

# VerSiS: Verification and Simulation of embedded hybrid Systems

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# Scientific Personnel and Experience

## Adaptive Systems (Fraunhofer ITWM)

- Dr. Patrick Lang
  - Dr. Alexander Dreyer
  - Dr. Jochen Broz (sponsored)
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- Analog Insydes: Tools for symbolic/numeric analysis of analog circuits, based on Differential-Algebraic Equations (DAEs)
  - Modeling and simulation of mechatronic systems
  - Symbolic approximation methods and tolerance analysis

# Scientific Personell and Experience (cont'd)

## Reactive Systems Group (Computer Science)

- Prof. Klaus Schneider (chair)
- Dr. Raffaella Gentilini (sponsored)
- Jens Brandt (sponsored)
  
- Averest Tool: specification, verification, and implementation of reactive systems
- Model checking, automated theorem proving, and formal methods for systems' analysis and verification
- Temporal logics and automata theory

# Scientific Personell and Experience (cont'd)

## Robotics Research Lab (Computer Science)

- Prof. Karsten Berns
- Martin Proetzsch (sponsored)
  
- Realization of autonomous mobile robots, like wheel-based vehicles (indoor, outdoor), climbing robots, as well as humanoid assistance systems
- Modular Controller Architecture (MCA) for implementing complex systems featuring real-time analysis and state monitoring
- Biologically motivated behavior-based system design approach



# Scientific Personell and Experience (cont'd)

## Algebra, Geometry and Computer Algebra (Mathematics)

- Prof. Gert-Martin Greuel (chair)
- Oliver Wienand
- SINGULAR: Fast Gröbner system for polynomial systems
- POLYBORI: Gröbner approaches for Boolean equation systems for digital verification (DFG project together with ITWM-AS and MFO)

# Additional Information

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## External Cooperations

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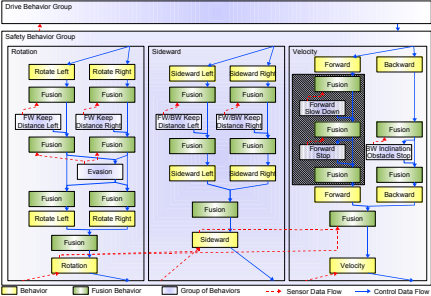
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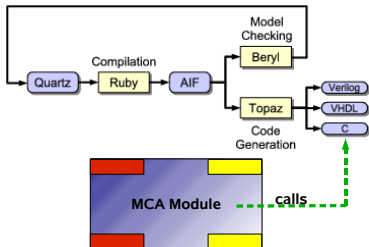
# Safety Behavior Network for RAVON

## Control Structure

- MCA: Modular Controller Architecture
- Behaviors for assuring vehicle integrity, uniform interaction
- Slope observation, obstacle proximity (several sensors)
- Choose behaviors influencing vehicle velocity for verification



# Verification of Safety Behaviors: Tools



## Averest

- Tools for verifying temporal properties of synchronous systems
- Quartz compiler: `ruby`
- Symbolic model checker: `beryl`
- Generate code in software and hardware: `topaz`

## Interaction with MCA

- MCA module calls provided C-methods

# Verification: Specifications and Performance

- Verified 15 specifications concerning safety properties of the vehicle
- Examples:

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A G (co_velocity <= ci_velocity);  
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      & (si_scanner_distance >= MAX_VEL_OBSTACLE_DIST)  
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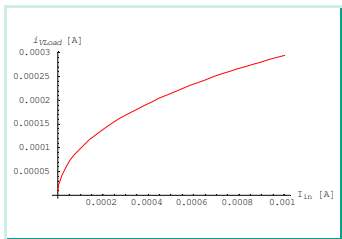
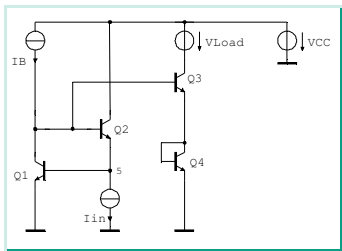
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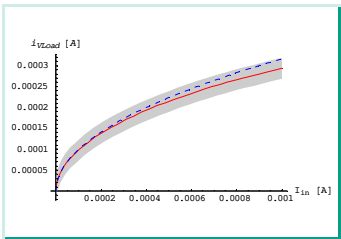
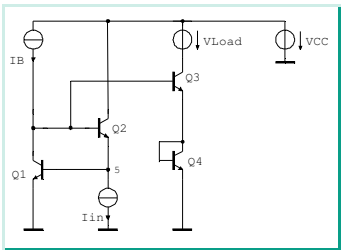


## Symbolic equations

- 27 equations
- 17 parameters

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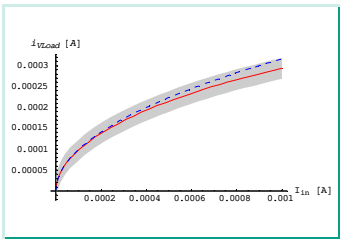
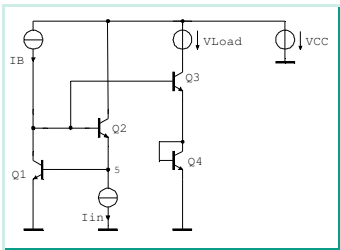
$$-I_{in} + e^{\frac{v_3 - v_5}{V_T}} I_{SQ2} = 0$$

$$I_B - e^{\frac{v_5}{V_T}} I_{SQ1} = 0$$

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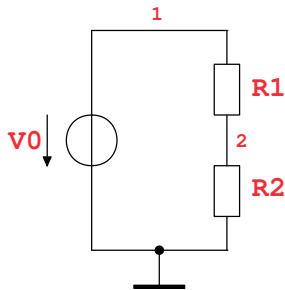
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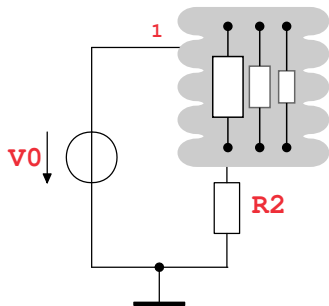
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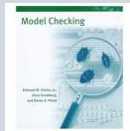
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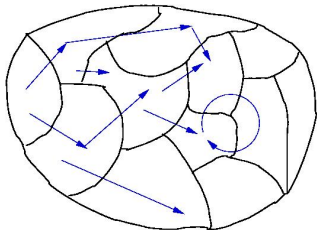
## The Model Checking Verification Technique



A well established technique for the verification of **digital finite systems**. Properties stated via a temporal logic language verified:

- **completely automatically**
- **on any computational path** of the graph-modeled system

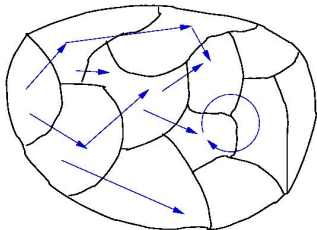
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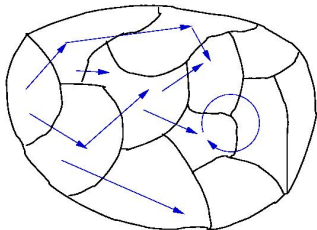


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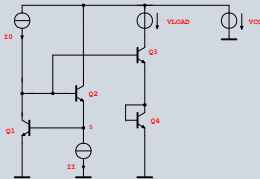
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## Example



- In the *square root function block* property (1) holds:

$$I_0 = \beta \sqrt{I_I} \sqrt{I_B} , \quad (1)$$

- CTL<sub>f</sub> formula encoding property (1):

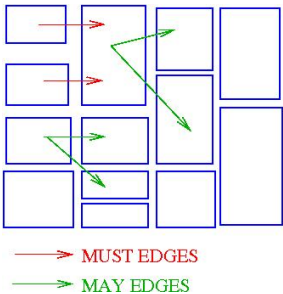
$$\text{AG}((I_0 - \beta \sqrt{I_I} \sqrt{I_B}) \triangleright [-\delta, +\delta]) \quad (2)$$

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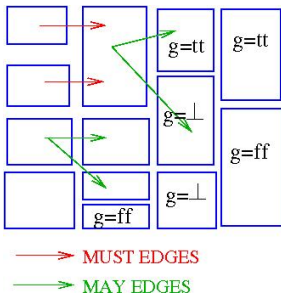


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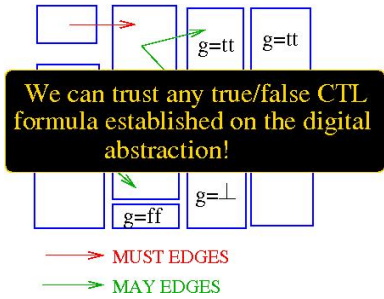


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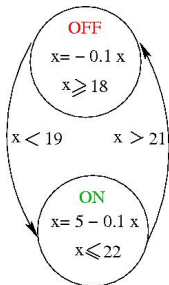
Allow to apply 3-valued model checking techniques and to state a fundamental preservation result for CTL<sub>f</sub> verified formulae:



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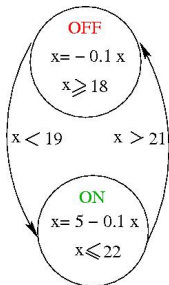
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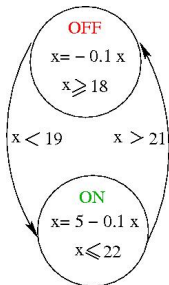
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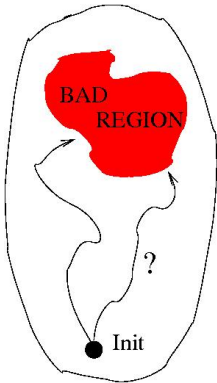


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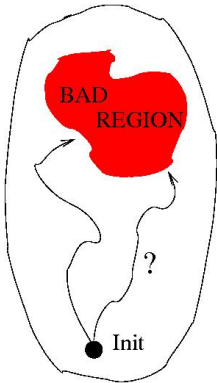
# Hybrid Automata Verification



## The Reachability Problem

- Is the region  $B$  reachable from any initial state?
- Safety analysis can be reduced to reachability.
- Most (interesting) classes of HA known **undecidable** with respect to reachability.

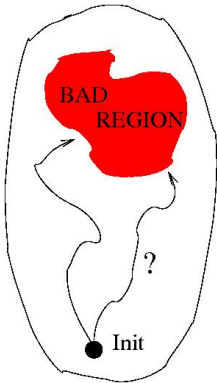
# Hybrid Automata Verification



## Reachability Analysis over Undecidable Hybrid Automata

- Known symbolic techniques **force to choose between reach-sets over-/under-approx.** (i.e between trying to prove/disprove safety).
- Mostly based on the **simulation preorder** that in general allows for the preservation of only true prop. in the universal fragment of CTL.

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## Reachability Analysis over Undecidable Hybrid Automata

- In a recent joint work, **we introduce the first framework for combining over-/under approximated reach-set analysis** on (undecidable) HA.
- Our method is based on a **succession of abstractions**, where general **CTL stated reactive system properties** can be **monotonically proved/disproved**.




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## More on VerSiS Project: Ongoing and Future Work

- Extension of verified behavior region in robot verification
- Optimization of the behavior architecture using results from model checking and robot verification
- Expand combined interval and three-valued logic approach to real-world applications
- Ongoing work on the use of **computer algebra methods** (in particular **Gröbner Bases** methods) **for the analysis of hybrid automata**.
- Ongoing work related to the issue of **modeling hybrid systems by means of synchronous languages**, in order to **integrate them into the *Averest Tool***.

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