not necessarily a timelock
    - If location invariant is true then the time can progress in that location to infinity
- Example automaton with timelock:
  - **(on, 2)** is reachable, and there is no divergent path



# Example: Timelock with time convergent path

- Example automaton:

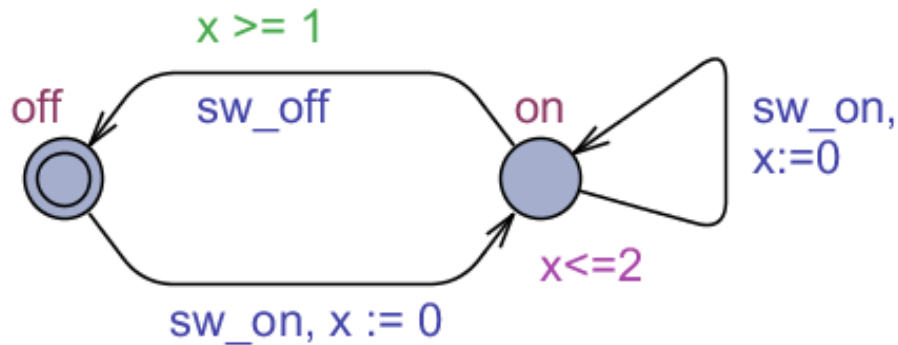


- In its TTS  $\langle on, d \rangle$  is timelock if  $2 \leq d < 3$
- Time convergent path to timelock:

$\langle on, 2 \rangle \langle on, 2.9 \rangle \langle on, 2.99 \rangle \langle on, 2.999 \rangle \langle on, 2.9999 \rangle \dots$

# Zenoness

- Zeno path:
  - Time convergent, but at the same time infinitely many  $a \in \text{Act}$  actions can be executed
- Example automaton:



Zeno paths:

sw\_on loop without delay

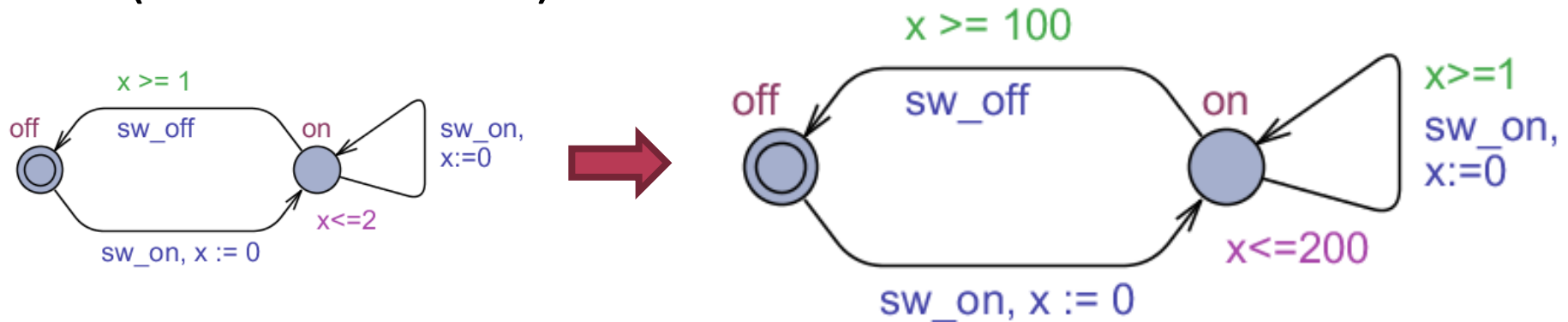
$$\langle \text{off}, 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{sw\_on}} \langle \text{on}, 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{sw\_on}} \langle \text{on}, 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{sw\_on}} \langle \text{on}, 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{sw\_on}} \dots$$

$$\langle \text{off}, 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{sw\_on}} \langle \text{on}, 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{0.5} \langle \text{on}, 0.5 \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{sw\_on}} \langle \text{on}, 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{0.25} \langle \text{on}, 0.25 \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{sw\_on}} \dots$$

sw\_on loop with delays but their sum converges to 1:  
 $0.5 + 0.25 + 0.125 + \dots$

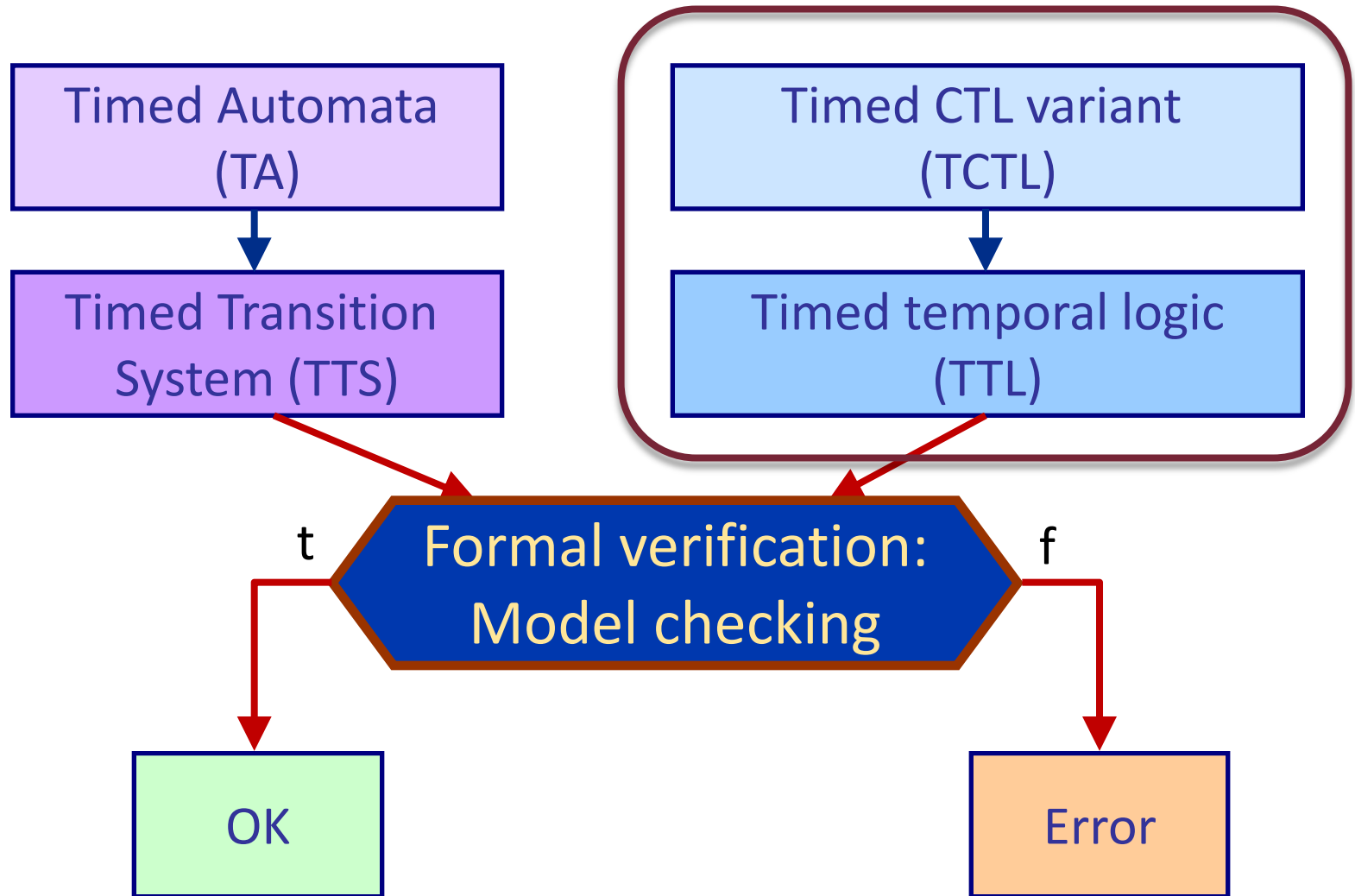
# Avoiding Zeno paths

- In case of the previous example automaton:
  - **Imposing (minimal) delays** between successive `sw_on` actions (this way time will progress)
- Example: The modified automaton model
  - The minimal delay is 1 unit (in case of integer clocks)
  - The given application-specific delays are increased (here 100 times)



# Formalizing properties: Timed temporal logics

# Overview of the approach





# Introduction of a Timed Temporal Logic

- Expectations:
  - Use clock variables in the logic (intuitive)
  - **Recursion** is allowed in the definition of its semantics
  - Formalize the typical safety and liveness properties on TA
  - Decidable (properties can be checked)
- Notation:
  - **K** set of formula clocks
    - Used in the property formula only (if model clocks are not known)
    - Their rate is the same as the rate of the model clocks
  - **Id** identifiers (in TL formula to include recursion)
    - $Z \in Id$  variable
    - $Z$  can be assigned a formula:  $Z := \varphi$
    - $D(Z)$  denotes the assignment:  $D(Z) = \varphi$ , if  $Z$  was assigned  $\varphi$

# The syntax of Timed TL

- $\varphi ::= P \mid c \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid \exists \varphi \mid \forall \varphi \mid \langle a \rangle \varphi \mid [a] \varphi \mid x \text{ in } \varphi \mid x+n \sim y+m \mid Z$

where  $P \in AP$ ,  $c \in B(K)$ ,  $a \in Act$ ,  $x \in K$ , and  $Z \in Id$ ,  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$

- Temporal operators (informally):
  - $\exists \varphi$  – exists a delay such that  $\varphi$  holds
  - $\forall \varphi$  – for all delays  $\varphi$  holds
  - $x \text{ in } \varphi$  – by resetting  $x$  clock  $\varphi$  holds
  - $x+n \sim y+m$  – comparison of clock expressions
- This Timed TL can be evaluated on TTS (this way also on TA and network of TA)
  - $s: (l, u)$  state of TTS (derived from TA)
  - $(s, v)$  notation for TTS state and formula clock valuation  $v$

# The semantics of Timed TL (1)

- $(s,v) \models P$  for atomic proposition  $P$  iff  $P \in V(s)$ 
  - I.e.,  $P$  is included among the labels of state  $s$
- $(s,v) \models c$  for clock expression iff  $c(v)$  holds
  - I.e., in the case of clock valuation  $v$  the clock expression  $c$  is true
- $(s,v) \models \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$  iff  $(s,v) \models \varphi_1$  and  $(s,v) \models \varphi_2$
- $(s,v) \models \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2$  iff  $(s,v) \models \varphi_1$  or  $(s,v) \models \varphi_2$
- $(s,v) \models \exists \varphi$  iff  $\exists d, s': s \xrightarrow{\varepsilon(d)} s'$  és  $(s', v+d) \models \varphi$ 
  - I.e., there exists a state reachable from  $(s,v)$  by a delay, in which  $\varphi$  holds
- $(s,v) \models \forall \varphi$  iff  $\forall d, s': s \xrightarrow{\varepsilon(d)} s' \Rightarrow (s', v+d) \models \varphi$ 
  - I.e., for all states reachable from  $(s,v)$  by delay,  $\varphi$  holds

# The semantics of Timed TL (2)

- $(s,v) \models \langle a \rangle \varphi$  iff  $\exists s': s \xrightarrow{a} s'$  and  $(s',v) \models \varphi$ 
  - I.e., there exists a state reachable from  $(s,v)$  by action  $a$ , in which  $\varphi$  holds
- $(s,v) \models [a]\varphi$  iff  $\forall s': s \xrightarrow{a} s' \Rightarrow (s',v) \models \varphi$ 
  - I.e., in all states reachable from  $(s,v)$  by action  $a$ ,  $\varphi$  holds
- $(s,v) \models x \text{ in } \varphi$  iff  $(s,v') \models \varphi$  where  $v' = [\{x\} \rightarrow 0]v$ 
  - I.e., by resetting formula clock  $x$ ,  $\varphi$  holds
- $(s,v) \models x+n \sim y+m$  iff  $v(x)+n \sim v(y)+m$ 
  - I.e., comparison holds for the values of the formula clocks
- $(s,v) \models Z$  iff  $(s,v) \models D(Z)$ 
  - I.e., the expression assigned to  $Z$  is true on  $(s,v)$

# Properties of the Timed TL

- Recap: The syntax

$$\varphi ::= c \mid P \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid \exists \varphi \mid \forall \varphi \mid \langle a \rangle \varphi \mid [a] \varphi \mid x \text{ in } \varphi \mid x+n \sim y+m \mid Z$$

- Low level, simple operators

- **Existential** and **universal** operators for transitions with **actions** or **delay**
- „Base logic” (its role is similar to the mu-calculus)
- Expressivity is high (since recursion is allowed, but this construct in itself is not easy to use and not intuitive)

- Using the Timed TL

- Definition of composite / derived operators from the simple ones
- These are closer to intuition and practical use:  
E.g., invariants, UNTIL, UNTIL<sub><t</sub>, BEFORE t
- Restrictions in model checkers (e.g., UPPAAL, KRONOS) in order to have more effective model checking algorithms

# Useful expressions in the Timed TL

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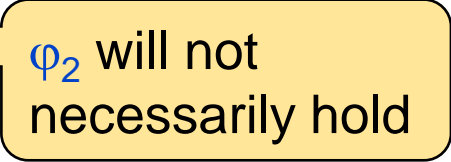
In all states that are reachable by delay transition,  $Z$  will hold

In all states that are reachable by action transition,  $Z$  will hold

These together form a general “next state” operator for both delay and action transitions

If  $Z$  holds on  $M$ , where  $Z := \varphi \wedge \forall Z \wedge [Act]Z$ , then  $\varphi$  is invariant on  $M$

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- $\varphi_1 \text{ UNTIL } \varphi_2$  „weak until”: it is  $Z$ , where  $Z := \varphi_2 \vee (\varphi_1 \wedge \forall Z \wedge [Act]Z)$   

- $\varphi_1 \text{ UNTIL}_{<n} \varphi_2 \equiv x \text{ in } ((\varphi_1 \wedge x < n) \text{ UNTIL } \varphi_2)$   
here  $x$  is evaluated after reset, this way time  $n$  is relative
- $\varphi \text{ BEFORE } n \equiv \text{true UNTIL}_{<n} \varphi$
- Example:  $at(l_i) \text{ BEFORE } t$  deadline property
  - It means reaching  $l_i$  location before  $t$
  - Here notation:  $at(l_i)$  means that the automaton is at control location  $l_i$



# Simplification for effective evaluation

- Recap: The original syntax

$$\varphi ::= c \mid P \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid \exists \varphi \mid \forall \varphi \mid \langle a \rangle \varphi \mid [a] \varphi \mid \\ x \text{ in } \varphi \mid x+n \sim y+m \mid Z$$

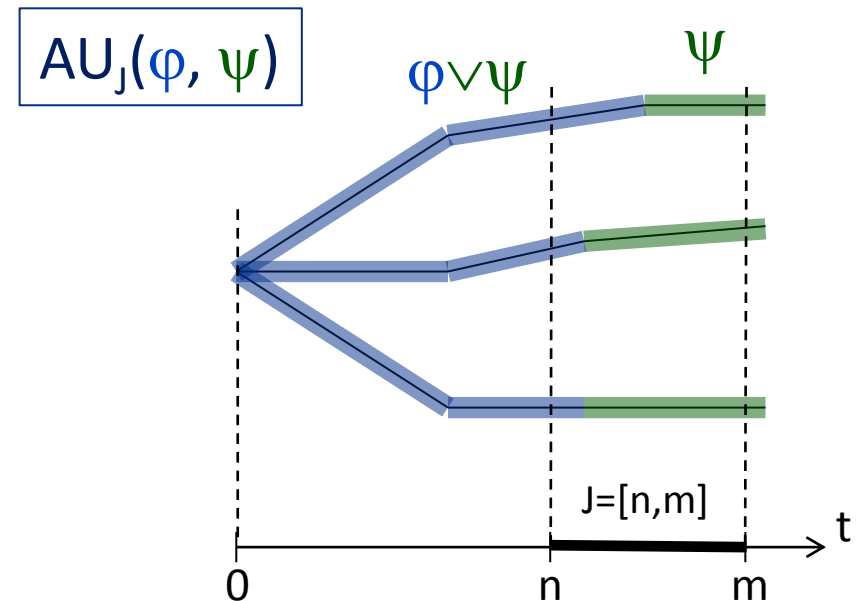
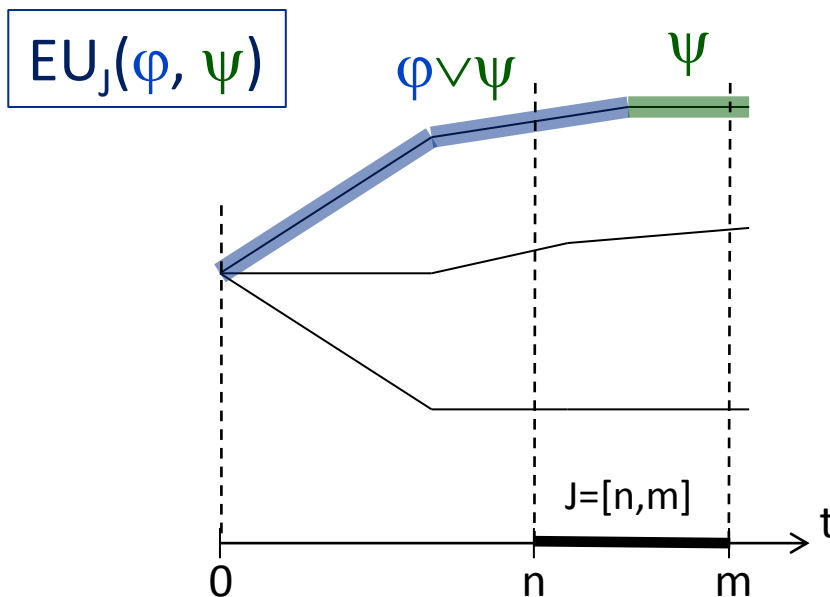
- To formalize safety and bounded liveness properties it is sufficient to restrict it as follows:
  - $\exists \varphi$  omitted (existential quantifier on delays)
  - $\langle a \rangle$  omitted (existential quantifier on actions)
  - $c \vee \varphi$  formula allowed only
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Invariants, UNTIL, UNTIL<sub><n'</sub>, BEFORE t can be expressed

# Timed CTL

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- CTL variant with time: Timed Computational Tree Logic
- Characteristics:
  - Temporal operators are bound by time intervals
    - $J = [n, m]$  bound, with open or closed intervals
  - Only the U “until” temporal operator is included in the syntax
    - With existential and universal quantifier on paths: EU and AU



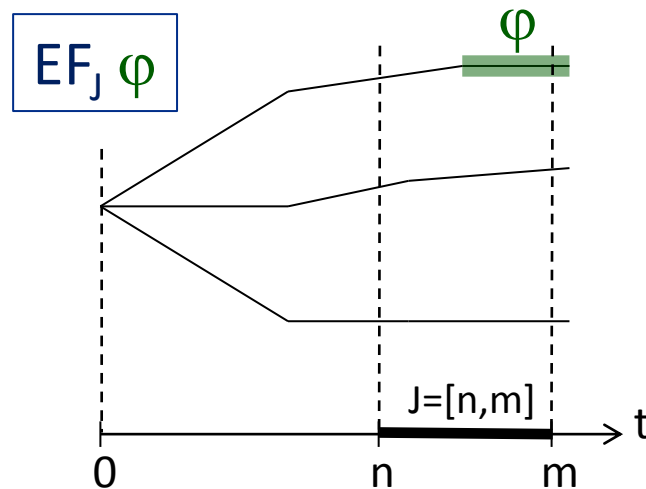
# Formal syntax of TCTL

$TCTL ::= P \mid g \mid \varphi \wedge \psi \mid \neg \varphi \mid EU_J(\varphi, \psi) \mid AU_J(\varphi, \psi)$

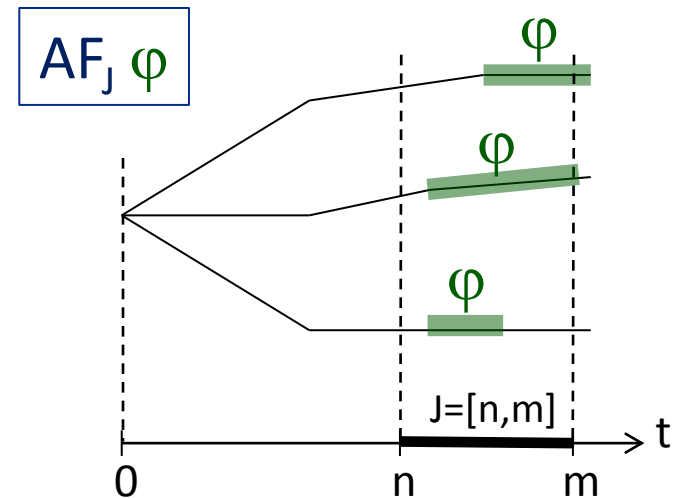
- Atomic propositions:  $P \in AP$  state labels
- Clock expressions:  $g \in B(C)$
- Boolean operators in case of  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  formula:
  - $\varphi \wedge \psi$
  - $\neg \varphi$
- **Temporal operators** in case of  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  formula and  $J$  bounded time interval:
  - $EU_J(\varphi, \psi)$  – there exists a path on which the following holds:  
 $\psi$  holds in time interval  $J$  and until that  $\varphi \vee \psi$  holds
  - $AU_J(\varphi, \psi)$  – on all paths the following holds:  
 $\psi$  holds in time interval  $J$  and until that  $\varphi \vee \psi$  holdshere  $J$  is in form  $[n,m]$ ,  $(n,m]$ ,  $[n,m)$ ,  $(n,m)$ , also  $m=\infty$  is possible

# Defining derived temporal operators

$$EF_J \varphi = EU_J(\text{true}, \varphi)$$



$$AF_J \varphi = AU_J(\text{true}, \varphi)$$



$$EG_J \varphi = \neg AF_J \neg \varphi$$

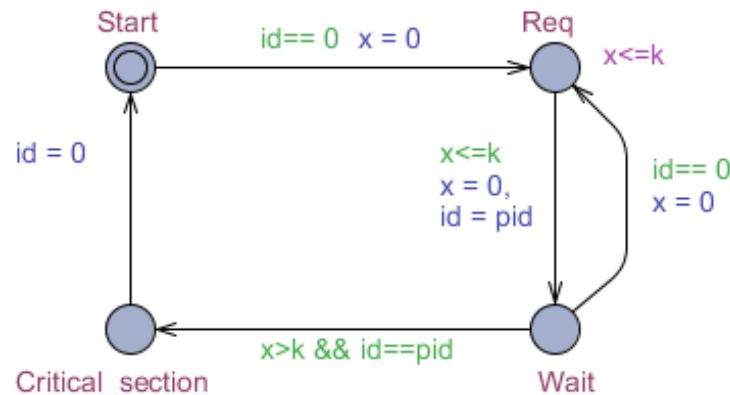
$$AG_J \varphi = \neg EF_J \neg \varphi$$

In case of untimed properties:  $J = [0, \infty)$

# The model checker KRONOS

- Using the TA formalism
- TCTL temporal logic variant
  - $\exists\langle\rangle$  (corresponds to EF)
  - $\forall[]$  (corresponds to AG)
  - $\exists\langle\rangle_{=n}$  (reachable in  $n$  time units)
  - $\forall[]_{\leq n}$  (always reached in max.  $n$  time units)
- Interesting property that is often specified:
  - $\forall[] \exists\langle\rangle_{=1} \text{ true}$ 
    - In each state the time is able to progress 1 time unit
    - It is not possible that “time is stopped”

# Recap: Temporal operators in UPPAAL

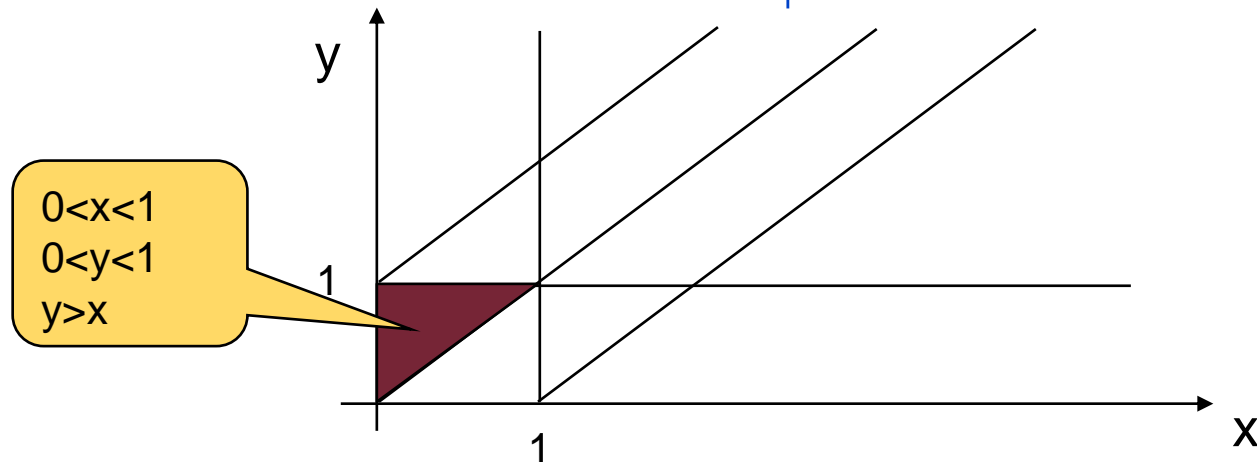


Model of a mutual exclusion protocol (Fischer) for automata:

- Liveness without timing for automation P0:
  - After Wait, the critical section will eventually be reached on all paths:  
 $P0.Wait \rightarrow P0.Critical\_section$
- Timed liveness:
  - After Wait, the critical section will be reached on all paths in less than T time units:  
 $P0.Wait \rightarrow (P0.Critical\_section \text{ and } x < T)$
  - Note that the x clock is reset when entering Wait

# Outlook: The basic idea of model checking

- Identification of (time) **regions**, where conditions are evaluated to the same truth value
  - Conditions determined by invariants and guards in the TA
  - There are many potential delays that make a condition true
  - This way regions are formed on the clock variables
  - The truth of a Timed TL expressions is defined on the regions
- Semantics based model checking:
  - Can be solved as a constraint satisfaction problem
  - Is there a clock valuation with which  $\varphi$  holds?





# Summary

- Motivation: Checking the models of real-time systems
- Models and mappings
  - Timed Transition System (TTS)
  - Timed Automata (TA)  $\rightarrow$  TTS
  - Network of TA  $\rightarrow$  TTS
- Interesting behavior in models of timed systems
  - Time convergence, timelock, zenoness (Zeno path)
- Formalizing properties
  - Timed TL
  - Timed CTL variants
- Model checking
  - Basic idea: regions are manipulated