

# Revisiting Generalised Stochastic Petri Nets

## New Semantics and Analysis Algorithms

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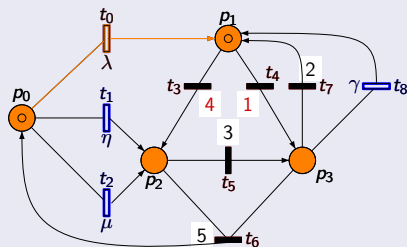
# This talk in a nutshell

## Generalised stochastic Petri nets (GSPNs)

[Ajmone Marsan et al, 1984]

- ▶ Places
- ▶ Timed transitions (rates)
- ▶ Immediate transitions
- ▶ Input, output, inhibitor arcs
- ▶ Tokens ●

**Semantics:** play token game



## Resolving the conflict?

- ▶ So far: use weights
- ▶ Drawbacks: Which weights? Strange effects! Trustworthy analysis?
- ▶ New: **Don't care. Keep it as is.** (without abandoning weights)

# Outline of the talk

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# Historical perspective

- 1973 Timed Petri Nets [Noe & Nutt]
- 1980 Stochastic Petri Nets [Molloy, Natkin, Symons]
- 1984 **Generalized Stochastic Petri Nets** [Ajmone Marsan, Conte & Balbo]
- 1991 GSPN Reward Nets [Ciardo, Muppala & Trivedi]
- 1994 Non-Markovian Stochastic Petri Nets [Bobbio, German et al.]
- 1995 Modeling with Generalized Stochastic Petri Nets [Ajmone Marsan et al.]

## A Class of Generalized Stochastic Petri Nets for the Performance Evaluation of Multiprocessor Systems

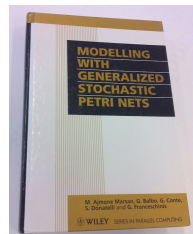
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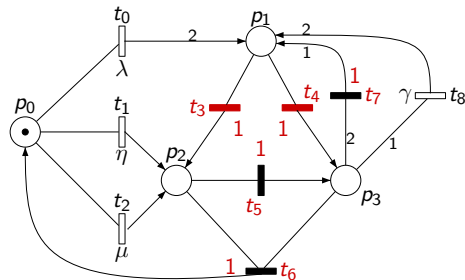
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# Generalised stochastic Petri nets

- ▶ Places
- ▶ Timed transitions
- ▶ Immediate transitions
- ▶ Weights
- ▶ Input, output, inhibitor arcs
- ▶ Tokens ●



**Maximal progress:** immediate transitions have priority over timed ones.

Removal of reachable **vanishing markings** in marking graph yields a **continuous-time Markov chain**.

# Applicability

## Quantitative measures

1. the **reachability** probability of a given marking
2. the probability to be in a marking after  $t$  time units transient
3. the probability to be in a marking on the long run stationary
4. the probability to satisfy a temporal logic formula CSL model checking

All these quantities can be computed efficiently and are tool-supported.

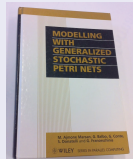
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GreatSPN 2.0 

# A caveat

The presence of confused subnets  
of immediate transitions within a GSPN  
is an undesirable property of the model.

Ajmore Marsan et al. (1995)



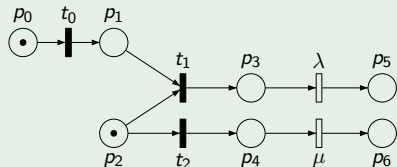


# Confusion

## What is confusion?

Confusion arises if there is a reachable marking in which multiple non-conflicting immediate transitions are simultaneously enabled.

## A simple confused GSPN



- ▶ Transitions  $t_0$  and  $t_2$  are concurrent
- ▶ If  $t_2$  fires first, no conflict arises
- ▶ If  $t_0$  fires first, a conflict  $t_1 \smile t_2$  arises

In marking  $p_1 + p_6$  one cannot conclude whether a conflict had to be resolved.

This situation is called **confusion**.

# Why is confusion problematic?

## No stochastic process

The reachability graph of a confused net is not a continuous-time Markov chain but a stochastic **decision** process. Standard CTMC analysis is not possible.

## It is meaningless to consider

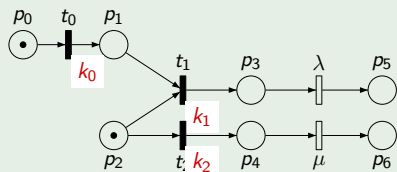
1. **the** reachability probability of a given marking
2. **the** probability to be in a marking after  $t$  time units
3. **the** probability to be in a marking on the long run

These quantities are all subject to the **resolution** of nondeterminism.

Classical GSPN approach: resolve nondeterminism by using **weights**.

# Weighted immediate transitions

## A simple weighted GSPN



- ▶ Transition  $t_i$  has weight  $k_i \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$
- ▶  $t_2$  fires first with probability  $\frac{k_2}{k_0+k_2}$
- ▶  $t_0$  fires first with probability  $\frac{k_0}{k_0+k_2}$
- ▶ **Concurrency is thus resolved probabilistically**

$$\Pr\{\diamond(p_1+p_6)\} = \underbrace{\frac{k_2}{k_0+k_2}}_{t_2 \text{ before } t_0} + \underbrace{\frac{k_0}{k_0+k_2} \cdot \frac{k_2}{k_1+k_2}}_{t_0 \text{ before } t_2 \text{ and } t_2 \text{ before } t_1}$$

Note the influence of  $k_0$  on this quantity.

# Drawbacks of weights

## How to get adequate weights?

For conflicting transitions this is mostly simple, but not for confused ones.

But: [weight values are fundamental for the quantitative evaluation.](#)

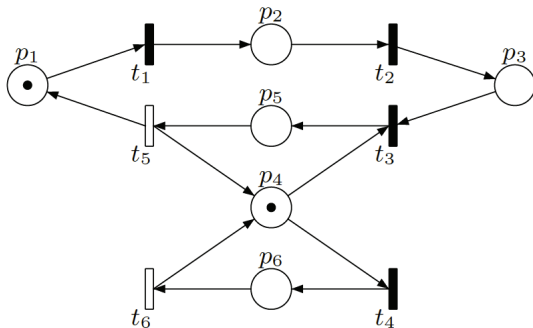
## Biased analysis

Quantitative results are subject to a specific weight assignment. This bias is often neglected. ([see later case study](#))

## Unexpected effects

Splitting or deleting an immediate transition “has drastic effects on the values of the results obtained from the quantitative evaluation”.

## Weights are not so innocent



Assume all rates and weights equal one. Then  $LRA(\dots + p_5) = \frac{4}{11}$ .

Deleting  $p_2$  and immediate transition  $t_2$  yields  $LRA(\dots + p_5) = \frac{4}{10}$ .

# Workarounds

## Some approaches

1. **Net-level reasoning** [Chiola et al., 1993]
    - ▶ signals which immediate transitions may become in conflict
    - ▶ simple and efficient, but incomplete
    - ▶ translational semantics rely on this: no confusion-free proof
  2. **State-space reasoning** [Ciardo et al., 1996]
    - ▶ exact but computationally involved
  3. **Net-level restrictions** [Teruel et al., 2003]
    - ▶ ensure different priorities for conflicting transitions
    - ▶ but can provide false (“spurious”) alarms
- “Well-specified” checks exist for SANs [Deavours & Sanders, 1999]

Our approach: no checks. No restrictions. All nets are well-defined.

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# Recent developments

- 2010 **Markov Automata** [Eisenraut et al.]
- 2011 Semantics of Markov Automata [Deng & Hennessy]
- 2012 Quantitative Analysis of Simple MA [Katoen et al.]
- 2012 Weak Bisimulation Minimisation of MA [Turrini & Hermanns]
- 2012 Quantitative Analysis of MA [Guck & Katoen]
- 2012 Efficient Generation of MA [Timmer et al.]
- today **New GSPN Semantics, Analysis Algorithms, and Tool**

2010 25th Annual IEEE Symposium on Logic in Computer Science

## On Probabilistic Automata in Continuous Time

Christian Eisenraut  
Saarland University –

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NetOne(P0 : Nat, P1 : Nat, P2 : Nat, P3 : Nat) =
  ((P0 = 0) & (P1 = 0) & (P2 = 0) & (P3 = 1) => reach0
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Initial state: NetOne(1, 0, 0, 0)
Number of states: 10
Number of transitions: 12

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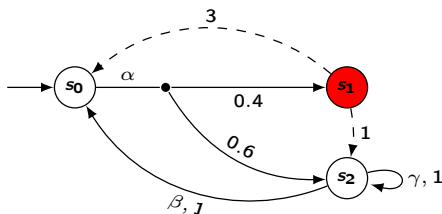


## Markov automata

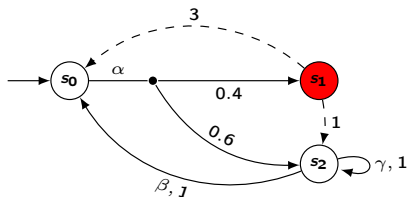
[Eisenraut et al., LICS 2010]

A **Markov automaton**  $M$  is a tuple  $(S, Act, \rightarrow, \Longrightarrow, s_0)$  where

- ▶  $S$  is a nonempty set of states with **initial state**  $s_0 \in S$
- ▶  $Act$  is a finite set of **actions**;  $\tau$  is an **internal** action
- ▶  $\rightarrow \subseteq S \times Act \times Dist(S)$  is a set of **action** transitions, and
- ▶  $\Longrightarrow \subseteq S \times \mathbb{R}_{>0} \times S$  is a set of **Markovian** transitions  
such that there is at most one  $r \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  such that  $s \xrightarrow{r} s'$



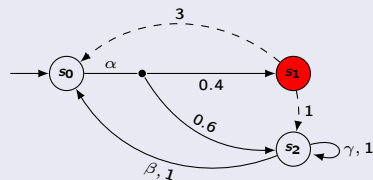
## Déjà vu?



- ▶  $\Rightarrow = \emptyset$  yields **probabilistic automata**.
- ▶  $\Rightarrow = \emptyset$  and  $\rightarrow$  is deterministic yields **Markov decision processes**.
- ▶  $\Rightarrow = \emptyset$ ,  $\rightarrow$  is deterministic, and  $|\text{Act}| = 1$  yields **Markov chains**.
- ▶  $\Rightarrow = \emptyset$  and  $\rightarrow$  is Dirac yields **labeled transition systems**.
- ▶  $\rightarrow$  is Dirac yields **interactive Markov chains**.
- ▶  $\rightarrow = \emptyset$  yields **continuous-time Markov chains**.

## Semantics

- ▶  $s$  is **Markovian** if  $s \Rightarrow$  and  $s \not\rightarrow$
- ▶  $s$  is **probabilistic** if  $s \not\Rightarrow$  and  $s \rightarrow$
- ▶  $s$  is **hybrid** if  $s \Rightarrow$  and  $s \rightarrow$
- ▶  $s$  is **timelock** if  $s \not\Rightarrow$  and  $s \not\rightarrow$



For Markovian  $s$ , let:

- ▶  $\mathbf{r}(s, s')$  be the **rate** to move from  $s$  to  $s'$ ,
- ▶  $E(s) = \sum_{s' \in S} \mathbf{r}(s, s')$  be the **exit rate** of  $s$
- ▶  $\mathbf{p}(s, s') = \frac{\mathbf{r}(s, s')}{E(s)}$  is the **probability** to move from  $s$  to  $s'$

$$\mathbf{r}(s_1, s_0) = 3, E(s_1) = 1 + 3 = 4 \text{ and } \mathbf{p}(s_1, s_0) = \frac{3}{4} \text{ and } \mathbf{p}(s_1, s_2) = \frac{1}{4}.$$

# Maximal progress assumption

## Justification

1. Internal (action) transitions are labeled with the action  $\tau$ .
2. These transitions will not be subject to interaction.
3. They **cannot be delayed** by other components.
4. Thus, internal interactive transitions can trigger **immediately**.
5. But, almost surely no Markovian transition occurs immediately.

## Maximal progress assumption

Internal action transitions take precedence over Markovian ones.

## Maximal progress assumption



But as visible actions may be **subject to delaying** by other components:



# Parallel composition

The *composition* of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  wrt.  $A \subseteq (\text{Act}_1 \cup \text{Act}_2) \setminus \{\tau\}$  is:

$$M_1 \parallel_A M_2 = (S_1 \times S_2, \text{Act}_1 \cup \text{Act}_2, \rightarrow, \Longrightarrow, (s_{0,1}, s_{0,2}))$$

where  $\rightarrow$  and  $\Longrightarrow$  are defined as the smallest relations satisfying:

$$\text{(SYNC)} \frac{s_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha}_1 \mu_1 \text{ and } s_2 \xrightarrow{\alpha}_2 \mu_2 \text{ and } \alpha \in A}{(s_1, s_2) \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mu_1 \cdot \mu_2}$$

$$\text{(ASYNC)} \frac{s_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha}_1 \mu_1 \text{ and } \alpha \notin A}{(s_1, s_2) \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mu_1 \cdot \Delta_{s_2}}$$

$$\text{(DELAY)} \frac{s_1 \xRightarrow{\lambda}_1 s'_1}{(s_1, s_2) \xRightarrow{\lambda} (s'_1, s_2)} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{s_1 \xRightarrow{\lambda}_1 s_1 \text{ and } s_2 \xRightarrow{\lambda'}_2 s_2}{(s_1, s_2) \xRightarrow{\lambda+\lambda'} (s_1, s_2)}$$

## Déjà vu?

- ▶ if  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are LTSs,  $\parallel_A$  is TCSP-composition
- ▶ if  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are PA,  $\parallel_A$  is PA-composition
- ▶ if  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are MCs over  $Act$ ,  $\parallel_{Act}$  is PCCS-composition
- ▶ if  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are CTMCs,  $\parallel_{\emptyset}$  is independent parallelism
- ▶ if  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are IMCs,  $\parallel_A$  is IMC-composition

Thus:

Parallel composition of MA is **backward compatible** with well-understood composition operators.

# Hiding

## What is hiding?

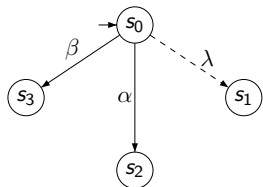
*Hiding* the actions  $A \subseteq \text{Act} \setminus \{\tau\}$  in  $M = (S, \text{Act}, \rightarrow, \Longrightarrow, s_0)$  yields  $M \setminus A = (S, \text{Act} \setminus A, \rightarrow', \Longrightarrow, s_0)$  where  $\rightarrow'$  is defined by:

1.  $s \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mu$  and  $\alpha \notin A$  implies  $s \xrightarrow{\alpha}' \mu$ , and
2.  $s \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mu$  and  $\alpha \in A$  implies  $s \xrightarrow{\tau}' \mu$ .

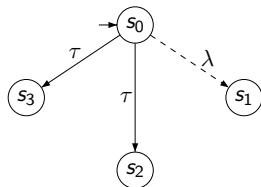
- ▶ Hiding transforms  $\alpha$ -transitions with  $\alpha \in A$  into  $\tau$ -transitions.
- ▶ This may enable maximal progress reduction.



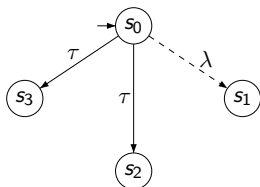
## Hiding and maximal progress



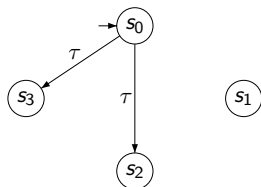
hiding  $\{ \alpha, \beta \}$  yields



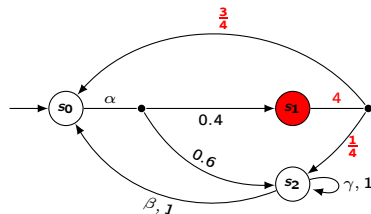
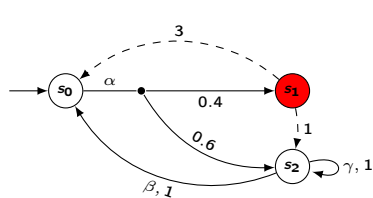
Applying maximal progress reduction yields:



reduces to



## Bisimulation



## Bisimulation

Equivalence  $R \subseteq S \times S$  is a *bisimulation* if for all  $(s, t) \in R$ :

$$\forall \delta \in \text{Act} \cup \mathbb{R}_{>0}: s \xrightarrow{\delta} \mu \text{ implies } t \xrightarrow{\delta} \nu \text{ with } \forall C \in S/R: \mu(C) = \nu(C).$$

Let  $\sim$  be the largest bisimulation relation.

## Congruence

$\sim$  is a **congruence** wrt. parallel composition and hiding.

# Déjà vu?

- ▶ if  $M$  is an LTS,  $\sim$  is Milner's bisimulation
- ▶ if  $M$  is a PA,  $\sim$  is Segala's bisimulation
- ▶ if  $M$  is an MCs,  $\sim$  is lumpability
- ▶ if  $M$  is a CTMC,  $\sim$  is lumping equivalence
- ▶ if  $M$  is an IMC,  $\sim$  is Hermanns' bisimulation

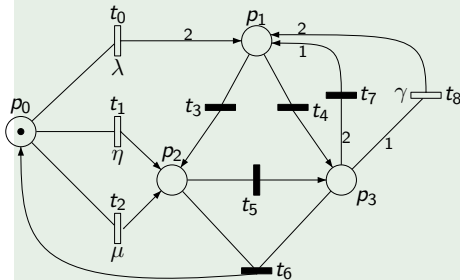
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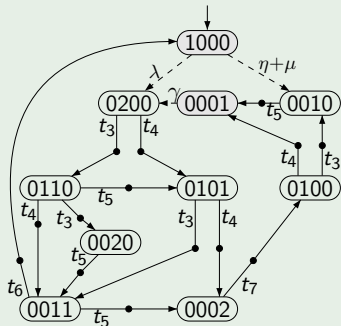
Variants like weak bisimulation, simulation pre-orders can also be defined.

# GSPN marking graphs are Markov automata!

A confused GSPN:

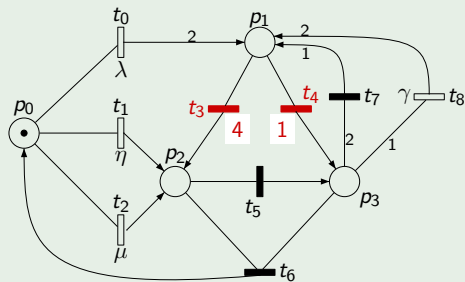


Its semantics:

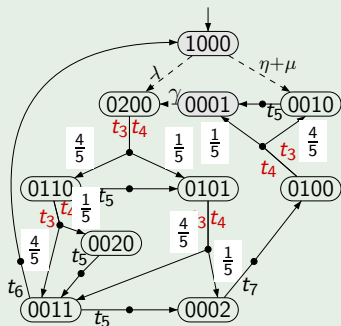


# Adding some weights

A confused GSPN with weights:



Its semantics:



Claim:

This yields a **truly simple** GSPN semantics.

Backward compatibility:

# New GSPN semantics

## Advantages

- ▶ It is truly simple
- ▶ It is intuitive
- ▶ It is compositional
- ▶ It is backward compatible
- ▶ Allows compositional reduction
- ▶ No restrictions on net level

## But:

How to quantitatively **analyse** these stochastic decision processes?  
Steady-state? Transient? Expected time?

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# Closed Markov automata

## Model to be analysed

Typical structure:

$$(M_1 \parallel_{A_1} M_2 \parallel_{A_2} \dots \parallel_{A_{n-1}} M_n) \setminus A$$

where  $A$  is the union of all visible actions, i.e.,  $A = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} Act_i \setminus \{\tau\}$ .

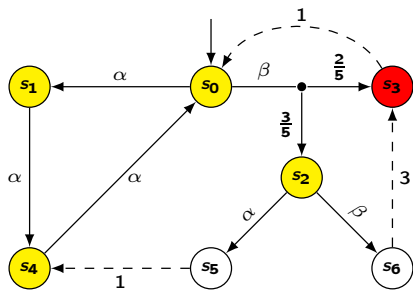
It is **closed**, as no action is subject to further interaction.

States have either only Markovian or only action transitions.

Every GSPN yields a closed Markov automaton.



# Expected time



- ▶ Start state  $s_0$
- ▶ Goal states  $G = \{s_3\}$
- ▶ Expected time from  $s_0$  to  $G$ ?
- ▶  $eT^{\max}(s_0, \diamond G) = \infty$
- ▶  $eT^{\min}(s_0, \diamond G) = \frac{2}{5} \cdot 0 + \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{3}$

## Nondeterminism

Due to nondeterminism, the expected time to reach  $G$  is not uniquely defined. It depends on the choices in states  $s_0$  and  $s_2$ . Approach: consider expected time under all **policies**! This yields **bounds**. Adding weights yields tighter bounds.

# Policies

- ▶ A **policy** describes how all nondeterminism is resolved.
- ▶ It maps any finite path onto an enabled transition in its last state.
- ▶ A policy may make a choice on the basis of all information in a path: the visited states, their order, the state delays, and so on.
- ▶ We use **deterministic positional** policies.
- ▶ They always take the same decision in a state.

# Expected time

For path  $\pi$  let the random variable  $V_G$  be the **first hitting time** of  $G$ :

$$V_G(\pi) = \min\{t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \mid G \cap \pi @ t \neq \emptyset\}$$

## Expected time

The **expected time** to reach  $G$  from  $s$  for policy  $P$  is:

$$eT_P(s, \diamond G) = \mathbb{E}_{s,P}(V_G) = \int_{Paths(s)} V_G(\pi) \Pr_{s,P}(d\pi)$$

The **minimal** expected time to reach  $G$  from  $s$  is:

$$eT^{\min}(s, \diamond G) = \inf_P eT_P(s, \diamond G)$$

# Fixpoint theorem

$$eT^{\min}(s, \diamond G) = \inf_P eT_P(s, \diamond G) = \inf_P \int_{Paths(s)} V_G(\pi) \Pr_{s,P}(d\pi)$$

## Theorem

$eT^{\min}(s, \diamond G)$  is the unique fixpoint of the Bellman operator:

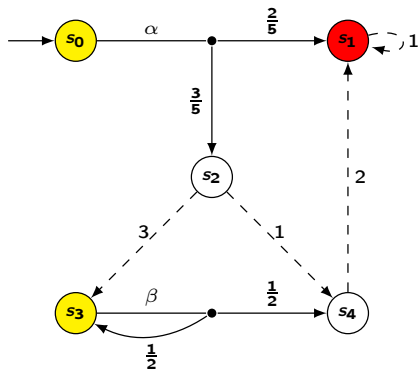
$$[L(v)](s) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{E(s)} + \sum_{s' \in S} \mathbf{p}(s, s') \cdot v(s') & \text{if } s \in MS - G \\ \min_{\alpha \in Act(s)} \sum_{s' \in S} \mu_\alpha(s') \cdot v(s') & \text{if } s \in PS - G \\ 0 & \text{if } s \in G \end{cases}$$

## Exceptions

States on Zeno cycles and states that cannot reach  $G$  yield value  $\infty$ .

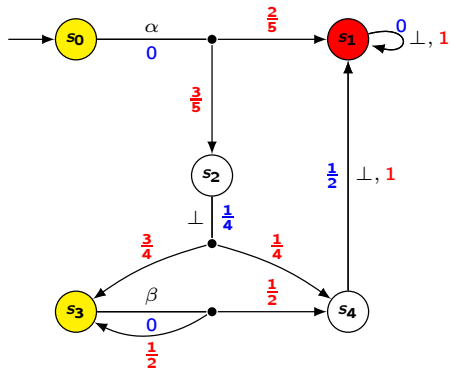
## Reduction to SSP problem

Example Markov automaton:



$$p(s, \sigma, s') = \begin{cases} \frac{r(s, s')}{E(s)} & \text{if } \sigma = \perp \\ \mu(s') & \text{if } s \xrightarrow{\sigma} \mu \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Its induced SSP instance:



$$c(s, \sigma) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{E(s)} & \text{if } s \notin G, \sigma = \perp \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## Solving SSP

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## LP problem

[Bertsekas &amp; Tsitsiklis, 1991]

$eT^{\min}(s, \diamond G)$  is the solution of the following LP problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \max \sum_{s \in S} x_s \\ x_{s_i} &\leq \frac{1}{E(s_i)} + \sum_{s' \in S} \mathbf{p}(s_i, \perp, s') \cdot x_{s'} & \text{if } s_i \in MS - G \\ x_{s_i} &\leq \min_{\alpha \in \text{Act}(s_i)} \sum_{s' \in S} \mathbf{p}(s_i, \alpha, s') \cdot x_{s'} & \text{if } s_i \in PS - G \\ x_{s_i} &= 0 & \text{if } s_i \in G \end{aligned}$$

# Expected time analysis: synopsis

## Minimal and maximal expected time

1. Make all states in  $G$  absorbing
2. Transform the Markov automaton to an SSP problem
3. Solve the SSP problem by linear programming

## Positional policies suffice

There is a positional policy that yields  $eT^{\min}(s, \diamond G)$ .

# Long run average

$A_{G,t}$  is the fraction of time spent in  $G \subseteq MS$  up to time  $t$  along path  $\pi$ :

$$A_{G,t}(\pi) = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \mathbf{1}_G(\pi @ u) du \quad \text{and} \quad A_G(\pi) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} A_{G,t}(\pi)$$

## Long run average

The **long-run average** time spent in  $G$  starting from  $s$  under policy  $P$ :

$$LRA_P(s, G) = \mathbb{E}_{s,P}(A_G) = \int_{Paths(s)} A_G(\pi) \Pr_{s,P}(d\pi)$$

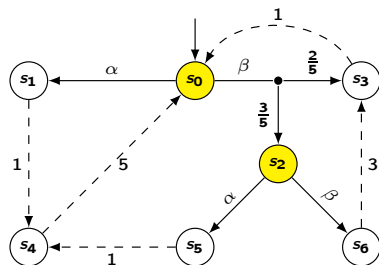
The **minimal** long-run average time spent in  $G$  from  $s$  is:

$$LRA^{\min}(s, G) = \inf_P LRA_P(s, G)$$



# Unichain Markov automata

MA  $M$  is **unichain** iff for all positional policies,  $M$  is strongly connected.



▶  $P(s_0) = \alpha$  yields  $\{s_0, s_1, s_4\}$

▶  $P(s_0) = \beta$

▶  $P(s_2) = \alpha$  yields  $S \setminus \{s_6\}$

▶  $P(s_2) = \beta$  yields  $\{s_0, s_2, s_3, s_6\}$

⇒ this is a unichain

# Reduction to long-run ratio objectives

Recall the Markov decision process, and consider the two cost functions:

$$c_G(s, \sigma) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{E(s)} & \text{if } s \in MS \cap G, \sigma = \perp \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad c(s, \sigma) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{E(s)} & \text{if } s \in MS, \sigma = \perp \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## Reduction to long-run ratio objective

For unichain MA  $M$ ,  $LRA^{\min}(s, G)$  equals the minimal long-run ratio between the accumulated costs over  $c_G$  and  $c$ .

## Corollary

For every unichain MA, there is a positional policy that yields  $LRA^{\min}(G)$ .

# Long-run ratio objectives

## Long-run ratio

The long-run ratio between costs  $k$  and  $c$  along path  $\pi$  is:

$$R(\pi) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} k(s_i, \sigma_i)}{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} c(s_i, \sigma_i)}$$

where  $k(s_i, \sigma_i)$  is the cost  $k$  in state  $s_i$  on selecting  $\sigma_i$  (and similar for  $c$ ).

## Example

steps $n$	0	1	2	3	4	5	.....
costs $k$	0	2	4	4	10	2	.....
costs $c$	0	4	2	2	0	3	.....
ratio $R$ up to $n$		$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{5}{4}$	$\frac{5}{2}$	2	.....

# If it is not a unichain

## Theorem

Let  $M_1, \dots, M_k$  be the maximal end components of MA  $M$  with state space  $S_1, \dots, S_k$ . Then:

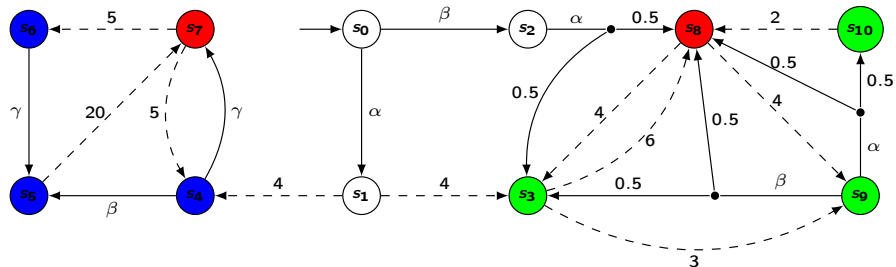
$$LRA^{\min}(s, \mathbf{G}) = \inf_P \sum_{i=1}^k LRA_i^{\min}(\mathbf{G}) \cdot \Pr_P(s \models \diamond \square S_i)$$

## Algorithm

1. Determine the maximal end components  $\{M_1, \dots, M_k\}$  of the MA  $M$ .
2. Determine  $LRA^{\min}(\mathbf{G})$  for each  $M_j$ .
3. Solve a stochastic shortest path problem.

## Corollary

## Example



$$\blacktriangleright LRA_1^{\min}(G) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\blacktriangleright LRA_2^{\min}(G) = \frac{9}{25}$$

$$\blacktriangleright LRA^{\min}(s_0, G) = \frac{9}{25}$$

$$\blacktriangleright P(s_0) = \beta \text{ and } P(s_9) = \alpha$$

$$\blacktriangleright LRA_1^{\max}(G) = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\blacktriangleright LRA_2^{\max}(G) = \frac{5}{9}$$

$$\blacktriangleright LRA^{\max}(s_0, G) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{5} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{9} = \frac{61}{90}$$

$$\blacktriangleright P(s_0) = \alpha, P(s_9) = \beta \text{ and } P(s_4) = \gamma$$

# Timed reachability

## What is timed reachability?

Given a set  $G$  of goal states, start state  $s$  and time interval  $I$ , what is the minimal (or maximal) probability to reach  $G$  at some time point in  $I$ ?

## Remark

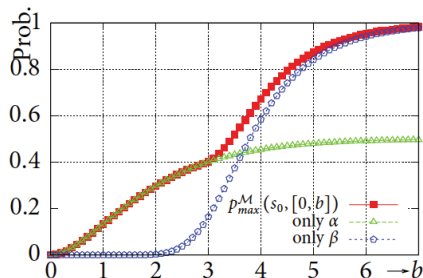
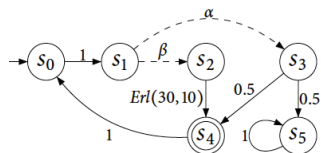
$LRA^{\min}(G)$  is the counterpart of **stationary** probabilities in CTMCs; timed reachability for  $I = [t, t]$  corresponds to **transient** probabilities in CTMCs.

## Policies

[Miller 1969]

Positional policies are insufficient; (total) timed policies are optimal.

# Why timed policies are essential



# Discretisation: bounding the imprecision

## Approximation theorem:

[Zhang and Neuhäusser, 2010]

Let  $I = [k_a \cdot \tau, k_b \cdot \tau]$  for some  $k_a, k_b \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then:

$$k_a \cdot \frac{(\lambda\tau)^2}{2} \leq |p^*(s, I) - \tilde{p}^*(\cdot)| \leq k_b \cdot \frac{(\lambda\tau)^2}{2} + \lambda\tau$$

where  $\lambda$  is the maximal rate in simple MA  $M$ ,

## Time complexity

Value  $\tilde{p}^*(\cdot)$  can be obtained by [value iteration](#) for  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\text{sup } I = b$  in

$$\mathcal{O}\left(n^{2.376} + (m+n^2) \cdot \frac{(\lambda b)^2}{\varepsilon}\right)$$



# Bisimulation

## Property preservation

For two bisimilar states  $s$  and  $t$ :

1. the minimal (and maximal) expected reachability times coincide
2. the long-run average times coincide
3. timed reachability probabilities coincide.

This holds for bisimulation and weak bisimulation.

## Time complexity

The quotient under  $\sim$  can be computed in  $\mathcal{O}(m \log n)$ .

Deciding  $\approx$  can be done in polynomial time.

Given that  $\sim$  and  $\approx$  are congruences wrt. parallel composition, this allows for **compositional** state-space reduction.

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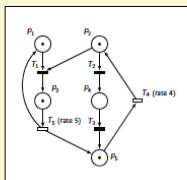
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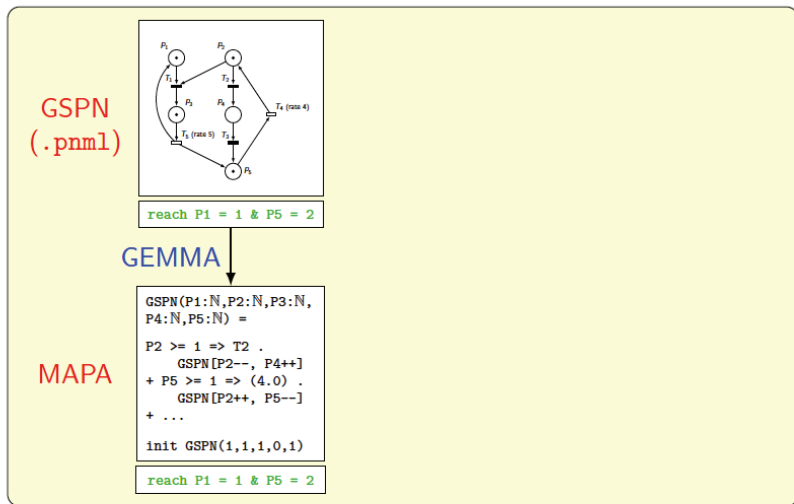
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reach P1 = 1 & P5 = 2

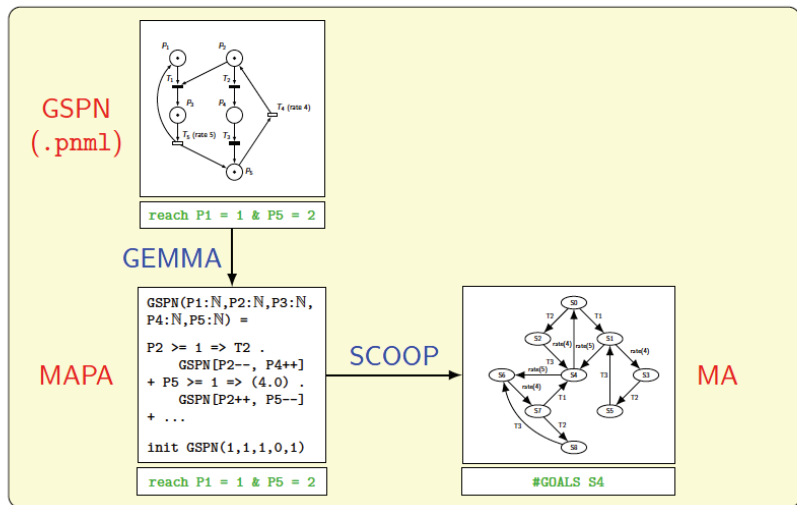
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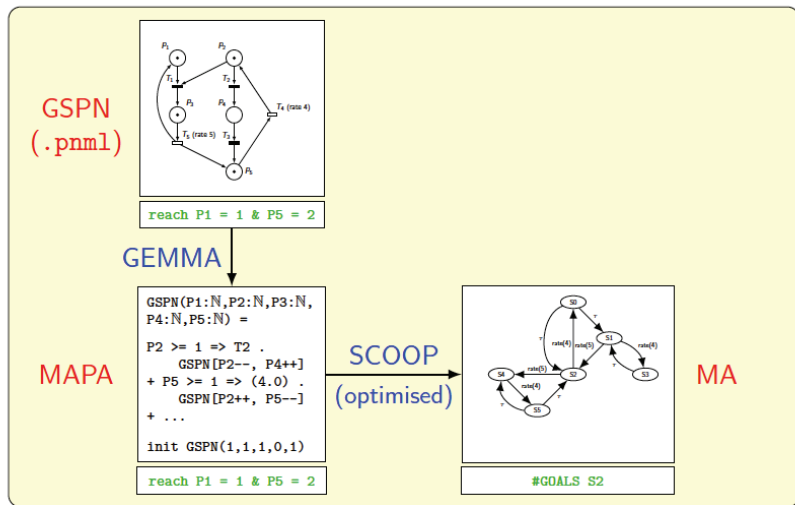
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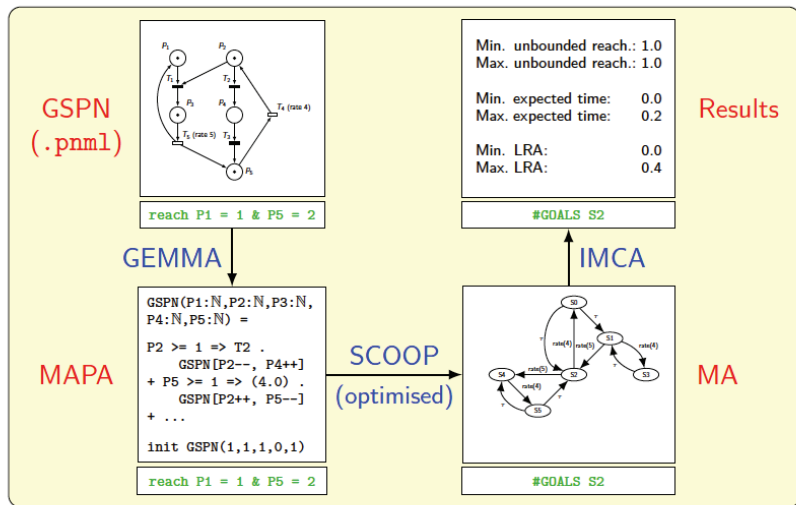
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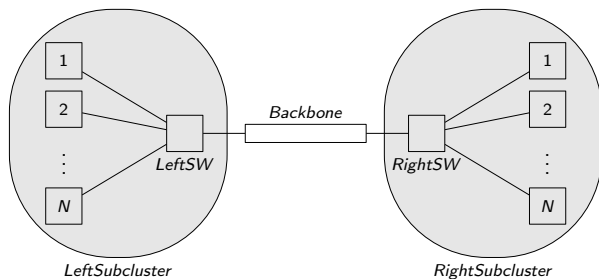
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## Workstation cluster

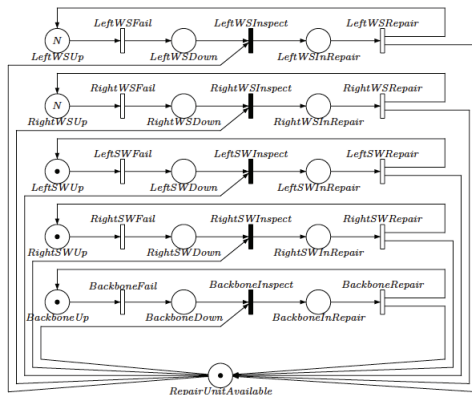
[Haverkort et al., SRDS 2000]



event	duration	event	duration
<i>LeftWSFail</i>	500h	<i>LeftWSRepair</i>	0.5h
<i>RightWSFail</i>	500h	<i>RightWSRepair</i>	0.5h
<i>LeftSWFail</i>	4000h	<i>LeftSWRepair</i>	4h
<i>RightSWFail</i>	4000h	<i>RightSWRepair</i>	4h
<i>BackboneFail</i>	5000h	<i>BackboneRepair</i>	8h



## GSPN model



Due to the presence of confusion, this net is **only analysable** by classical GSPN analysis techniques when introducing a repair strategy.

## Expected time analysis

$N$	$k$	$ S $	$ G $	$eT^{\max}(s_0, \diamond G)$	$eT^{\min}(s_0, \diamond G)$	time (seconds)	
						max	min
4	3	819	566	1125179.46	1122465.40	0.014	0.023
4	4	819	692	51704.89	51699.58	0.002	0.002
4	6	819	807	1427.22	1427.22	0.007	0.011
4	8	819	818	59.88	59.88	0.002	0.002
8	6	2771	2009	1724343.30	1719447.05	0.119	0.267
8	8	2771	2482	25610.45	25604.95	0.039	0.044
8	12	2771	2736	1428.57	1428.57	0.017	0.016
8	16	2771	2770	30.58	30.58	0.008	0.007
16	12	10131	7544	1966511.37	1963868.17	1.243	3.505
16	16	10131	9374	12751.19	12745.39	0.241	0.311
16	24	10131	10014	1428.57	1428.57	0.071	0.076
16	32	10131	10130	15.46	15.46	0.053	0.052
32	24	38675	29210	1982468.90	1978880.69	20.716	114.111
32	32	38675	36406	6642.52	6636.17	2.141	3.256
32	48	38675	38250	1428.57	1428.57	0.791	0.909
32	64	38675	38674	7.77	7.77	0.643	0.671

# Long-run analysis

$N$	$k$	$ S $	$ G $	$\text{LRA}^{\max}(s_0, G)$	$\text{LRA}^{\min}(s_0, G)$	time (seconds)	
						max	min
4	3	819	253	0.999996	0.999996	0.323	0.284
4	4	819	127	0.999924	0.999923	0.239	0.299
4	6	819	12	0.996401	0.996401	0.321	0.319
4	8	819	1	0.988413	0.988413	0.321	0.269
8	6	2771	762	0.999998	0.999998	3.838	3.264
8	8	2771	289	0.999838	0.999836	2.607	3.418
8	12	2771	35	0.996399	0.996398	3.948	3.539
8	16	2771	1	0.980421	0.980421	3.360	3.227
16	12	10131	2587	0.999998	0.999998	86.148	49.547
16	16	10131	757	0.999655	0.999652	50.691	302.064
16	24	10131	117	0.996393	0.996392	47.571	260.782
16	32	10131	1	0.964439	0.964439	45.891	337.817
32	24	38675	9465	0.999998	0.999998	1913.229	24342.275
32	32	38675	2269	0.999306	0.999271	1345.557	7267.627
32	48	38675	425	0.996382	0.996378	1440.494	4964.068
32	64	38675	1	0.932476	0.932476	1104.782	13232.694

These results cover **all** possible weight assignments.

# Timed reachability analysis

$N$	$k$	$ S $	quot. states	$t$	results		time	
					MA	weights	MA	weights
4	3	820	424	20	0.3797	0.3038	304s	4s
4	5	820	164	20	0.4219	0.3717	90s	4s
4	8	820	164	20	0.4278	0.4250	15m	4s
8	3	2772	1412	10	0.9319	0.7457	277s	6s
8	10	2772	316	10	0.9805	0.9178	45s	7s
8	16	2772	316	20	0.6147	0.6089	36m	123s

## Property

If QoS is too low, the maximal probability to violate QoS again within  $t$  time units.

System reliability is 18% less than predicted by standard GSPN analysis.

## Explanation

The chance to go from a degraded to a degraded mode of operation is high

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# Concluding remarks

## GSPNs := Markov Automata

- ▶ It is truly simple
- ▶ It is intuitive
- ▶ It is compositional
- ▶ It is backward compatible
- ▶ Allows compositional reduction
- ▶ No restrictions on net level

## Analysis algorithms

- ▶ **Expected time** = SSP problem
- ▶ **Long-run average**
  1. Graph analysis
  2. Long-run ratio problem
  3. SSP problem
- ▶ **Timed reachability**
  - ▶ Discretisation

Confused GSPNs pose no problems. Neither semantically nor analysability.

**Future work:** efficiency gains, symbolic, abstraction, confluence reduction, applications (railway systems, aerospace systems, cloud computing) ...

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