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# Parametric model checking timed automata under non-Zenoness assumption

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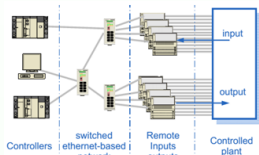
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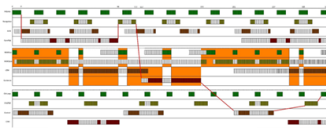
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# Parametric Verification of Real-Time Systems

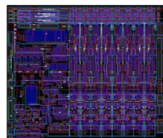
- Verification techniques used for **critical systems**, **timed systems** where **changes of time value is vital!** such as:



Communication protocols



Processor Scheduling

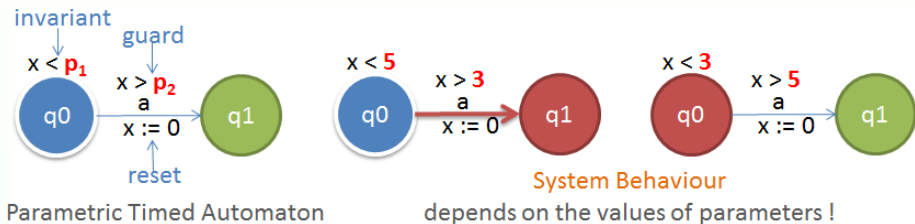


Asynchronous Circuits

- Systems incompletely specified**, some **timing delays** may not be known yet, or may change
  - Verifying system for **numerous values of constants** requires a very long time, or even infinite
- ⇒ Use **parameterised techniques**, by using parameters instead of constants, then one can check many values at the same time

# Parametric Timed Automata (PTA)

PTA is a formalism to model and verify concurrent real-time systems  
[Alur et al., 1993]



$x$ : Clock

$p$ : Parameters allow to represent **unknown values** (e.g. a transmission delay or a timeout)

$K_0$ : Initial parameter constraint (e.g.  $p_1 \leq p_2$  or  $p_1 > p_2$ )

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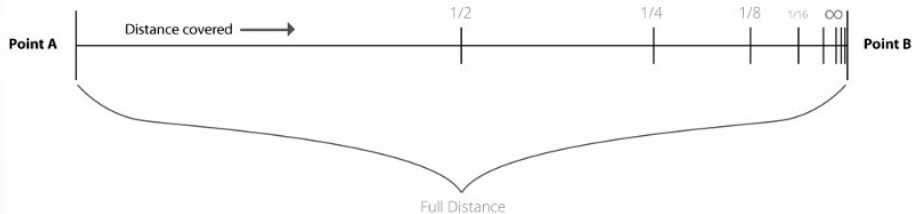
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# Zenoness Introduction

## Definition

An infinite number of discrete actions in a finite time

## ZENO'S DICHOTOMY



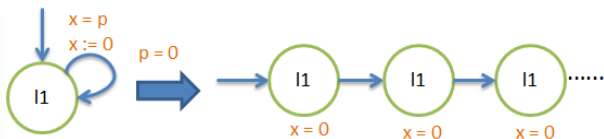
Get a half way of  $A \rightarrow B$  ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ), then get half the remaining distance  $\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow B$  ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ), then again and again  $\rightarrow$  **never reach B!** ( $A$  and  $B$  can be the parameters).

$\Rightarrow$  **Infeasible in reality!**

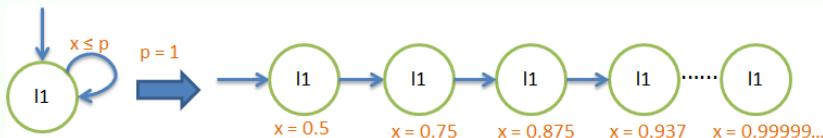
# Zenoness in parametric timed model checking

2 types of Zeno run (**infinite**):

**1** Run has a clock such that time cannot elapse



**2** Run has a clock bounded by a parameter or a constant



Existing an infinite run in a finite time is **not feasible!**



## Zenoness in parametric timed model checking (cont.)

### Problem

- 1 Existing loop in product of Büchi automata (negated LTL formula), etc. Zeno run in counter-example is spurious
- 2 Zeno run cannot be checked directly on PTA model or its symbolic semantic!

⇒ Important to find and avoid Zeno loops in checking result!

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# CUB-TA Introduction

## CUB Introduction

CUB stands for "Clock Upper Bound", an approach derived from the paper [Wang et al., 2015] for solving the non-Zenoness problem on Timed Safety Automata (TA)

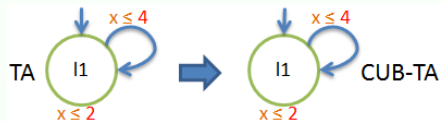
- 1 Zeno loops can be checked directly on CUB-TA's Zone Graph
- 2 More efficient than other current existing approaches
- 3 No need to introduce any new clock

⇒ We define a CUB approach for PTA

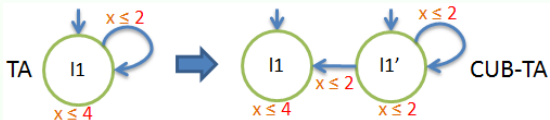
# CUB-TA Introduction (cont.)

## CUB-TA Definition

- A path is **non-decreasing upper bound** iff for each edge from location  $l$  to  $l'$  with guard  $g$ , for each clock  $x$ , the upper bound  $l'_x$  is less than or equal to  $g_x$  and  $l'_x$  (if  $x$  is not reset)
- A TA  $\mathcal{A}$  is a **CUB-TA**, iff every clock has a **non-decreasing upper bound along any path before it is reset**



TA containing a **non-decreasing upper bound path** example



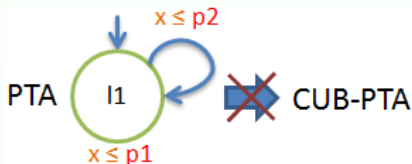
TA containing a **decreasing upper bound path** example

CUB-TA Transformation examples

# CUB-PTA Introduction

## CUB-PTA Definition

A PTA  $\mathcal{A}$  is a *CUB-PTA*, iff there exists a constraint  $\mathcal{A}.K_0$  on parameters that guarantees every clock has a **non-decreasing upper bound along any path before it is reset**, for all parameter valuations satisfying the initial constraint  $\mathcal{A}.K_0$



There are *2 cases*:

$\mathcal{A}.K_0 = p1 \leq p2$  : **non-decreasing upper bound path!**  $\Rightarrow$  **CUB-PTA**

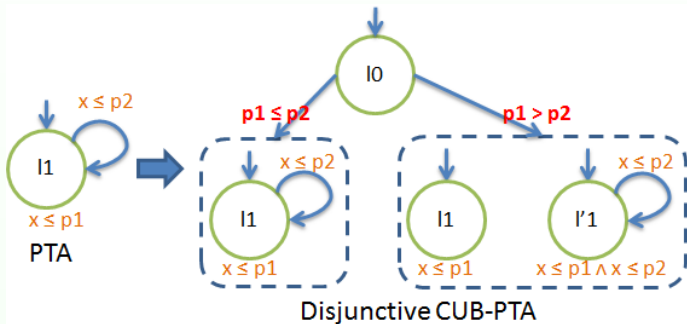
$\mathcal{A}.K_0 = p1 > p2$  : **decreasing upper bound path!**  $\Rightarrow$  **not CUB-PTA**

$\Rightarrow$  **No transformation exists such that a CUB-PTA can cover all cases!**  
**But a list of CUB-PTAs can**

# CUB-PTA Introduction (cont.)

## Disjunctive CUB-PTA Definition

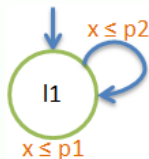
A *disjunctive CUB-PTA* is a list of *CUB-PTAs*



With a *CUB-PTA* or *disjunctive CUB-PTA*, we can **synthesize** parameter valuations of non-Zeno runs on its **symbolic semantic Parametric Zone Graph - PZG** (similar to Zone Graph of TA and **not always finite**).

# CUB-PTA Detection

CUB-PTA detection aims at **non-Zenoness synthesizing a partial or complete result** without modification on the given model



$$\mathcal{A}.K_0 = p_1 \leq p_2 \wedge p_1 \leq p_1$$

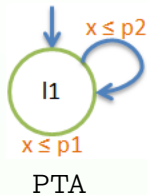
$\Leftrightarrow$  CUB-PTA with  $\mathcal{A}.K_0 = p_1 \leq p_2$   
(Partial result)

Missing result:  $\mathcal{A}.K_0 = p_1 > p_2$

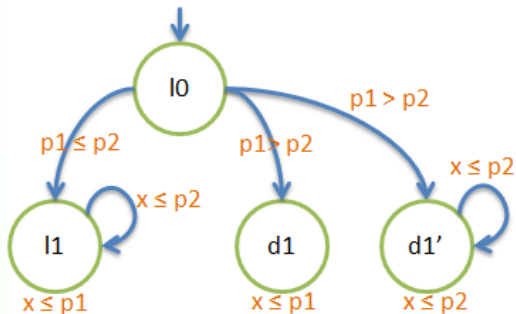
## Main idea

Given PTA  $\mathcal{A}$ , for each clock  $x$  on each edge with guard  $g$  from location  $l$  to  $l'$  we **enforce a constraint** with upper bound  $l_x$  less than or equal to  $g_x$  and  $l'_x$  (if  $x$  is not reset). If **a conjunction of all constraints  $\mathcal{A}.K_0$  contains some valuations** then the given PTA is *CUB-PTA*

# CUB-PTA Transformation



Transforms



Disjunctive CUB-PTA with

$\mathcal{A}.K_0 = p1 \leq p2$  or  $p1 > p2$  (Complete result)

An arbitrary PTA can be transformed into a *disjunctive CUB-PTA* (with a new initial location), while *preserving the symbolic runs*



# CUB-PTA Transformation (cont.)

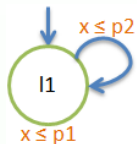
## Main idea

Given a PTA  $\mathcal{A}$ :

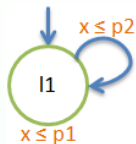
- 1 Infer all possible parameter relations  $\mathcal{A}.K_0$ s
- 2 Each copy of  $\mathcal{A}$  will be transformed due to each  $\mathcal{A}.K_0$  by:
  - 1 Splitting the location\* into new locations with different upper bounds
  - 2 Copying all incoming and outgoing edges of old location to the new location
  - 3 Removing all decreasing upper bound edges
- 3 Add a new initial location connecting to all initial locations of the copies of  $\mathcal{A}$

**location\***: a location containing an outgoing edge implies a decreasing upper bound

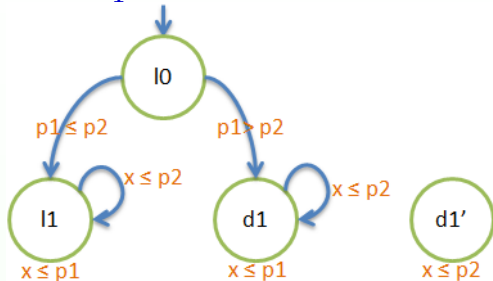
# CUB-PTA Transformation Example



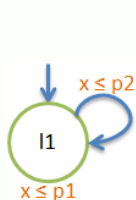
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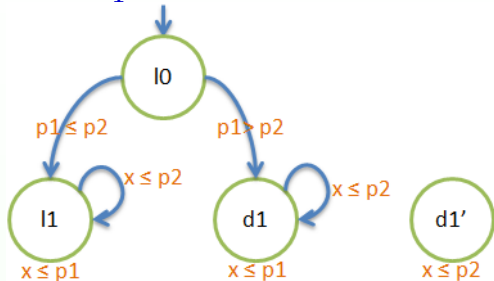
Infer all possible  $\mathcal{A.K}_0$ s on the fly.  
 For each  $\mathcal{A.K}_0$ ,  
 split the location\*  
 into different  
 upper bounds



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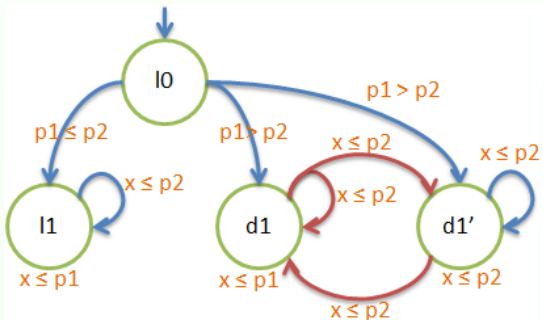


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Remove all decreasing upper  
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# Non-Zenoness Parametric Model Checking

With CUB-PTA Parametric Non-Zenoness can be checked directly on the Parametric Zone Graph - PZG

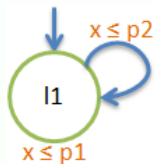
## Main idea

A CUB-PTA  $\mathcal{A}$  contains a non-Zeno run iff:

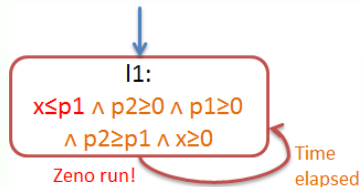
- 1 There exists parameter valuation such that  $\text{PZG}(\mathcal{A})$  has a SCC containing an edge from location  $l$  to  $l'$  where time can elapse
- 2 For every clock  $x$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ , if  $x$  is bounded by a constant or a parameter for some location in the SCC, there exists an edge in the SCC where  $x$  is reset

SCC: Strongly Connected Component

# Non-Zenoness Parametric Model Checking (cont.)



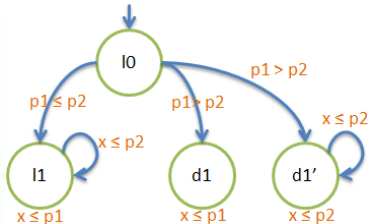
CUB-PTA  
(Detection)



PZG of the CUB-PTA

Emptiness non-Zenoness check: **False!**  
 Approximation: **Under-approximation**  
 (no result is given for  $p1 > p2$ )

# Non-Zenoness Parametric Model-Checking (cont.)



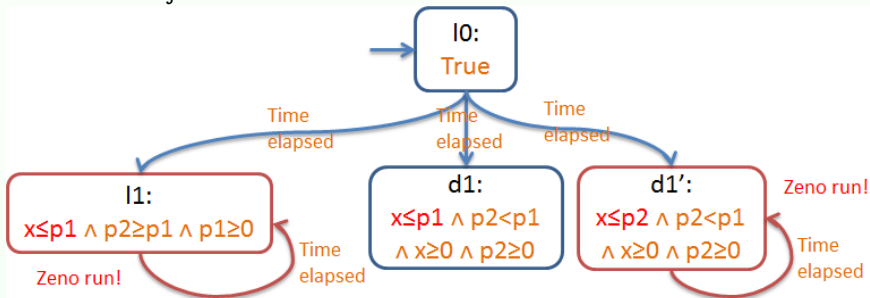
Emptiness non-Zeno check:

**False!**

Approximation:

**Exact!**

Disjunctive CUB-PTA



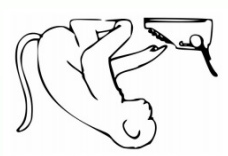
PZG of the disjunctive CUB-PTA

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# Implementation



- Implementation in **IMITATOR** [André, Fribourg, Kühne, Soulat, 2012]
  - About 3,000 lines of new **OCaml** code for our non-Zenoness parameter synthesis algorithm
  - Thank to the **Parma Polyhedra Library (PPL)** library for solving linear inequality systems

## Experiments

Model				synthCycle			CUBdetect					CUBtrans				
Name	# X	# Y	# L	time (s)	Result	Appr.	Detec time (s)	Total time (s)	CUB for	Result	Appr.	Trans time (s)	Total time (s)	#L CUB	Result	Appr.
CSMA/CD	3	3	28	TO	✓	invalid	0.013	0.013	↓	-	-	0.300	TO	74	✓	exact
Fischer	2	4	13	TO	✓	invalid	0.003	0.003	↓	-	-	0.012	TO	20	✓	exact
RCP	6	5	48	TO	Some	invalid	0.013	0.013	↓	-	-	0.348	TO	71	↓	under
WFAS	4	2	10	TO	Some 102%	invalid	0.009	0.009	↓	-	-	0.246	1848	40	Some 100%	exact
AndOr	4	4	27	TO	Some 166%	invalid	0.012	0.012	↓	-	-	0.059	TO	34	Some 100%	under
Flip-flop	5	2	52	0.058	↓	exact	0.002	0.086	✓	↓	exact	0.010	0.972	58	↓	exact
Sched5	21	2	153	190	↓	exact	0.051	0.051	↓	-	-	1.180	TO	180	↓	under
simop	8	2	46	TO	↓	invalid	0.012	0.012	↓	-	-	0.219	TO	81	↓	under
train-gate	5	9	11	TO	↓	invalid	0.000	TO	Some	↓	under	0.059	TO	23	↓	under
coffee	2	3	4	TO	Some 100%	invalid	0.000	TO	Some	Some 100%	under	0.012	TO	10	Some 100%	under
CUBPTA1	1	3	2	0.006	↓	over	0.000	0.015	Some	Some 69%	under	0.006	0.073	6	Some 100%	exact
JLR13	2	2	2	TO	↓	invalid	0.000	TO	✓	↓	under	0.000	TO	3	↓	under

- synthCycle (without non-Zenoness assumption): Synthesizes all parameter valuations of loops
- CUBdetect: Detects a given PTA is CUB-PTA then synthesizes parameter valuations of non-Zeno runs
- CUBtrans: Transforms a given PTA into CUB-PTA then synthesizes parameter valuations of non-Zeno runs

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## Contributions:

- Proposed and implemented **new Zenoness-free parametric model synthesizing approaches** in **IMITATOR** [André, Fribourg, Kühne, Soulat, 2012] tool
- Gave an **overall view of our algorithms' performance and complexity**, a set of case studies for non-Zenoness parametric model checking study

## Paper submitted:






- Étienne André, Hoang Gia Nguyen, Laure Petrucci, Jun Sun **Parametric model checking timed automata under non-Zenoness assumption**

## Future work:

- Implement other techniques such as yet to be defined parametric extensions of strongly non-Zeno TAs [Tripakis et al., 2005] or guessing zone graph [Herbreteau et al., 2012] could turn to be more efficient and should be investigated

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