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Contributions to parametric timed model checking: Theory and algorithms

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Use formal methods

[Baier and Katoen, 2008]





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Turing award (2007) to Edmund M. Clarke, Allen Emerson and Joseph Sifakis

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 - Clock reset: some of the clocks can be set to 0 along transitions







Example of concrete run for the coffee machine



 $\begin{array}{c} x = & 0 \\ y = & 0 \end{array}$



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Timed automata: A success story

An expressive formalism

- Dense time
- Concurrency
- A tractable verification in theory
 - Reachability is PSPACE-complete

[Alur and Dill, 1994]

A very efficient verification in practice

- Symbolic verification: relatively insensitive to constants
- Several model checkers, notably UPPAAL

[Larsen et al., 1997]

Long list of successful case studies

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Challenging problems

- **Existence** (dually: emptiness): find one valuation for which a property holds
 - "Can I exhibit a valuation for which I am guaranteed to eventually get a coffee?"
- Synthesis: find some/all parameter valuations for which a property holds
 - "Synthesize all valuations for which I am guaranteed to eventually get a coffee with 2 sugars"

timed model checking



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Parametric timed model checking



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Question: for what values of the parameters does the model of the system satisfy the property?

Yes if...



 $\begin{array}{l} 2 \times \mathsf{delay} > \mathsf{period} \\ \wedge \mathsf{period} < 20.46 \end{array}$

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Before designing algorithms, one shall first study theory

- Decidability
- Complexity
- Syntactic restrictions
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- Decidable
 - Limiting the number of clocks

[Alur et al., 1993, Bundala and Ouaknine, 2014, Beneš et al., 2015]

- Bounded integer-valued parameters
- Restricting the use of parameters

[Jovanović et al., 2015] [Hune et al., 2002]

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- Good news: syntactic subclass: reset-PTA
 - "Whenever a clock is compared to a parameter, all clocks must be reset"



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Seems to allow for interesting applications

■ Language-preservation problem: undecidable [FORMATS'15]

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Deadlock-existence-emptiness: undecidable



[ACSD'17]





EG-emptiness: decidable only if the parameters are bounded with closed bounds [ACSD'17]





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Full (T)CTL-emptiness: undecidable even for U-PTAs [FOI

[FORMATS'18]

Mathias Ramparison's PhD thesis

Summary of theoretical contributions

Class	U-PTAs	bL/U-PTAs		L/U-PTAs	bPTAs	PTAs
emptiness		closed	open			
EF	[Hune et al., 2002]	[ICFEM'16]	(WiP)	[Hune et al., 2002]	[Miller, 2000]	[Alur et al., 1993]
AF	open	[ICFEM'	16]	[Jovanović et al., 2015]	[ICFEM'16]	[Jovanović et al., 2015]
EG	open	[ACSD'17] [ACSD'17]				
AG	[ACSD'17]	[ICFEM'16]	(WiP)	[ACSD'17]	[ICFEM'16]	
TCTL	[FORMATS'18]	[ICFEM'	16]	[Jovanović et al., 2015]	[Miller, 2000]	[Alur et al., 1993]
EC	[ACSD'17]	[ACSD'17]	open	[ACSD'17]		[ACSD'17]
ED	open			[ACSD'17]		[ICTAC'16]
Lg-Pres.	open	[FORMATS'15]				
Trace-Pres.	open	[FORMATS'15]				

[FORMATS'15]	É. André and N. Markey
[ICTAC'16]	É. André
[ICFEM'16]	É. André, D. Lime and O. H. Roux
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WiP	Work in progress (decidable)



bL/U-PTA: bounded L/U-PTAs

Perspectives

Less expressive classes

- A quite unexplored formalism: U-PTA
 - Still able to model interesting systems

More expressive classes

- Extension to hybrid systems
 - Clocks become variables with arbitrary (and different) rates

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- Achieving termination without guarantee on the completeness
- 2 Achieving exact synthesis without guarantee on termination

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Reachability-preservation-emptiness problem undecidable

[André, Lipari, Nguyen, Sun, NFM'15]
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- Built on top of two existing algorithms
 - Reachability synthesis (EFsynth)
 - Trace-preservation-synthesis (IM)

[Alur et al., 1993, Jovanović et al., 2015] [André et al., 2009]

Key heuristics: only explore behaviors "similar" to that of $v(\mathcal{A})$

ightarrow Non-necessarily terminating, incomplete on purpose, but fast in practice

















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- Unexpected: time gain in several cases too!

Case study	Clocks	Points	EFsynth	BC	PRPC
toy	2	2 601	0.401	∞	0.078
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BC: former algorithm [André and Fribourg, 2010]

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- Membership and candidate queries are performed by model checking
- Much faster than monolithic verification

[Lin, André et al., TSE 2014]

[André and Lin, FORTE'17]



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Compositional parameter synthesis: experiments

Toolkit made of IMITATOR and CV, interfaced by a Python script

Case study $\#\mathcal{A}$	# V	#D	Enor	EEcupth	E CompSynth		pSynth		
	# .A	#1	#1	Sher	Li Synth	#abs	#cex.	learning	total
FMS-1 6		18	2	1	0.299	1	1	0.074	0.136
	6			2	0.010	0	1	0.038	0.046
				3	0.282	1	0	0.090	0.242
FMS-2 11		27	2	1	∞	1	1	84.2	88.9
				2	∞	1	0	81.4	85.2
	11			3	0.051	0	2	1.10	2.44
	''	3/		4	0.062	0	1	1.42	1.53
				5	∞	1	0	31.4	40.8
				6	∞	1	0	37.2	42.4
AIP 11		46	2	1	0.551	0	1	0.086	0.114
				2	2.11	0	1	1.22	1.25
				3	3.91	0	1	8.50	8.54
				4	0.235	1	1	8.39	8.42
	11			5	∞	1	0	0.394	0.871
	''			6	∞	1	0	5.32	9.58
				7	∞	1	0	1.76	3.19
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Works well when loosely synchronized and loosely timed

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IMITATOR

- A tool for modeling and verifying timed concurrent systems with unknown constants modeled with parametric timed automata
 - Communication through (strong) broadcast synchronization
 - Rational-valued shared discrete variables
 - Stopwatches, to model schedulability problems with preemption
- Synthesis algorithms
 - (non-Zeno) parametric model checking (using a subset of TCTL)
 - Language and trace preservation, and robustness analysis
 - Parametric deadlock-freeness checking



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Some success stories

- Modeled and verified an asynchronous memory circuit by ST-Microelectronics
 - Project ANR Valmem
- Parametric schedulability analysis of a prospective architecture for the flight control system of the next generation of spacecrafts designed at ASTRIUM Space Transportation [Fribourg et al., 2012]
- Verification of software product lines [Luthmann et al., 2017]
- Formal timing analysis of music scores [Fanchon and Jacquemard, 2013]
- Solution to a challenge related to a distributed video processing system by Thales

Perspectives

Beyond distributed verification

- Multicore verification
- Swarm verification
- Combine non-parametric and parametric analyses
 - Machine learning
 - "Learn" a constraint by repeated call to a non-parametric model checker (much faster)
 - Preliminary works in [Li, Sun, Gao, André, ICFEM'17]
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Real-time system:

- Set of tasks (with a period, a WCET and a deadline)
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In general, schedulability analysis is hard

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- And can evaluate robustness







Romain Soulat's PhD thesis

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[Sun, Soulat, Lipari, André, Fribourg, FTSCS'13]

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"FMTV challenge" by Thales proposed during the WATERS 2014 workshop Solutions presented at WATERS 2015

System: an unmanned aerial video system

- Architecture: 4 processors, 4 tasks, 2 buffers
- ...with uncertain periods
 - Period constant but with a small uncertainty (typically 0.01%)
 - Not a jitter!



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- A typical parameter synthesis problem
 - The end-to-end time can be set as a parameter... to be synthesized
 - The uncertain period is typically a parameter (with some constraint, e.g., $P1 \in [40 0.004, 40 + 0.004]$)

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Results obtained by IMITATOR

E2E latency results for the two buffer sizes

Buffer size $ ightarrow$	1	3
min E2E	63 ms	63 ms
max E2E	145.008 ms	225.016 ms

Results obtained using IMITATOR in a few seconds

[André, Lipari, Sun, WATERS'15]

Perspectives

Better scalability

- Design dedicated synthesis algorithms
- Compositional synthesis

Better integration

- Parametric task automata
- Support of existing industrial formalisms in IMITATOR

[André, FMICS'17]

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Summary of contributions

Theory

- New decidable subclasses of parametric timed automata
- Efficient synthesis algorithms
 - Implementation in IMITATOR
- Application to real-time systems
 - Application to industrial case studies

Also (not presented)

- Robustness of timed concurrent systems
- Formal specification of (timed) concurrent systems
 - Mahdi Benmoussa's PhD thesis

General perspectives

- Timing parameters in more complex settings
 - Probabilities:
 - preliminary works in [André and Delahaye, TIME'16]
 - Hybrid systems
- More parameters
 - Probabilistic parameters
 - Discrete parameters (networks of identical processes)
- Beyond parameter synthesis: controller synthesis
 - More abstraction
 - More uncertainty
- More applications
 - Real-time systems
 - Biological systems
 - Cybersecurity

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Books						1						1
Proceedings							2	1				3
International journals		1				2	2		2	1	1	9
International conferences	1	3	2	2	6	11	8	7	8	7	2	57
Other publications		2	2		2	1	2	1				10
Total	1	6	4	2	8	15	14	9	10	8	3	80

Additional explanation
Explanation for the 4 pictures in the beginning



Allusion to the Northeast blackout (USA, 2003) Computer bug Consequences: 11 fatalities, huge cost (Picture actually from the Sandy Hurricane, 2012)



Allusion to the sinking of the Sleipner A offshore platform (Norway, 1991) No fatalities Computer bug: inaccurate finite element analysis modeling (Picture actually from the Deepwater Horizon Offshore Drilling Platform)



Allusion to the MIM-104 Patriot Missile Failure (Iraq, 1991) 28 fatalities, hundreds of injured Computer bug: software error (clock drift) (Picture of an actual MIM-104 Patriot Missile, though not the one of 1991)

Varying the coffee machine



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Example of concrete run for the coffee machine





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Decidability of PTAs

Surveying EF-emptiness for PTAs

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PRP in details

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As long as 🛑 is not met...

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When no successors, and if 🛑 was never met:

$$\blacksquare$$
 return \neg $\land \cdots \land \neg$

Ensures a subset of the behaviors of v(A), and hence guarantees the unreachability of

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Trick

A symbolic state (l, C) corresponds to a behavior of v(A) iff $v \models C$.

When 🛑 is met, switch to an EFsynth-like algorithm...



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- i.e., find all parameter valuations for which this trace is feasible
- Using a symbolic semantics defined for PERAs

(see paper)

Very cheap

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Parametric task automata can model

- Preemption
- Periodic tasks, sporadic tasks, pseudo-periodic tasks...
- Dependencies between tasks
- Offset, jitter
- Uncertainty
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Implementation in IMITATOR

- Translation into a network of parametric stopwatch automata
- Schedulability analysis
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- We assume the system is initially in an arbitrary status
 - This is our only uncertain assumption (in other words, can the periods deviate from each other so as to yield any arbitrary deviation?)

Outline

1 Decidability

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 \blacksquare The PTA model for n=1







































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