



Succinct Approximations of Distributed Hybrid Behaviors

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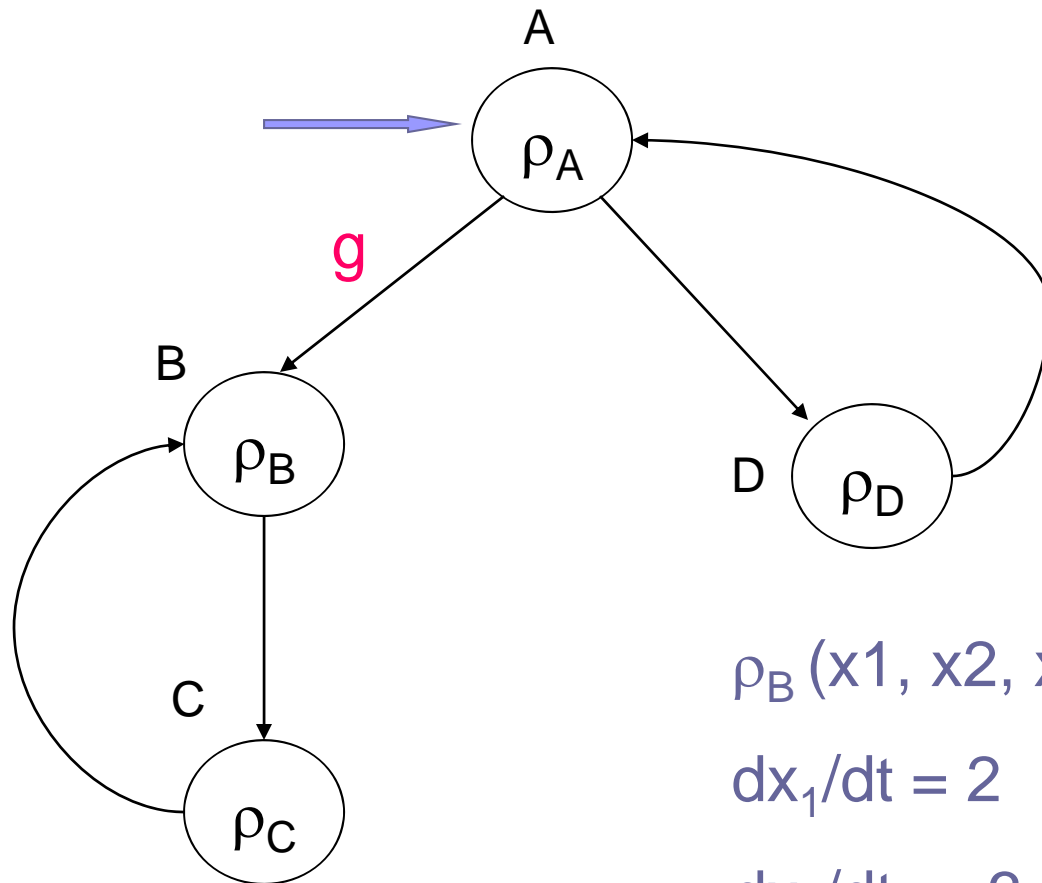
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Hybrid Automata

- Hybrid behaviors:
- Mode-specific continuous dynamics + discrete mode changes
- Standard model: *Hybrid Automata*
 - Piecewise constant rates
 - Rectangular guards

Piecewise Constant Rates



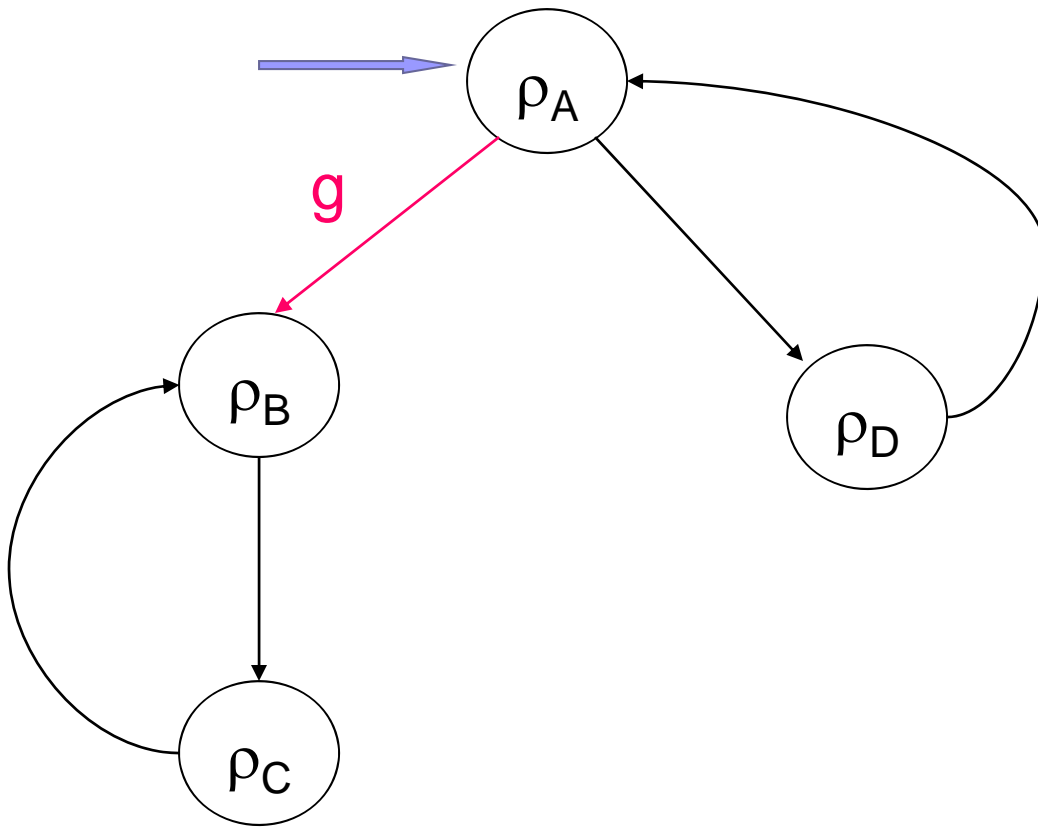
$\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$

$$\rho_B(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (2, -3.5, 1)$$

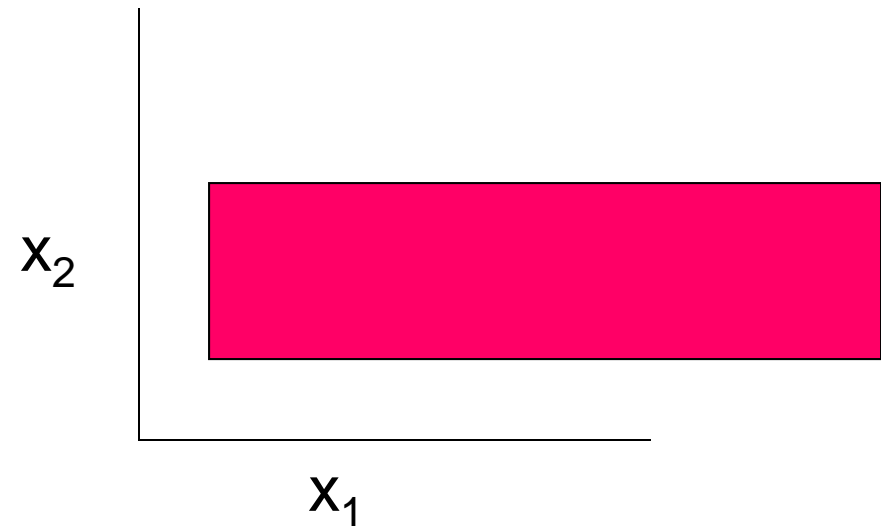
$$dx_1/dt = 2 \quad x_1(t) = 2t + x_1(0)$$

$$dx_2/dt = -3.5 \quad dx_3/dt = 1$$

Rectangular Guards

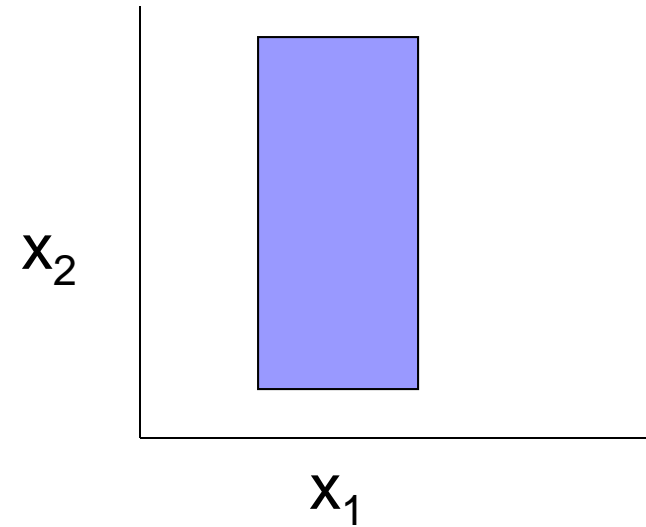
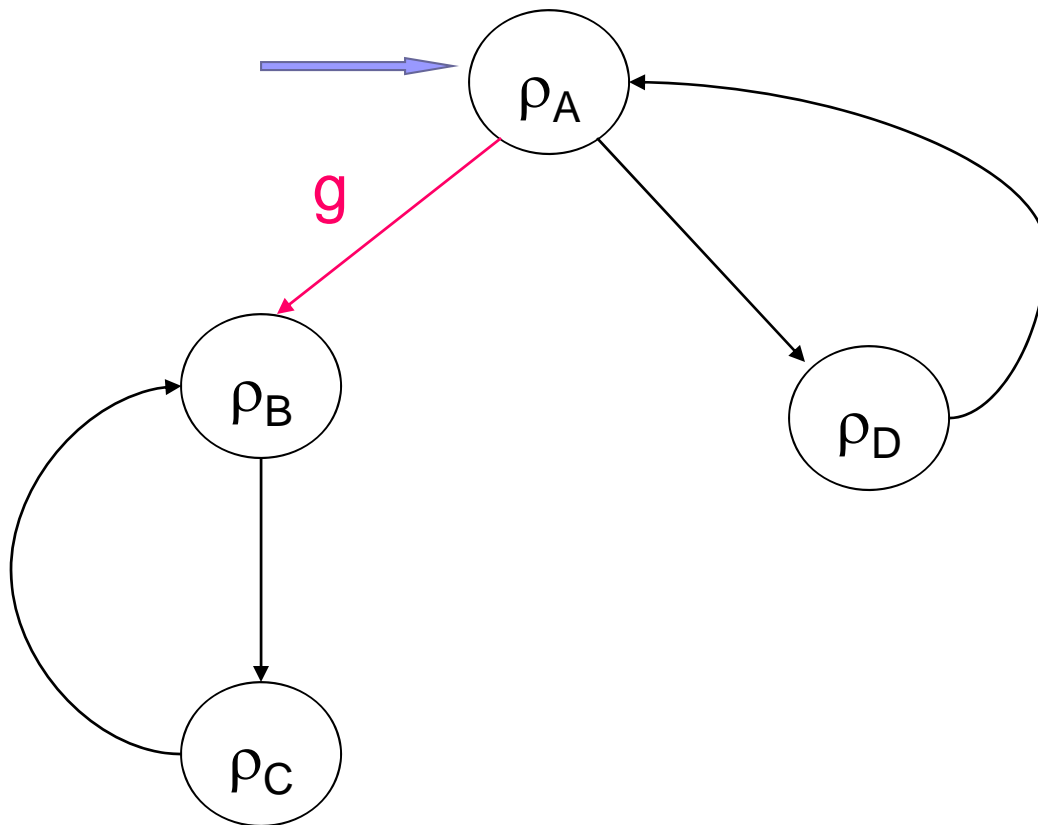


$x \leq c \mid x \geq c \mid \phi \wedge \phi'$



Initial Regions

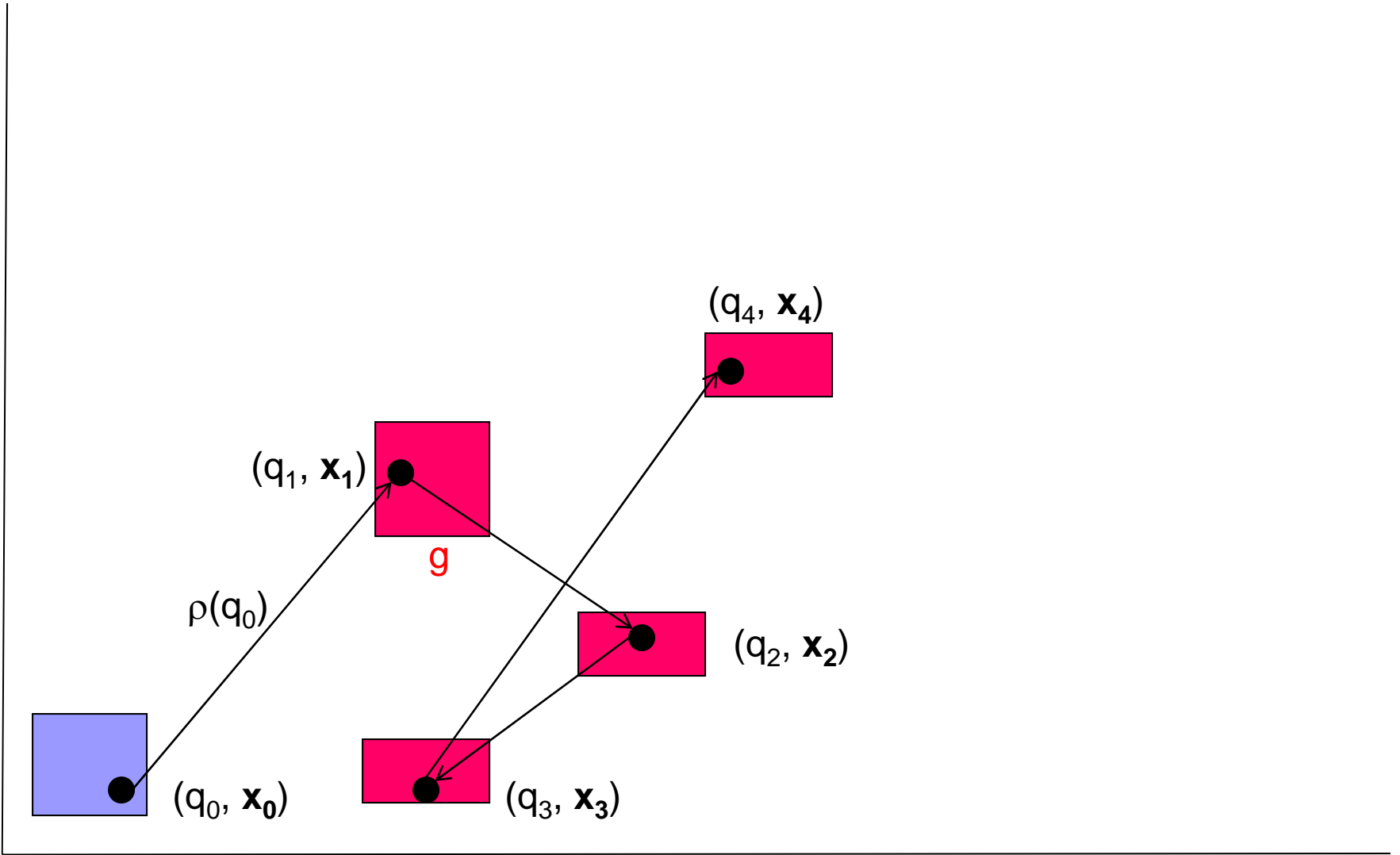
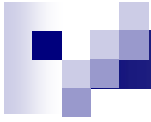
$$(x_1 \leq 2 \wedge x_1 \geq 1) \wedge (x_2 \leq 3.5 \wedge x_2 \geq 0.5)$$






Highly Expressive

- Piecewise constant rates; rectangular guards
- The control state (mode) reachability problem is undecidable.
 - Given q_f , Whether there exists a trajectory $(q_0, \mathbf{x}_0) (q_1, \mathbf{x}_1) \dots\dots\dots (q_m, \mathbf{x}_m)$ such that $q_m = q_f$
 - $q_0 =$ initial mode; \mathbf{x}_0 in initial region.
- ***HKPV'95***

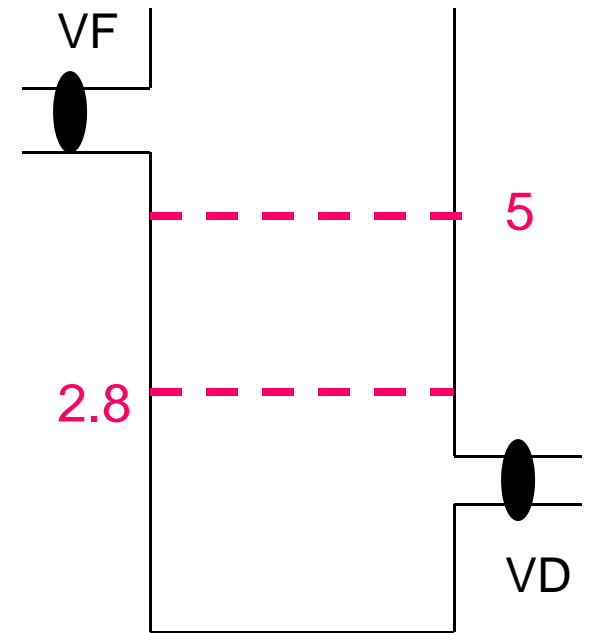
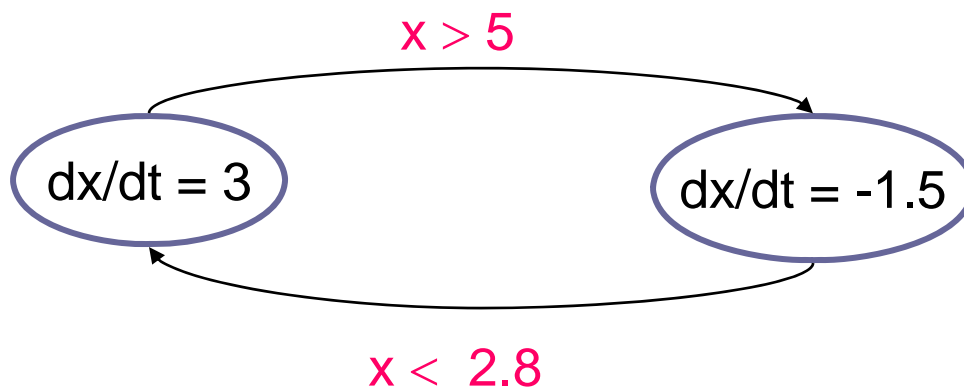




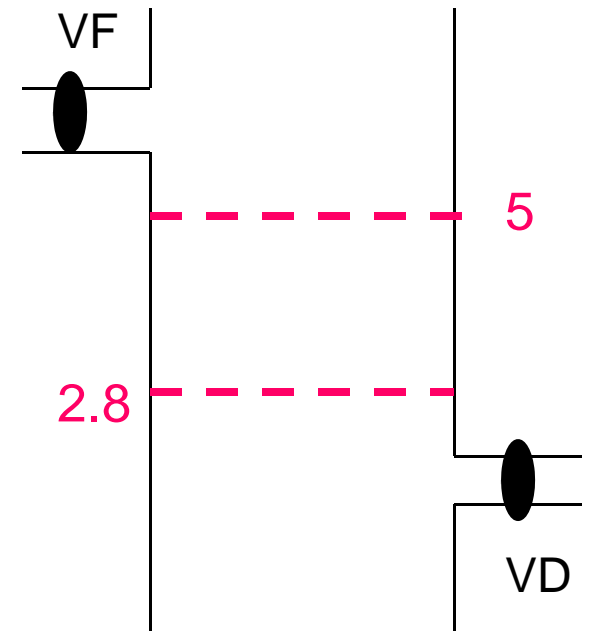
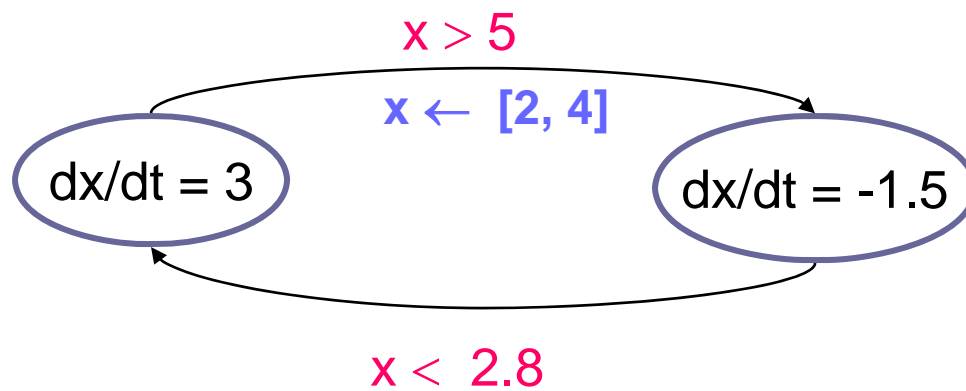
Two main ways to circumvent undecidability

- If its rate changes as the result of a mode change,
 - Reset the value of a variable to a pre-determined region

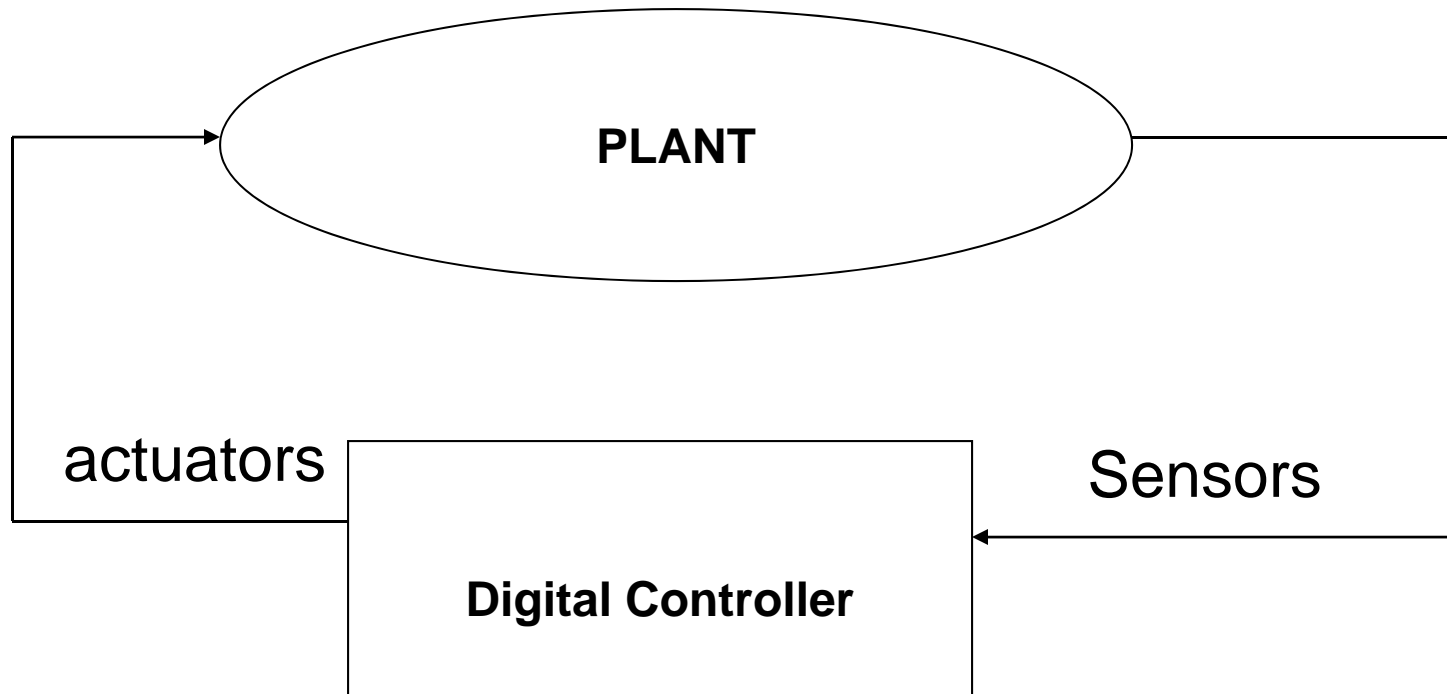
Hybrid Automata with resets.



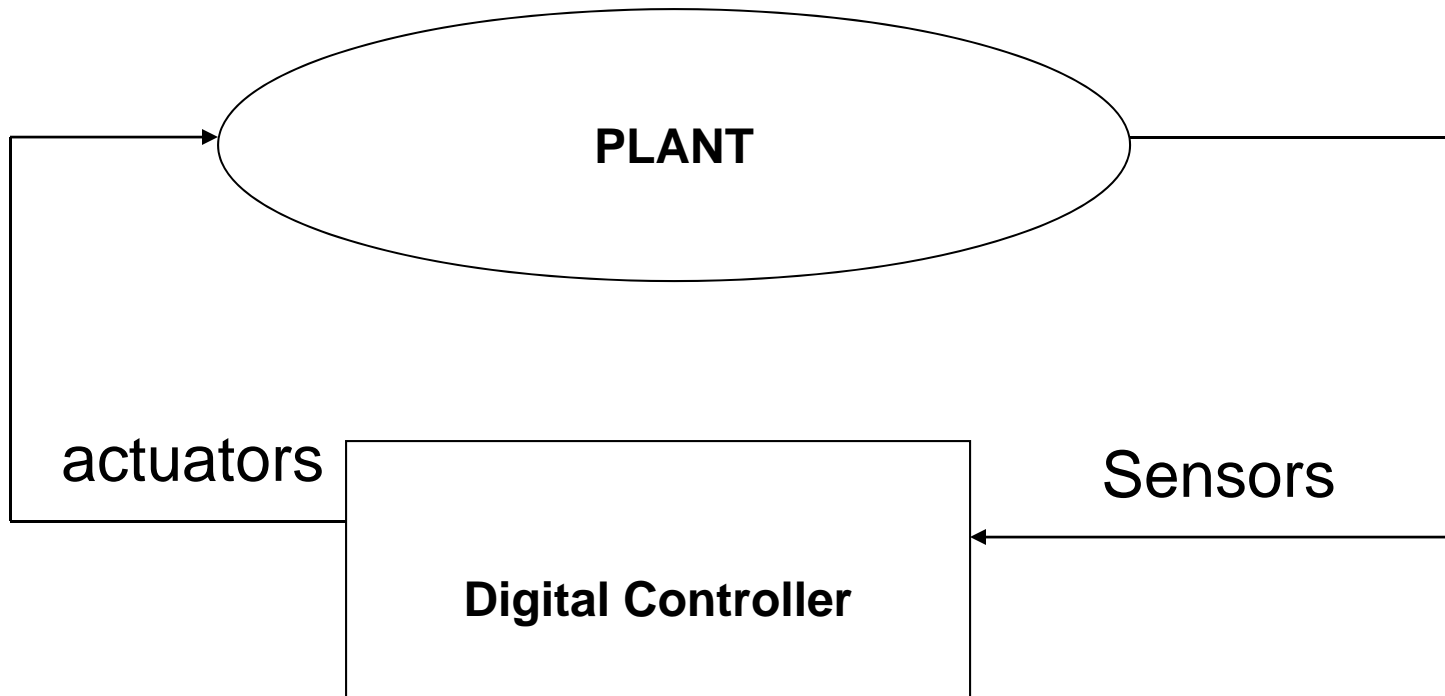
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Control Applications



The reset assumption is untenable.



[HK'97]: Discrete time assumption.

**The plant state is observed only at
(periodic) discrete time points $T_0 T_1 T_2 \dots$**

$$T_{i+1} - T_i = \Delta$$



Discrete time behaviors

- ***The discrete time behavior of a hybrid automaton:***


- Q : The set of modes


- $q_0 q_1 \dots q_m$ is a ***state sequence*** iff there exists a run $(q_0, v_0) (q_1, v_1) \dots (q_m, v_m)$ of the automaton.

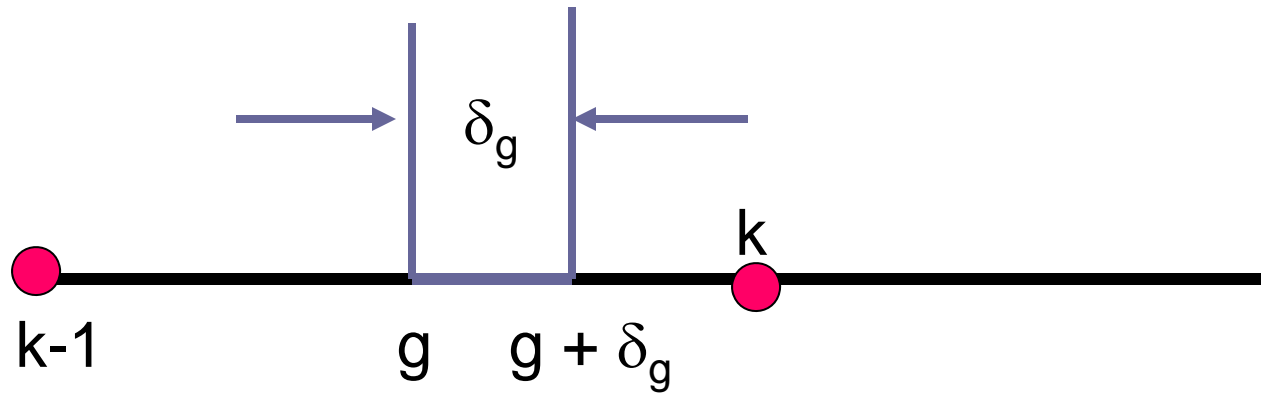
- ***The discrete time behavior of Aut is***

- $L(\text{Aut}) \subseteq Q^*$

- the set of state sequences of Aut.

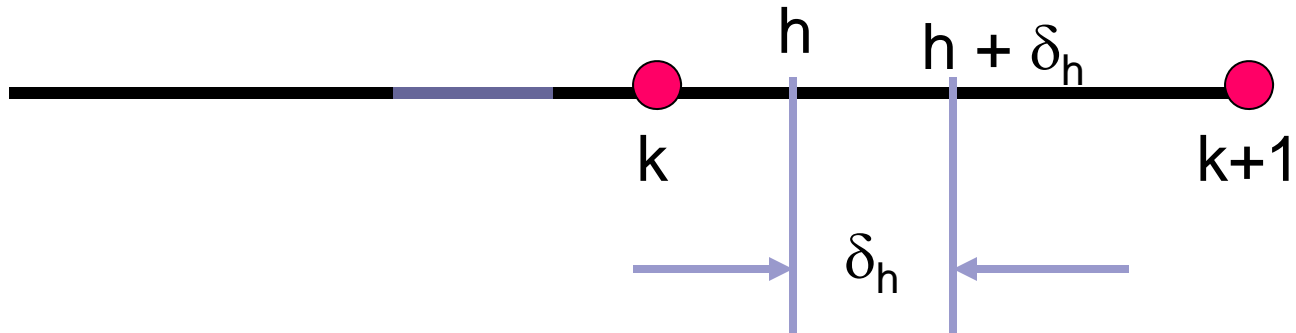
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- [HK'97]:
 - The discrete time behavior of (piecewise constant + rectangular guards) an hybrid automaton is regular.
 - A finite state automaton representing this language can be effectively constructed.
 - Discrete time behavior is an approximation. With fast enough sampling, it is a good approximation.

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- [AT'04]: The discrete time behavior of an hybrid automaton is regular even with delays in sensing and actuating (laziness)



The value of x_i reported at $t = k$ is the value at some t' in $[(k-1)+g, (k-1)+g+\delta_g]$

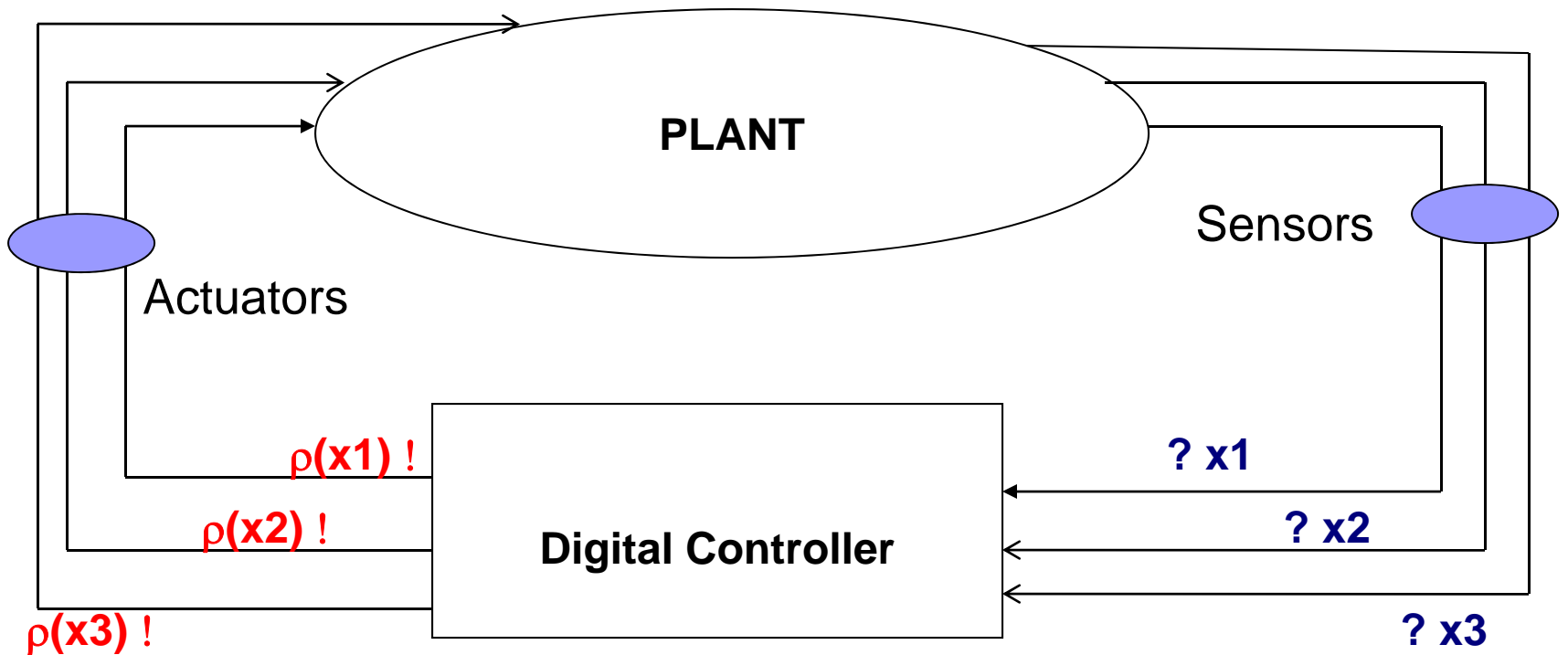
g and δ_g are fixed rationals



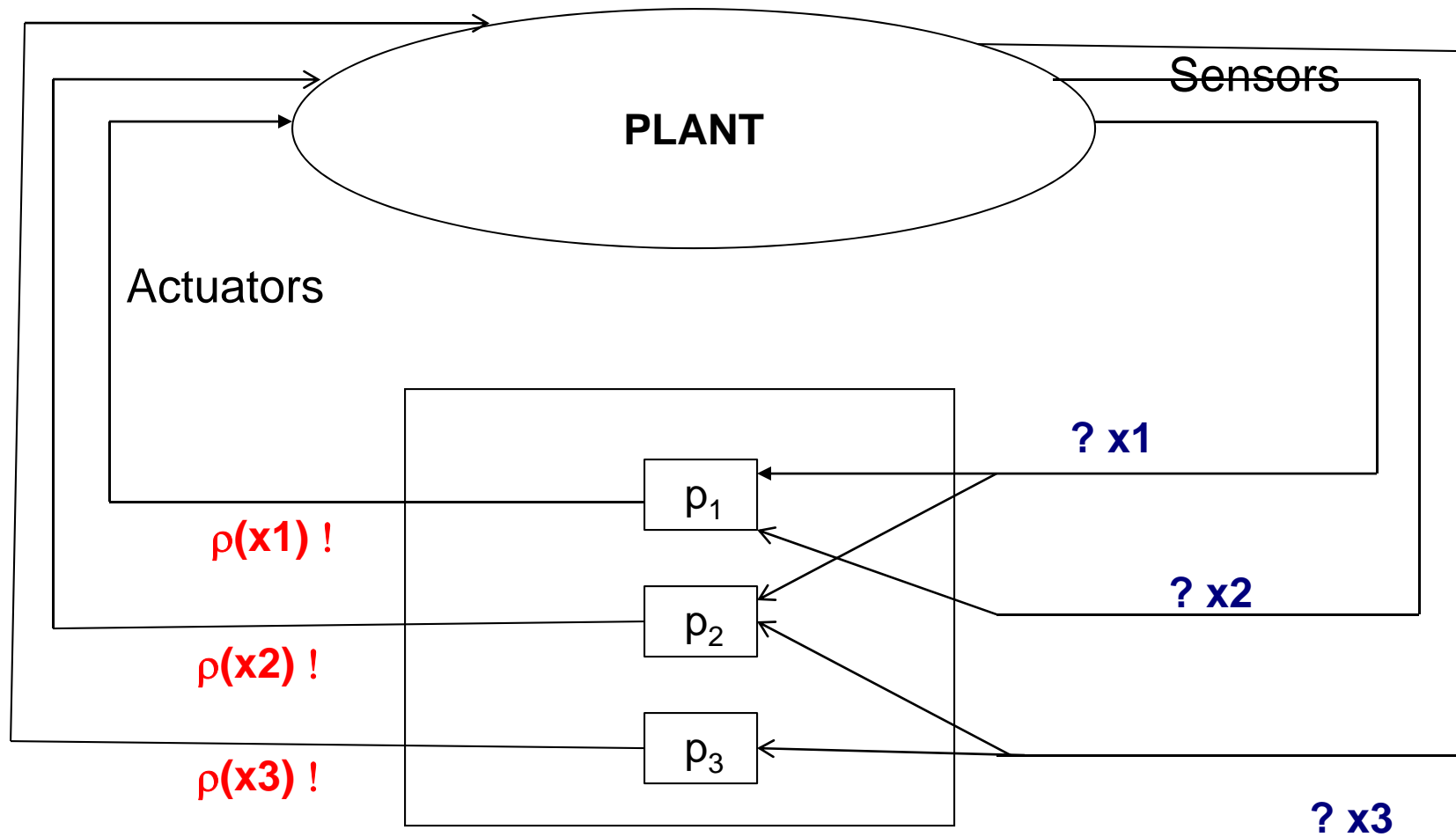
If a mode change takes place at $t = k$ is then x_i starts evolving at $\rho'(x_i)$ at some t' in $[k+h, k+h + \delta_h]$

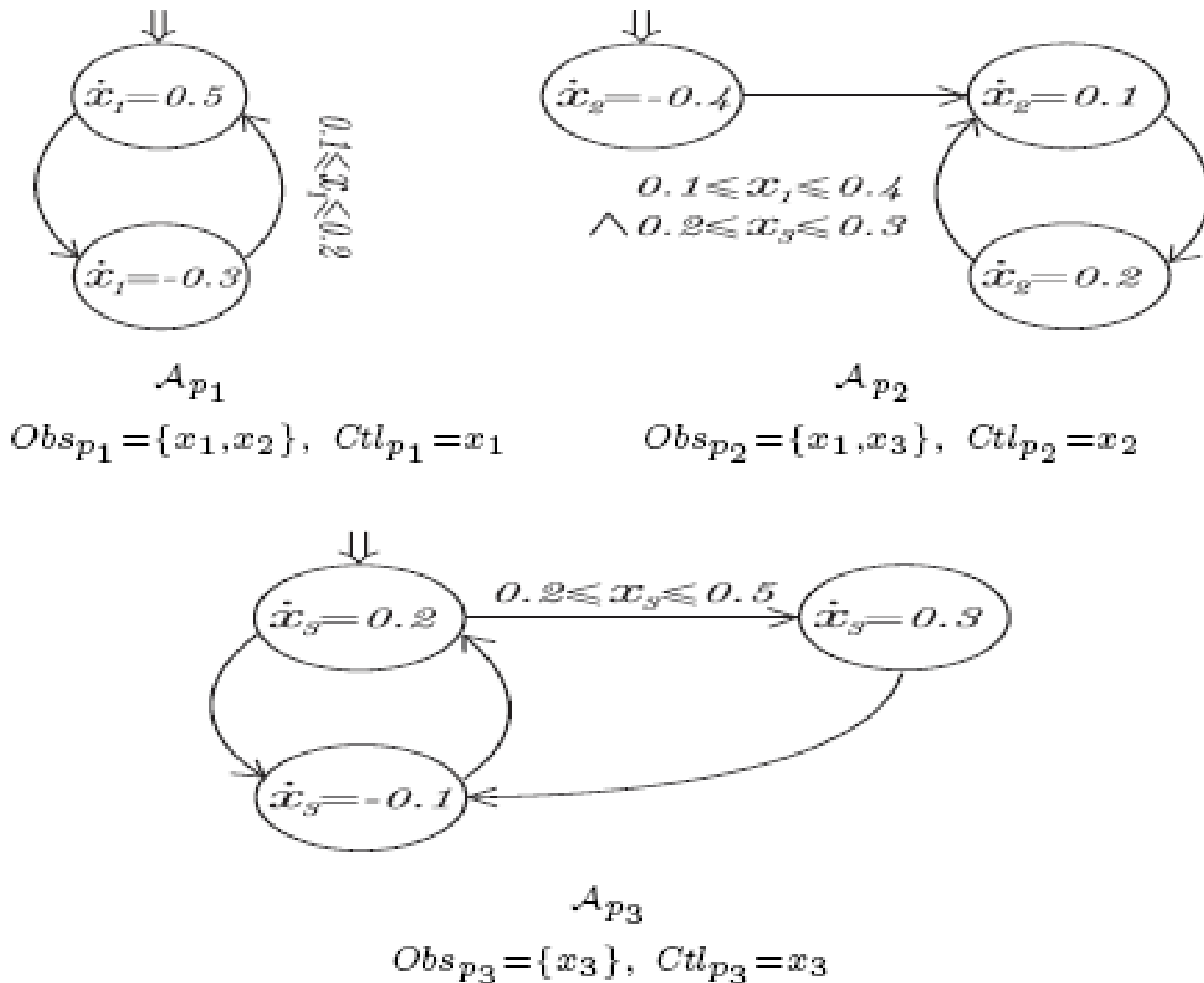
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Global Hybrid Automata

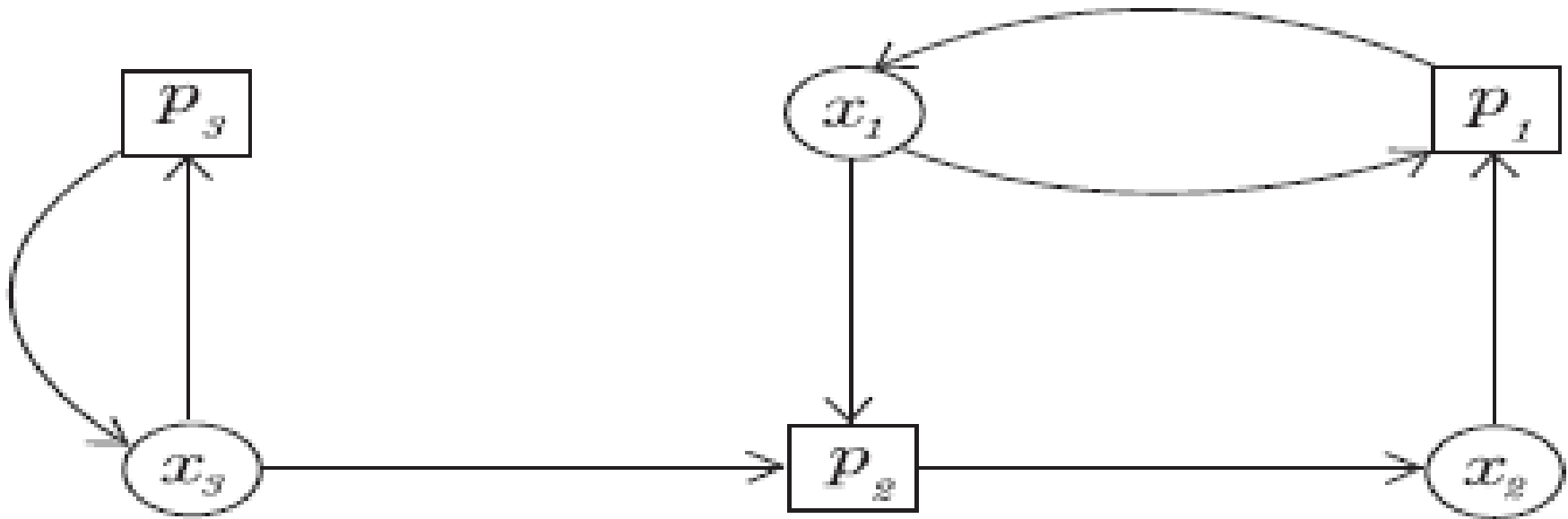


Distributed Hybrid Automata





No explicit communication between the automata.. However, coordination through the shared memory of the plant's state space.



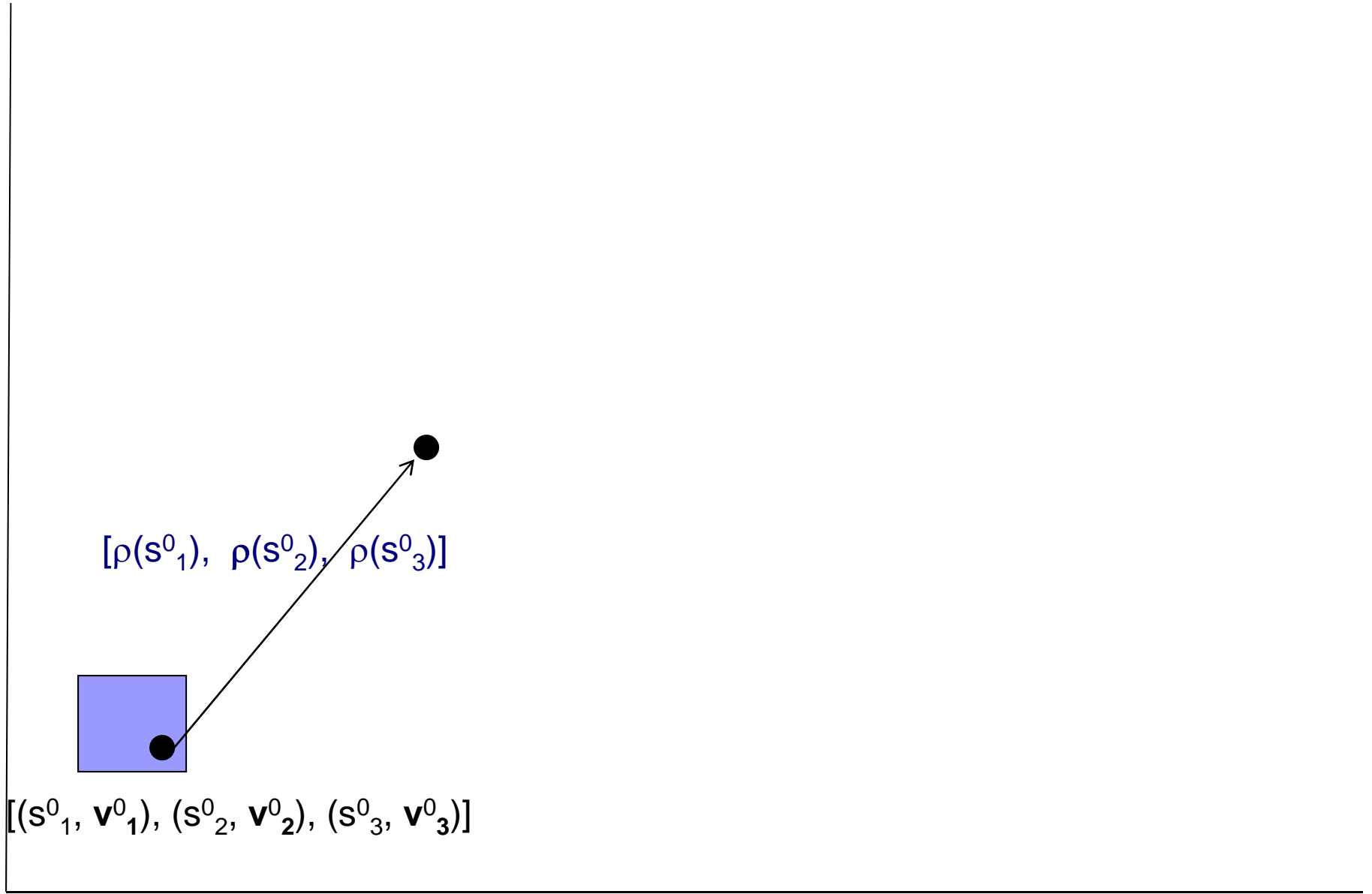
The Communication graph of DHA

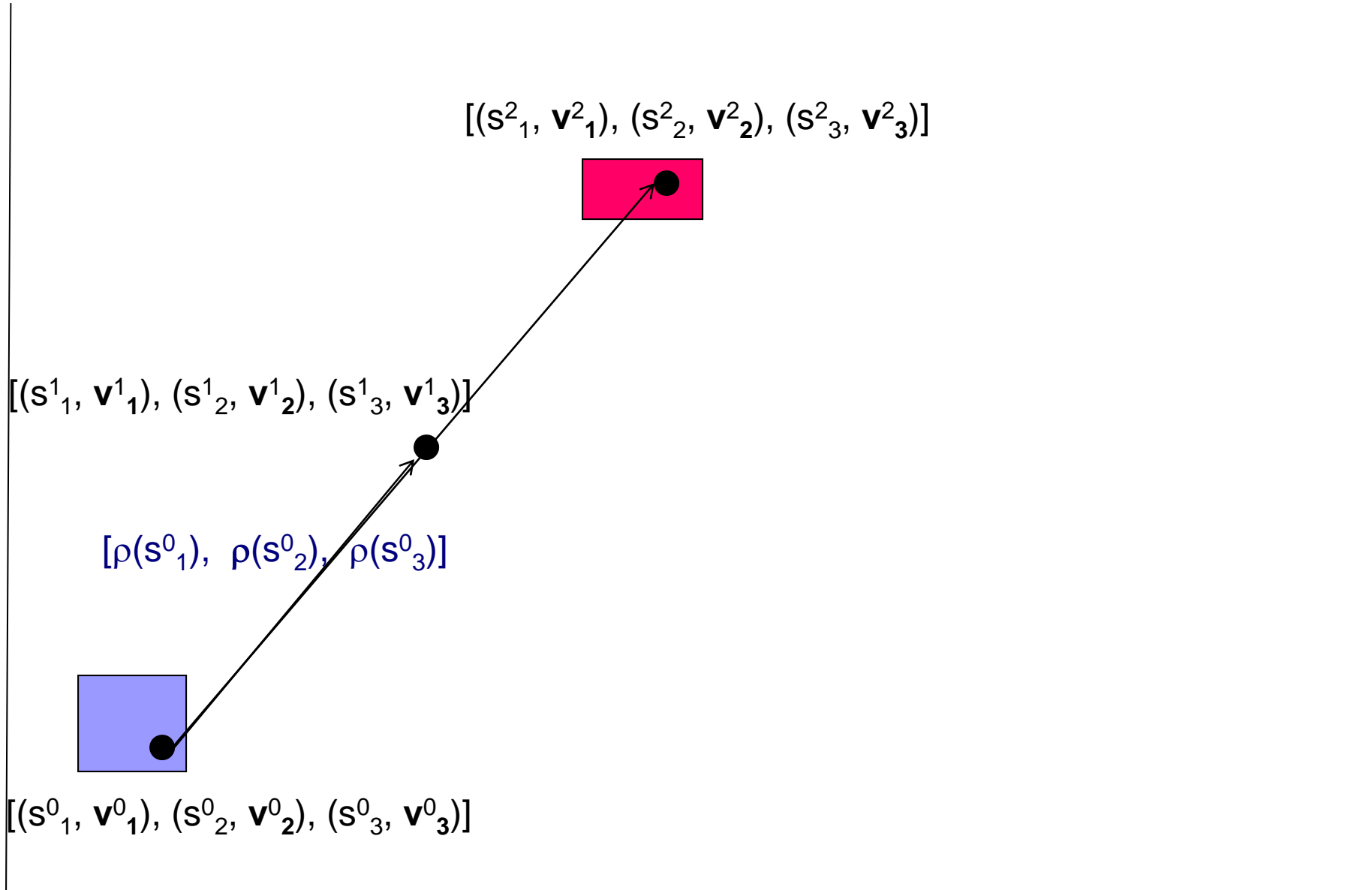
$\text{Obs}(p)$ --- The set of variables observed by p

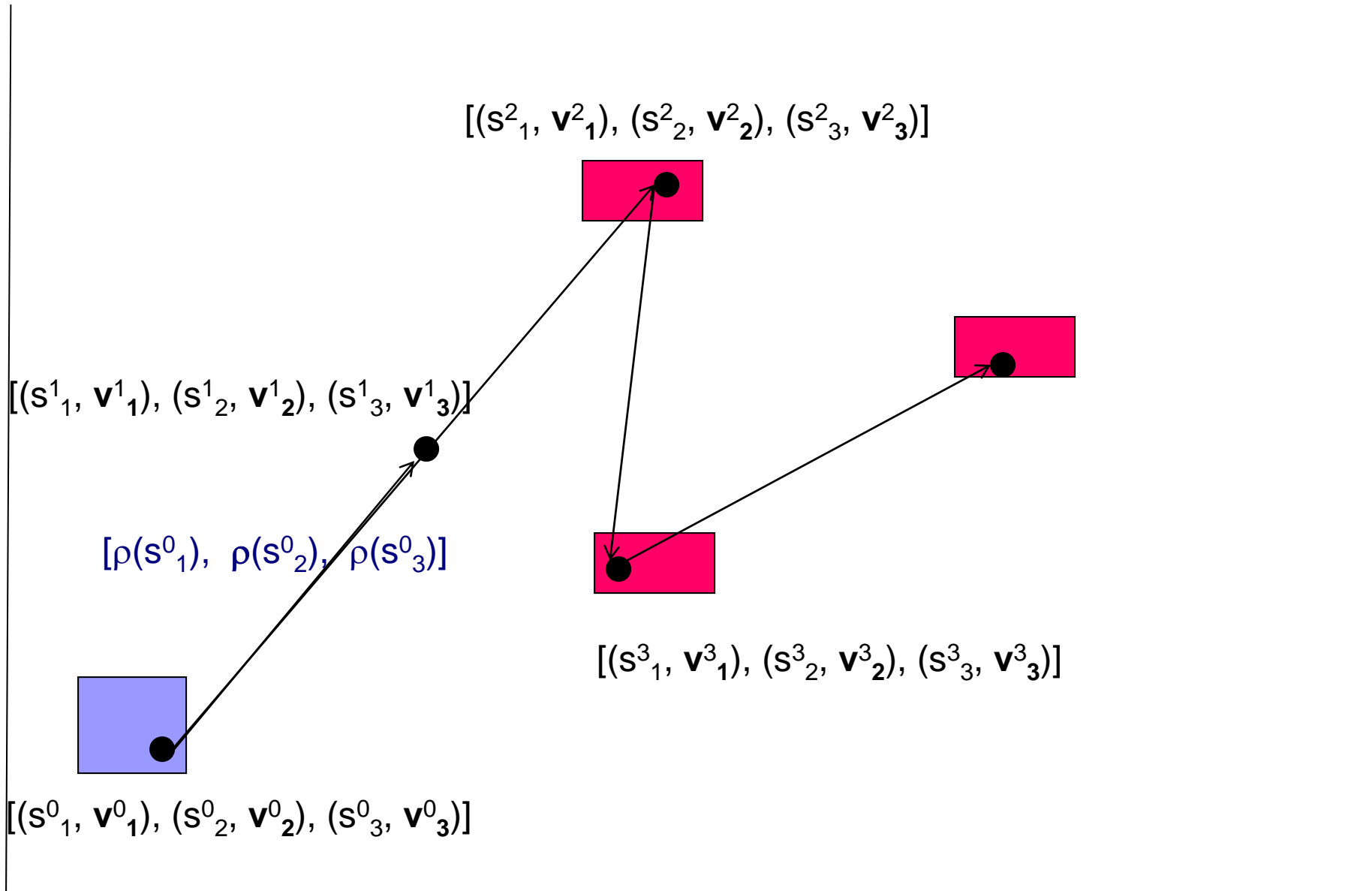
$\text{Ctl}(p)$ --- The set of variables controlled by p

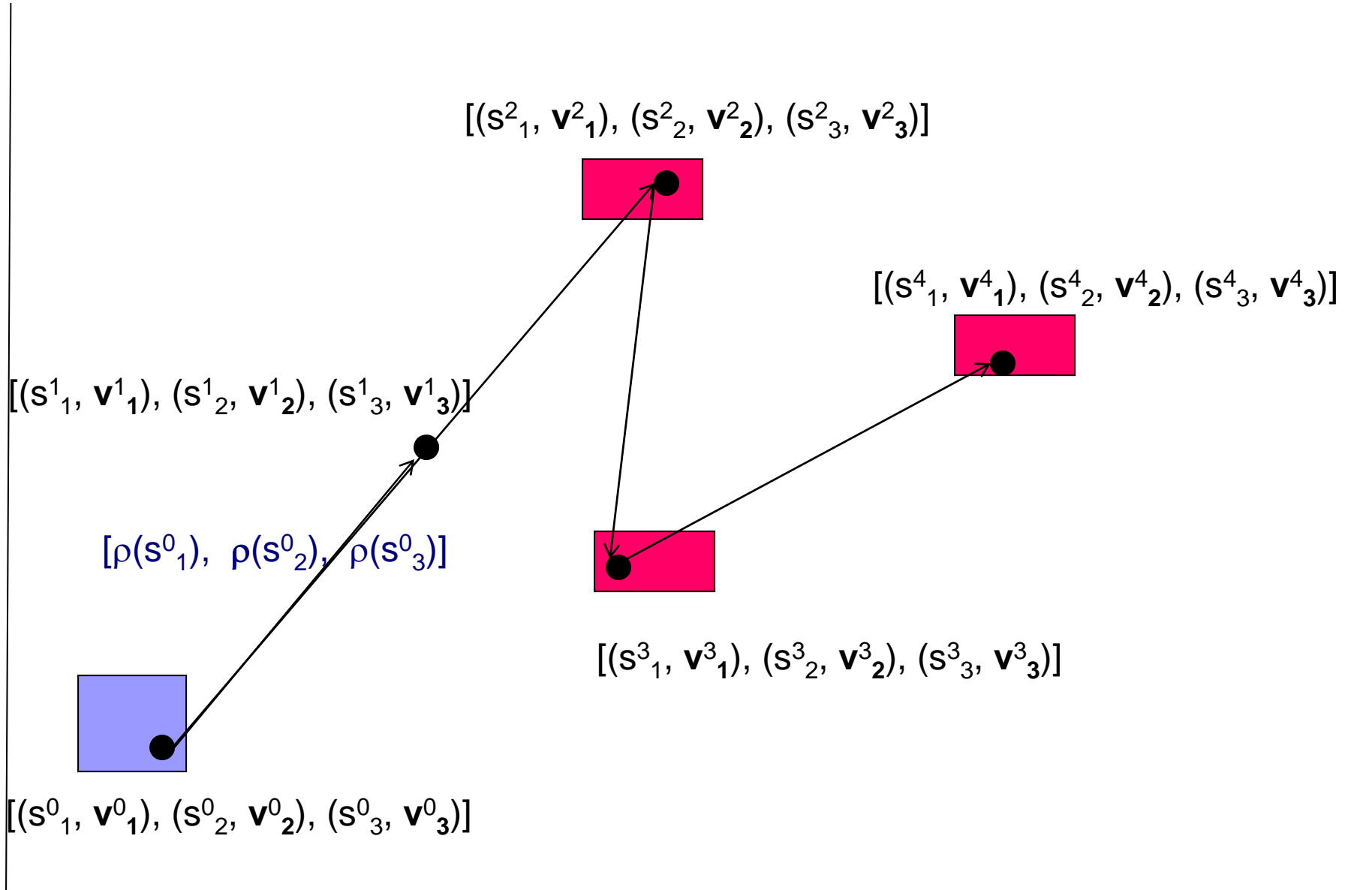
$$\text{Ctl}(p) \cap \text{Ctl}(q) = \emptyset$$

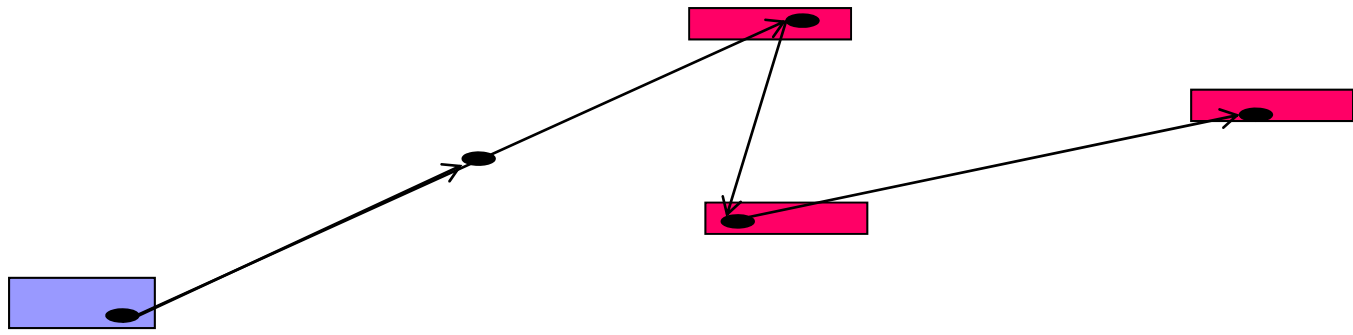
$$\text{Nbr}(p) = \text{Obs}(p) \cup \text{Ctl}(p)$$











Discrete time behavior:
(Global) state sequences

$[s^0_1, s^0_2, s^0_3]$ $[s^1_1, s^1_2, s^1_3]$ $[s^2_1, s^2_2, s^2_3]$ $[s^3_1, s^3_2, s^3_3]$



Discrete time behaviors

- ***The discrete time behavior of DHA is***
 - $L(DHA) \subseteq (S_{p1} \times S_{p2} \times \dots \times S_{pn})^*$
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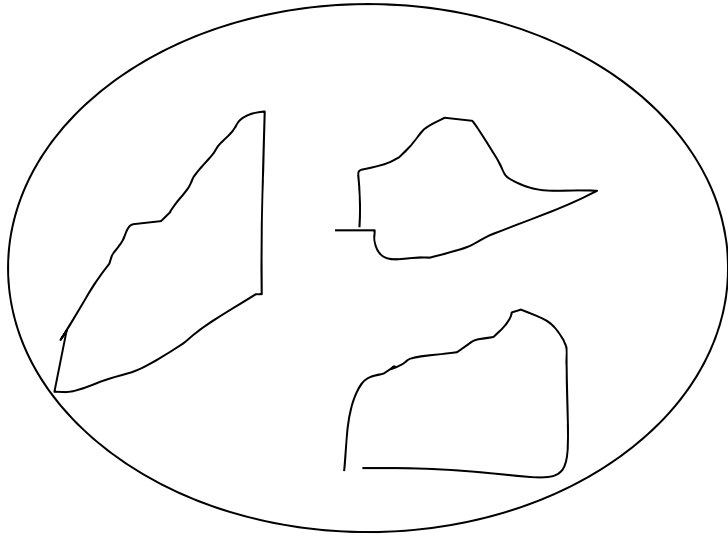
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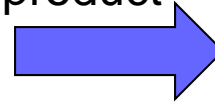
- Yes. Construct the (syntactic product) AUT of *DHA*.

- AUT will have piecewise constant rates and rectangular guards. Hence.....

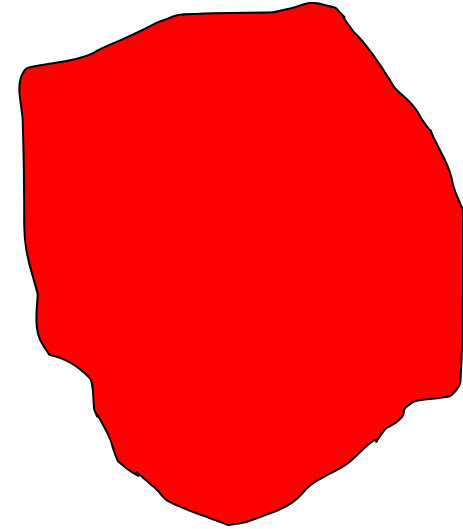
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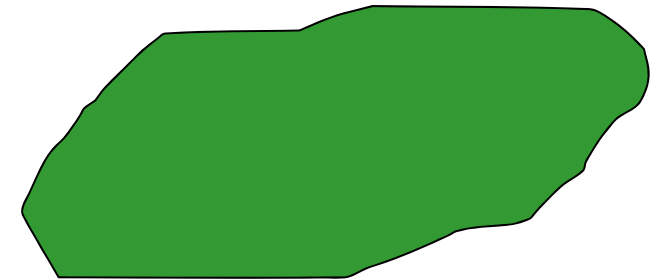
Syntactic
product



Global HA



Discretization



Global FSA

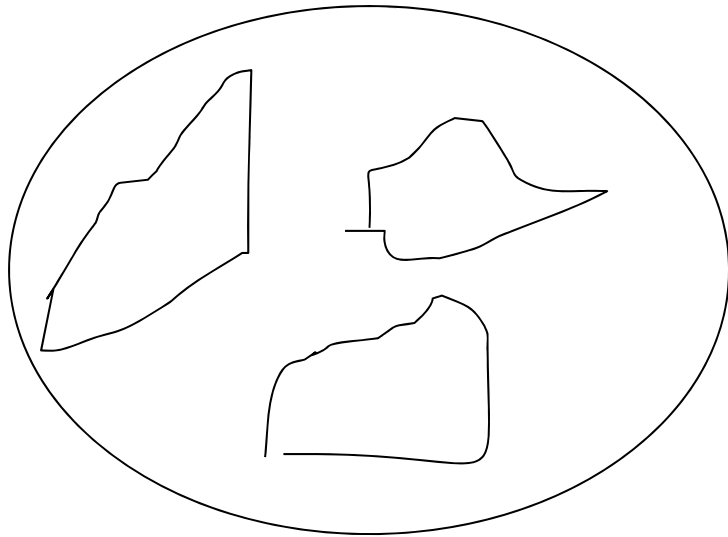
m ---- the number of component automata in DHA

The size of **DHA** will be **linear** in m

The size of **AUT** will be **exponential** in m .

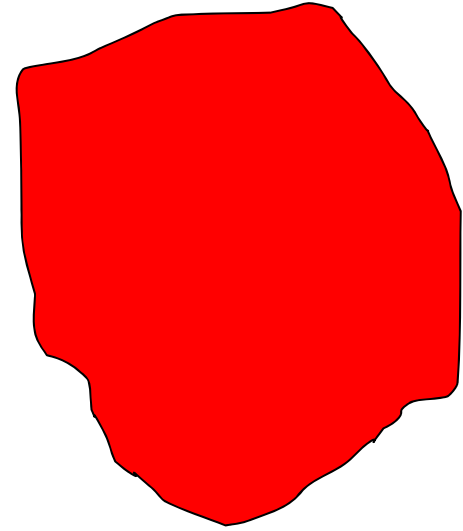
Can we do better?

Network of HAs



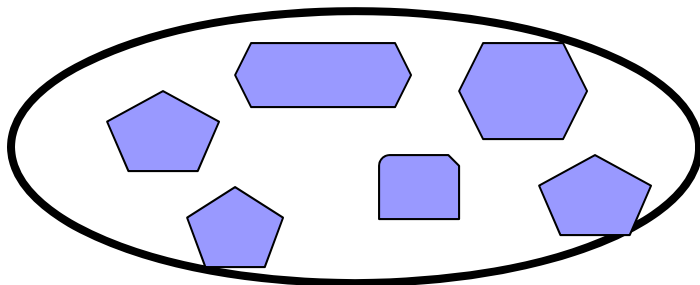
Syntactic Product
→

Global HA

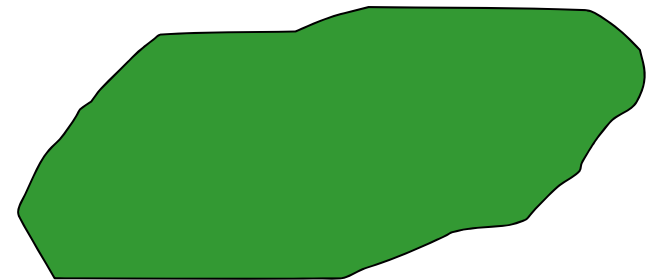


Discretization
↓

Local discretization
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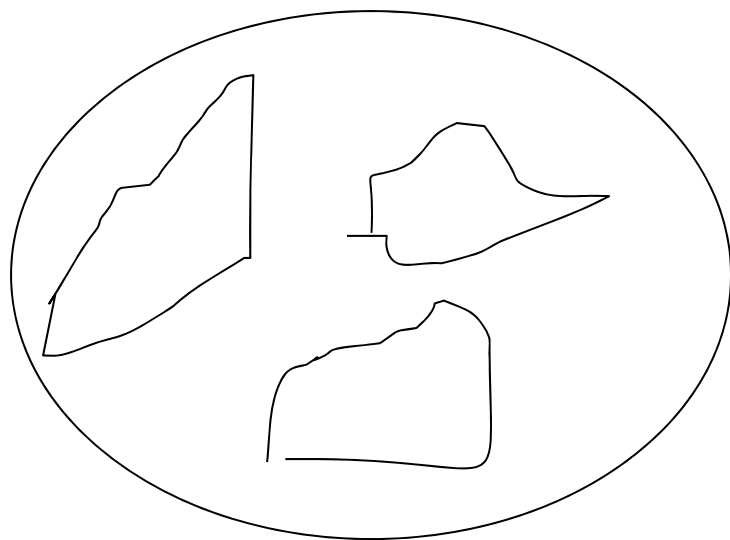
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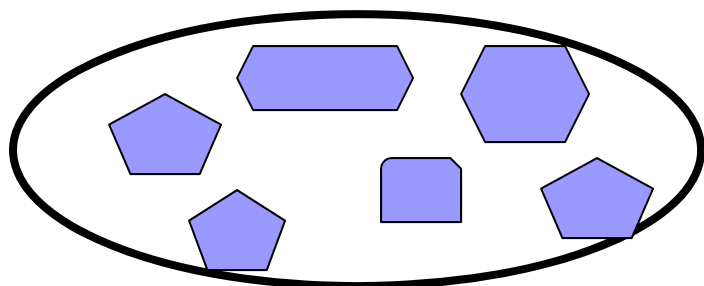
Network of FSAs

Global FSA

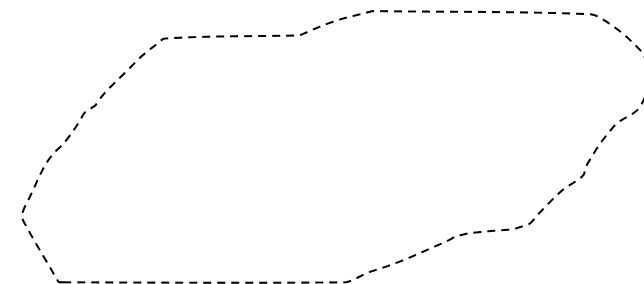
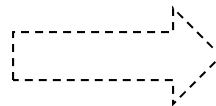
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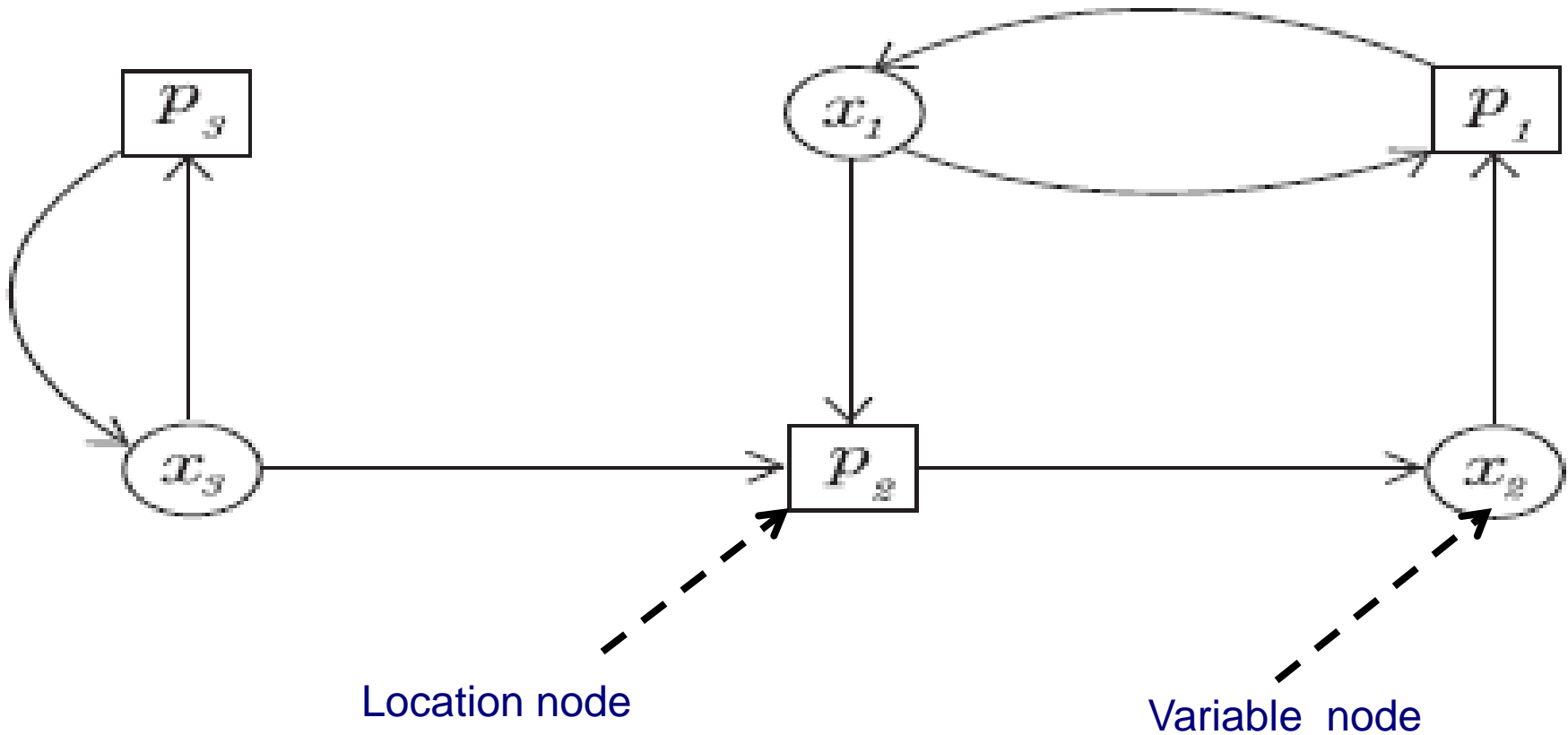
Local
discretization



Network of FSAs



Global FSA



For each node, construct an FSA

Each FSA will “read” from all its neighbor FSAs to make its moves.

$$\text{Nbr}(p) = \text{Ctl}(p) \cup \text{Obs}(p)$$

$$\text{Nbr}(x) = \{p \mid x \in \text{Ctl}(p) \cup \text{Obs}(p)\}$$

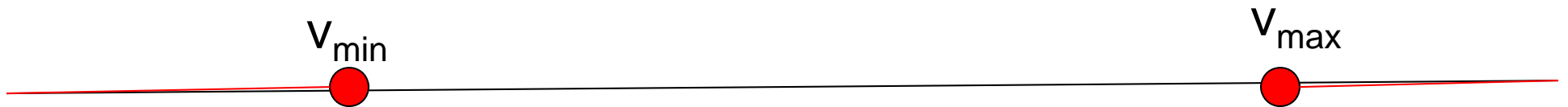


Aut_x

- Aut_x will keep track of the current value of x
- $\text{CTL}(x) = p$ if $x \in \text{Ctl}(p)$
- A move of Aut_x:
 - read the current rate of x from Aut_{CTL(x)} and update the current value of x
- Can only keep bounded information
- Quotient the value space of x



Quotienting the value space of x

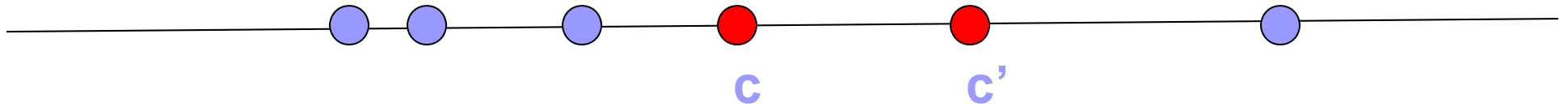




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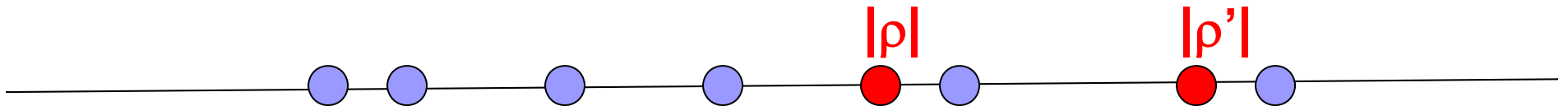
Quotienting the value space of x



c, c', \dots , the constants that appear in some guard

Quotienting the value space of x

ρ, ρ' rates of x associated with modes in $\text{AUT}_{\text{CTL}(x)}$



Find the largest positive rational that evenly divides all these rationals

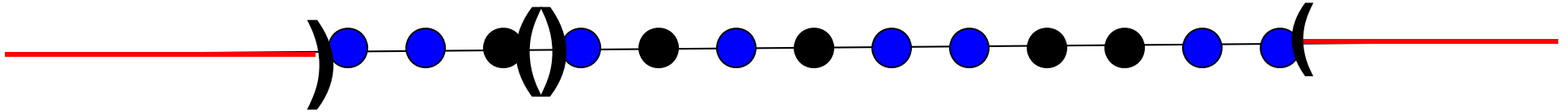
Use it to divide $[v_{\min}, v_{\max}]$ into uniform intervals



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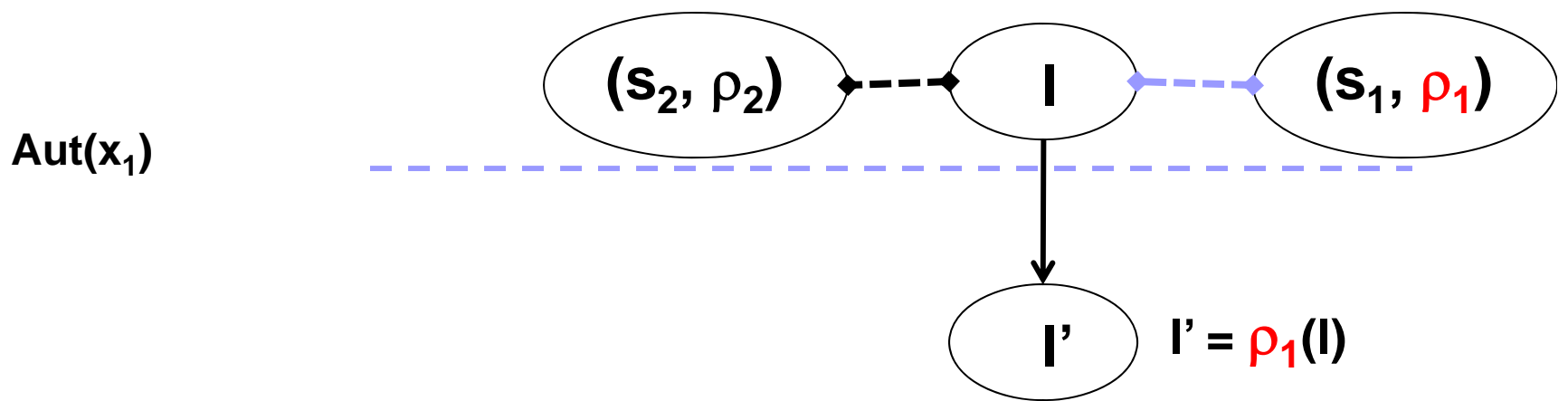
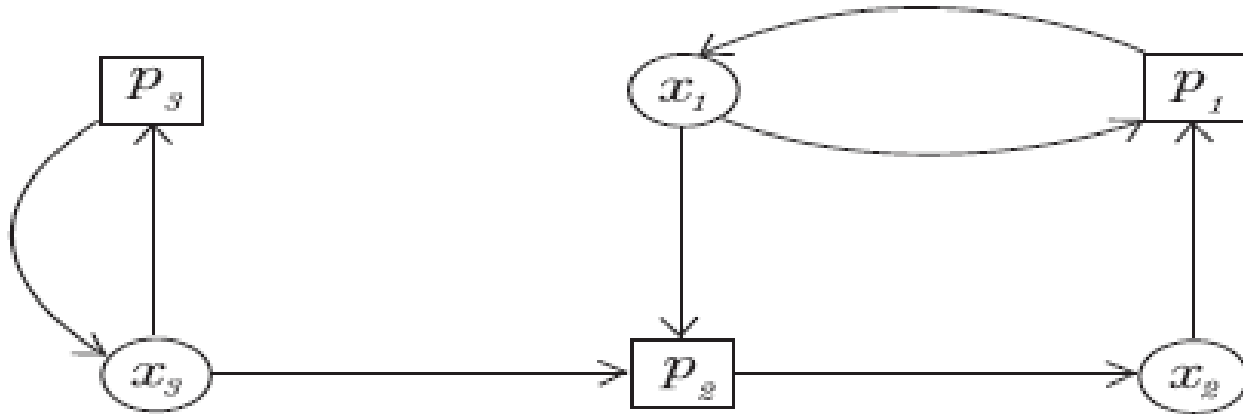
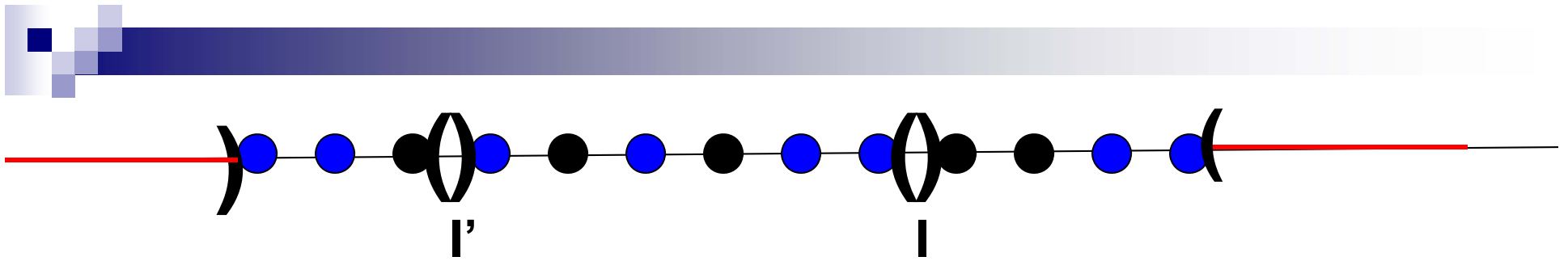


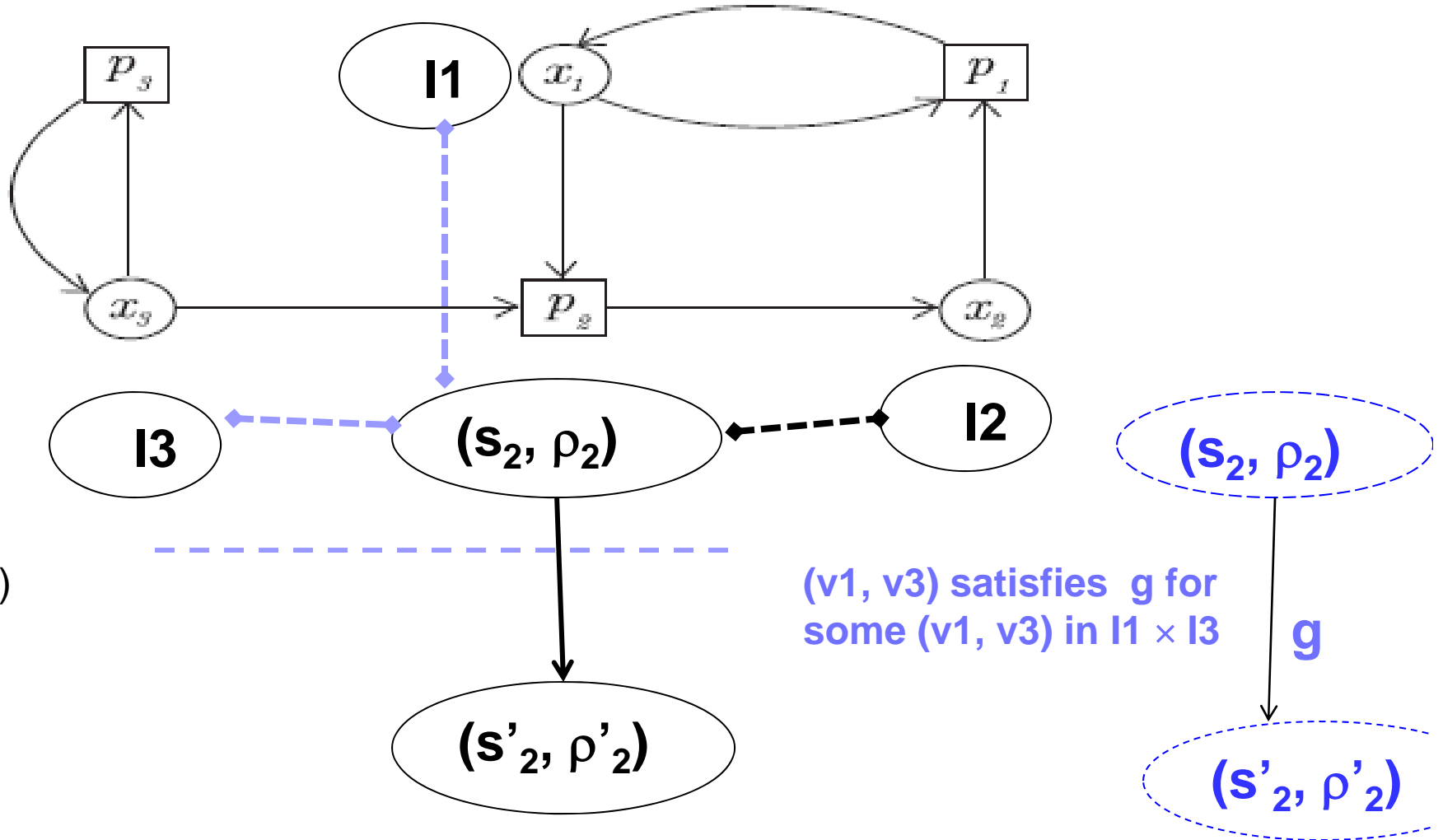
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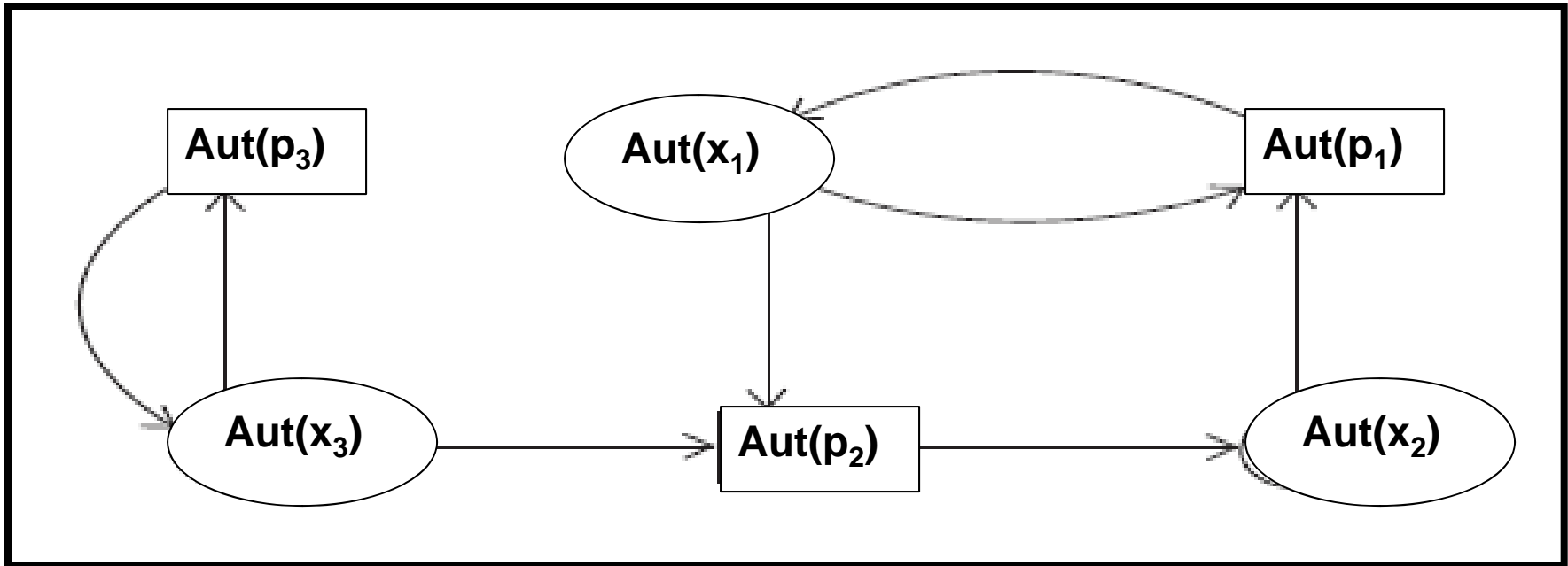


A move of Aut_x :

If Aut_x is in state l and $\text{CTL}(x) = p$ and Aut_p 's state is ρ then Aut_x moves from l to $l' = \rho(l)$



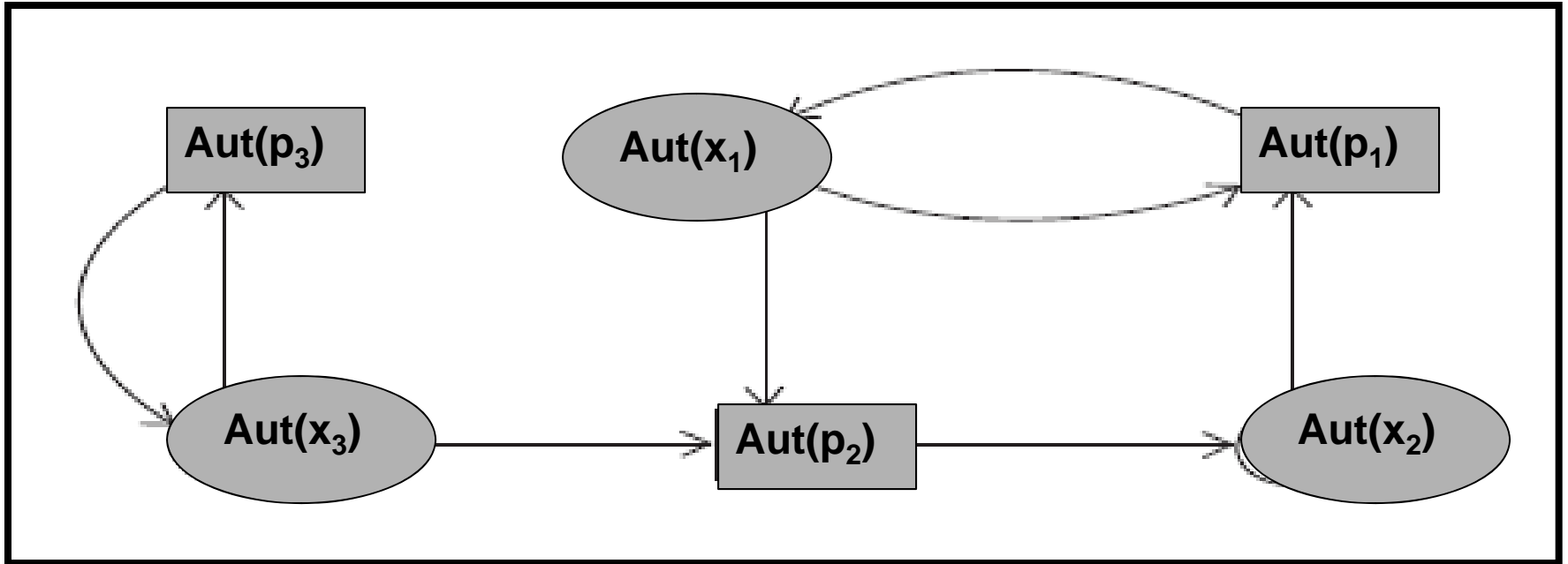


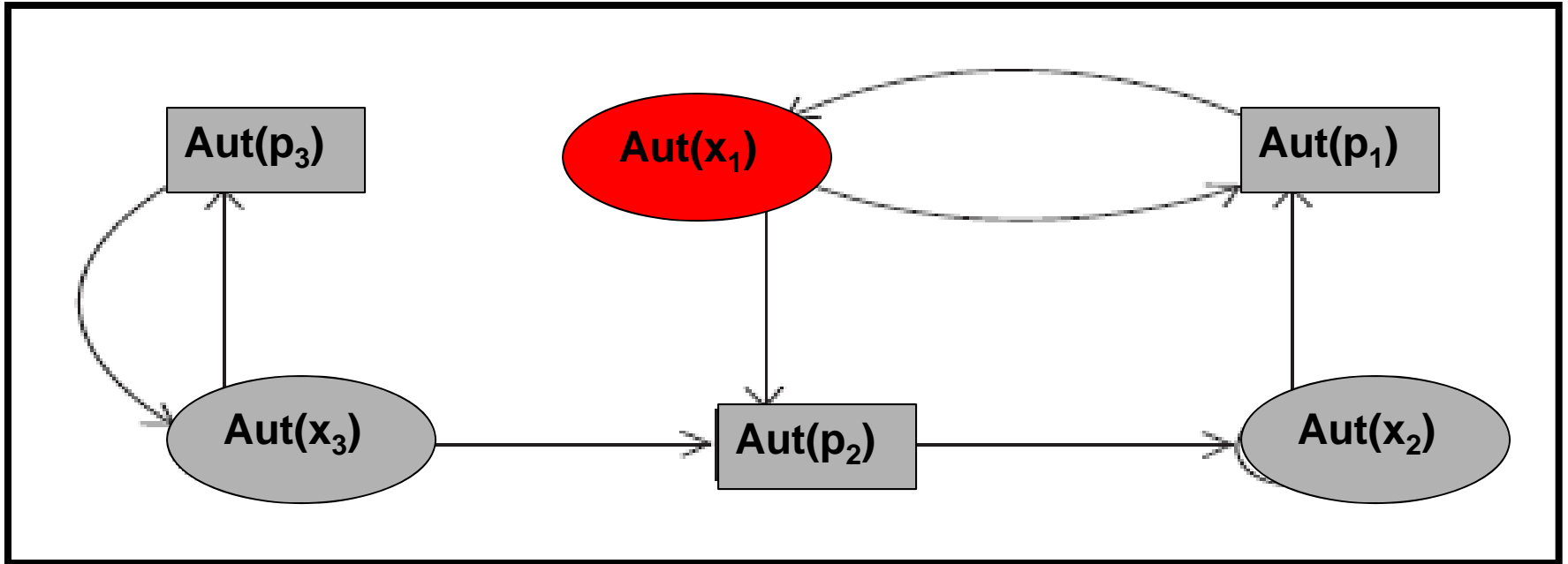


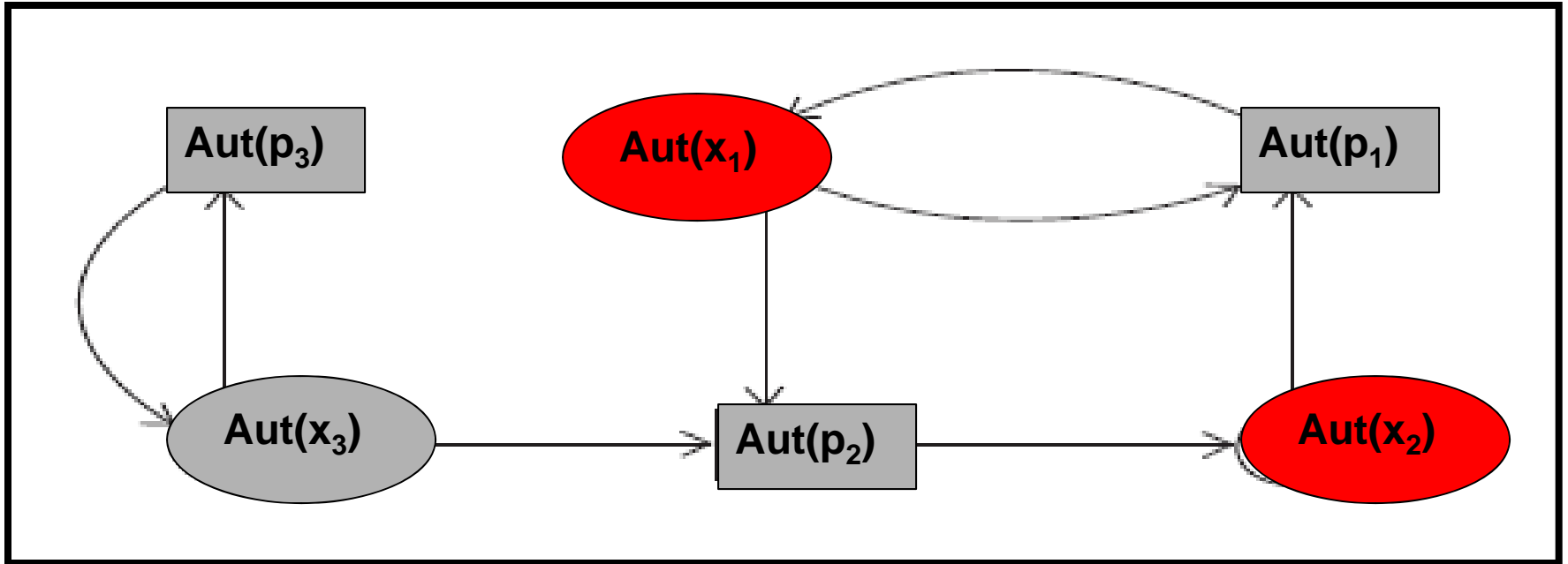
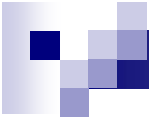
Each automaton will have a parity bit. This bit flips every time the automaton makes a move. Initially all the parities are 0.

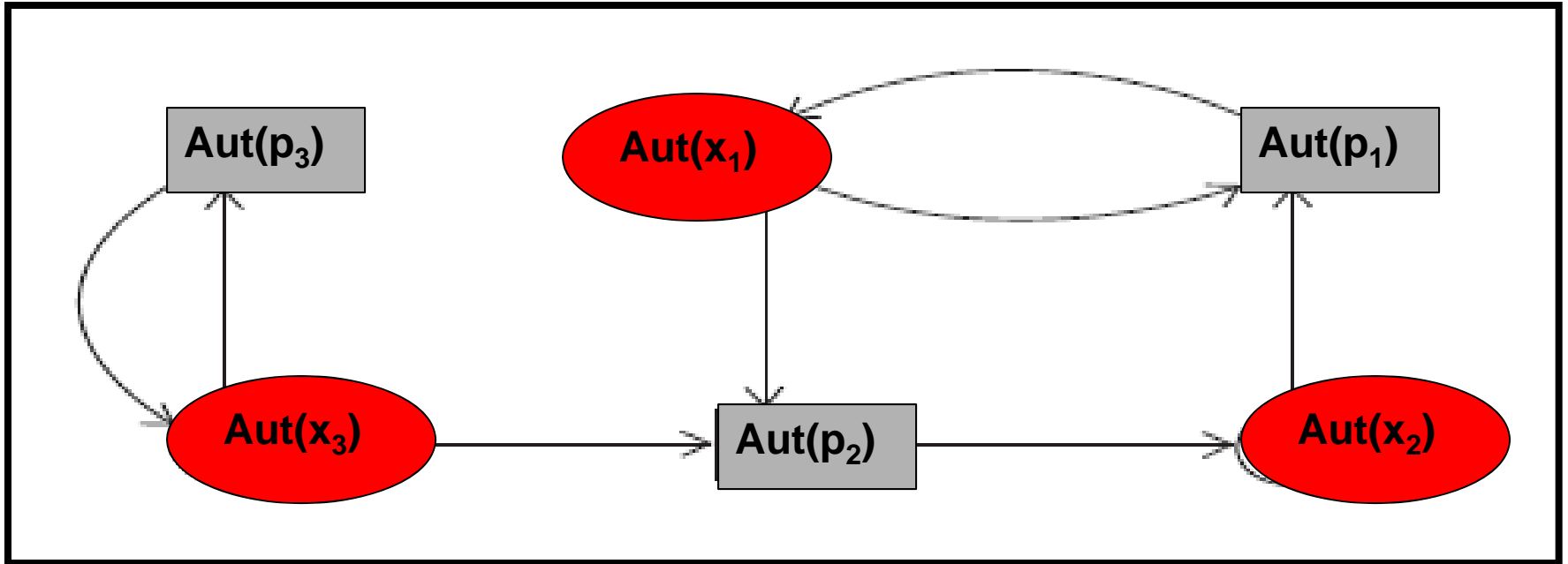
A variable node automaton makes a move only when its parity is the same as all its neighbors'

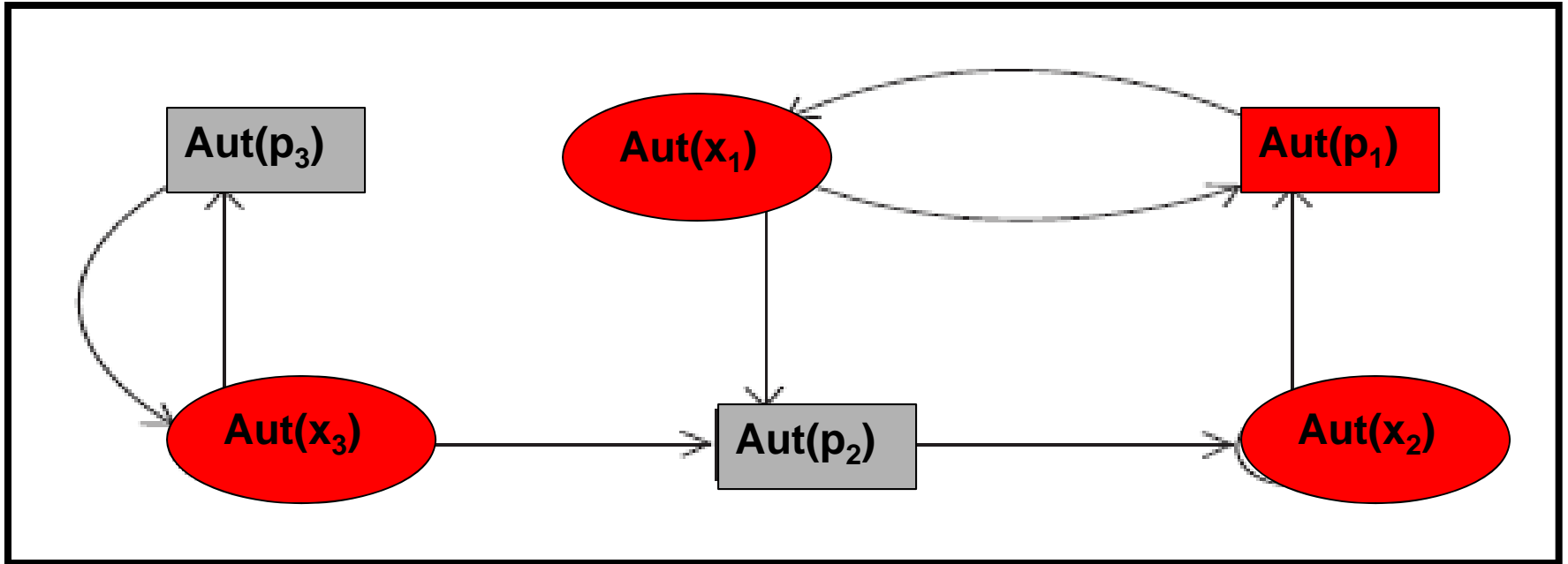
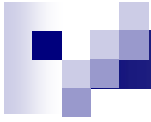
A location node automaton makes a move only when its parity is different from all its neighbors.

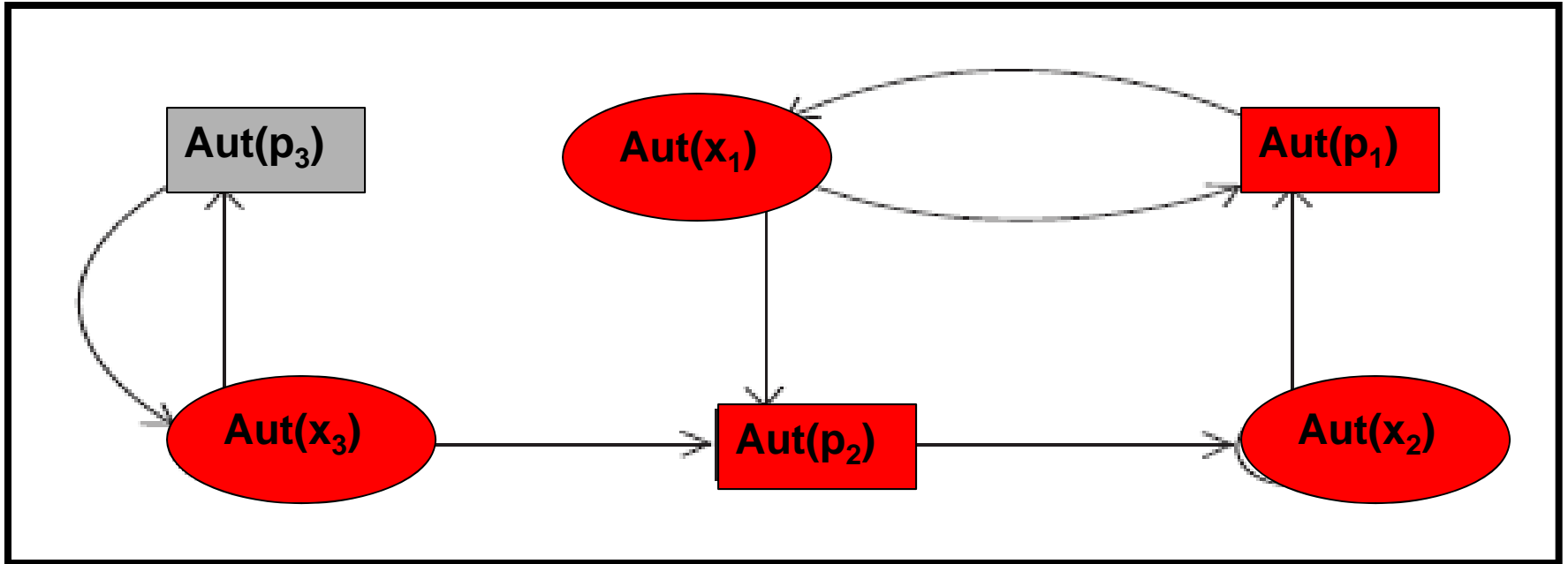


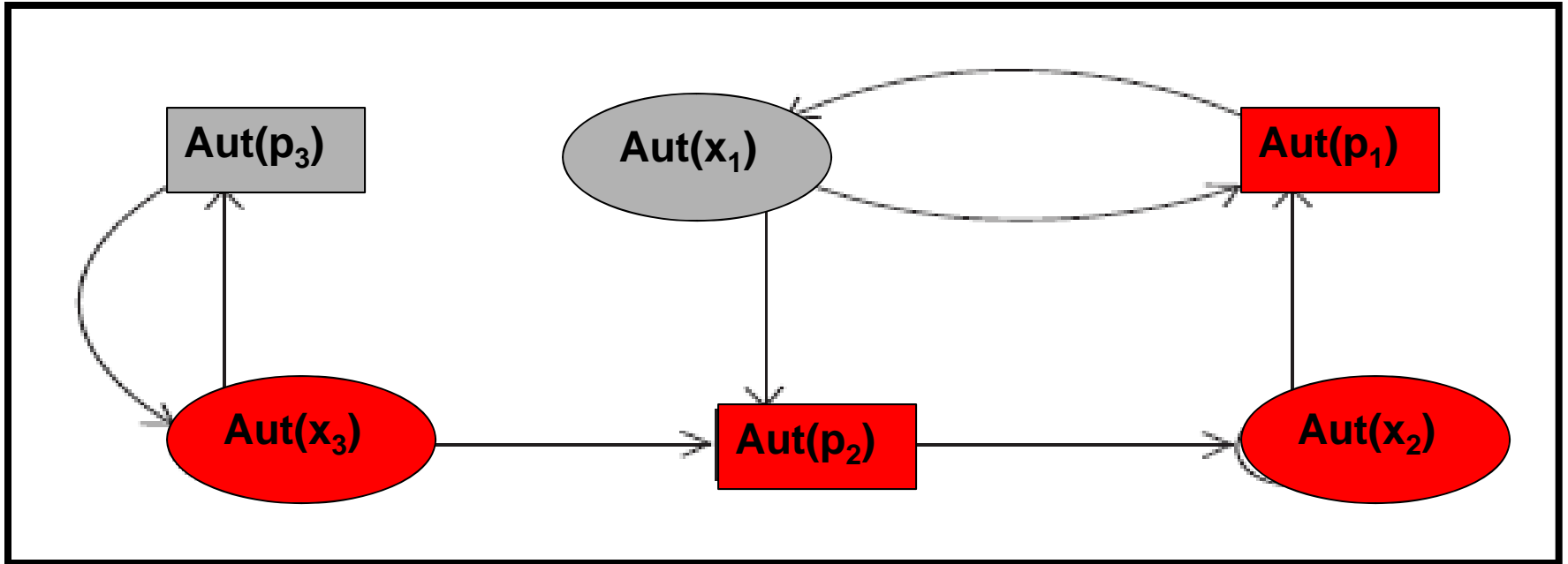


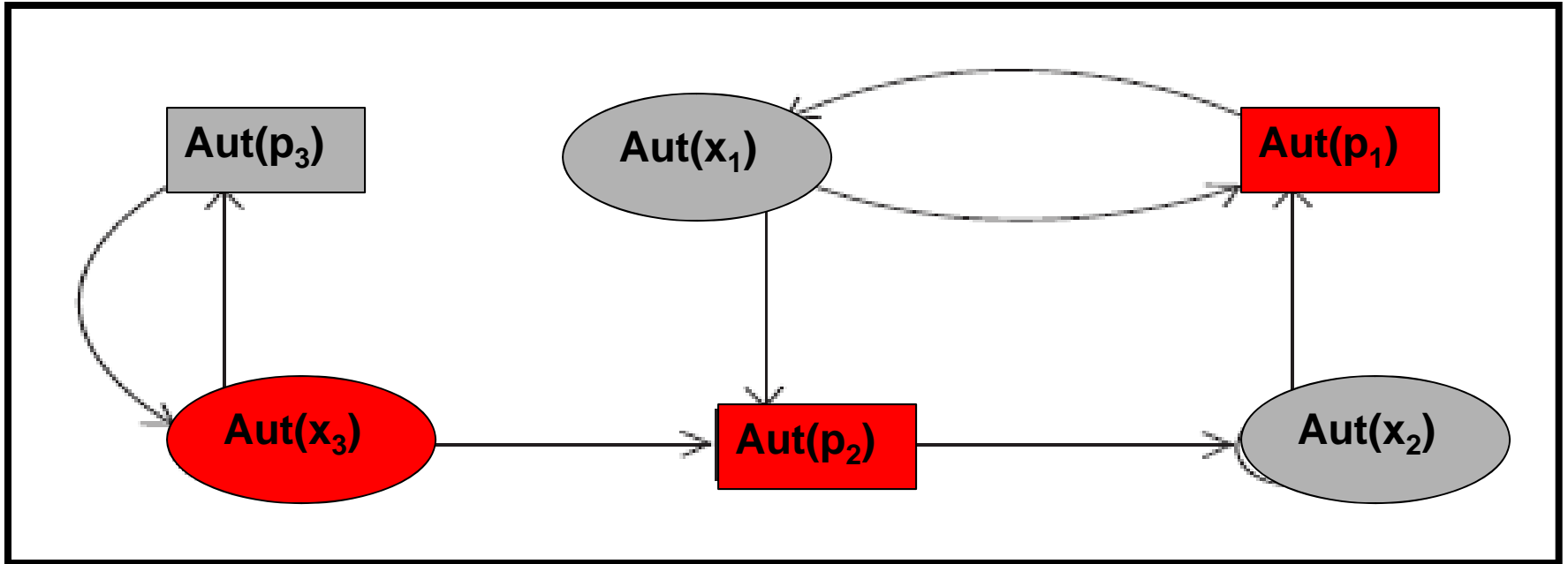


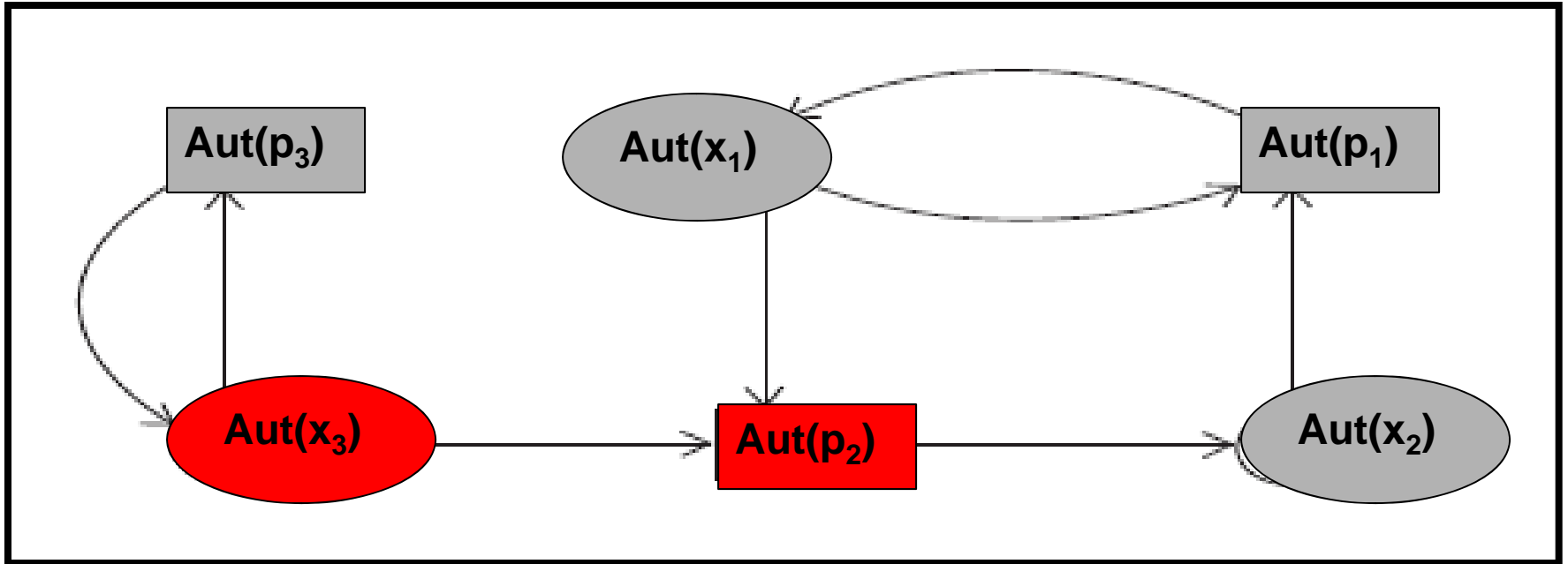


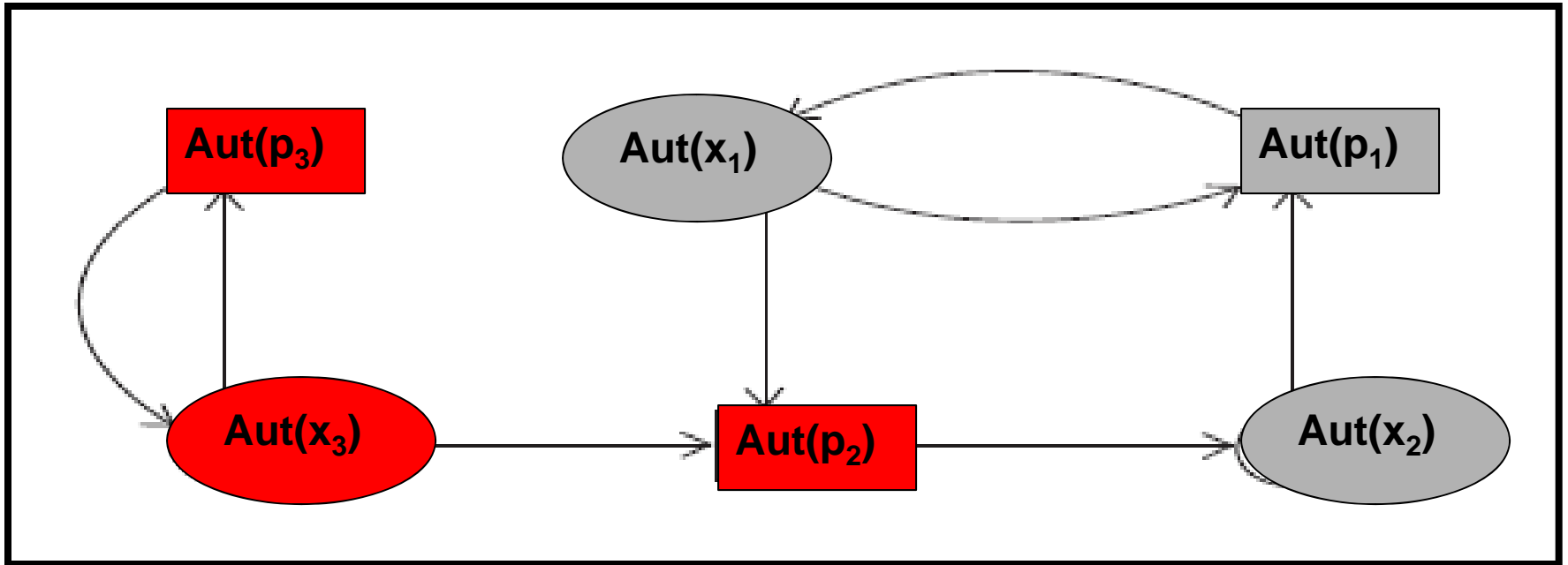




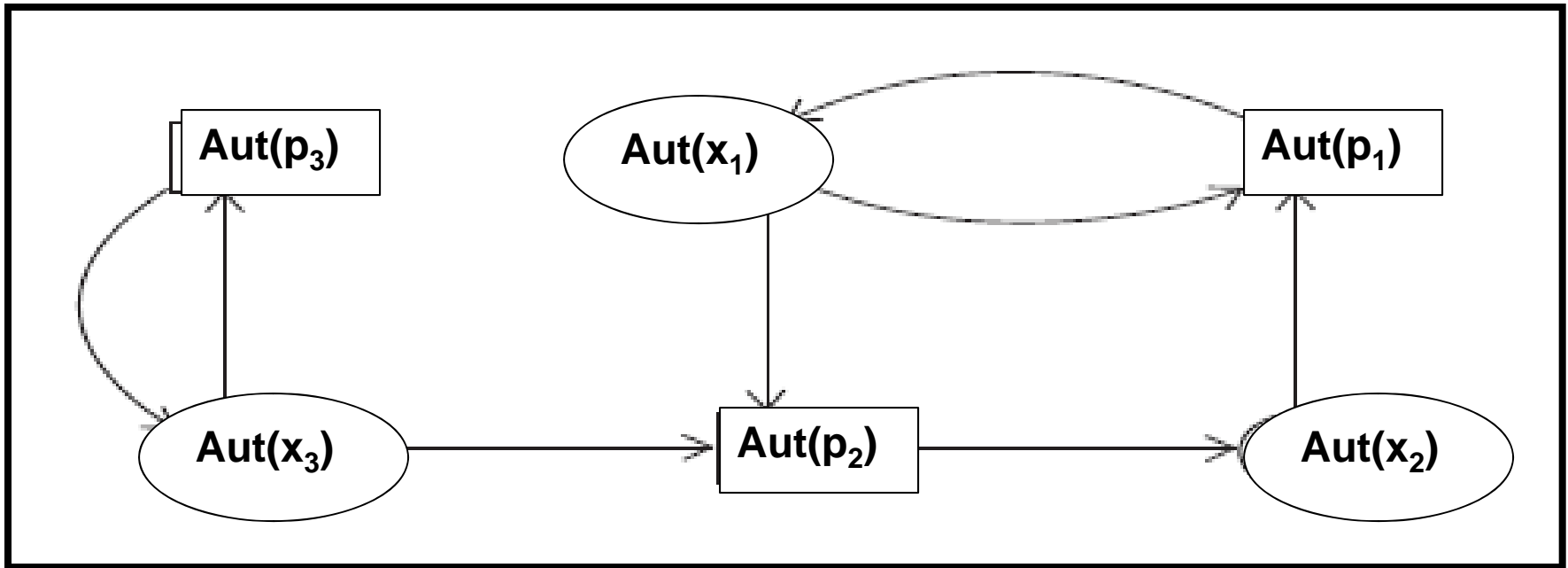








The automata can ‘drift’ in time steps.



Aut ----- The asynchronous product of
 { **Aut(x₁)**, **Aut(p₁)**, **Aut(x₂)**, **Aut(p₂)**, **Aut(x₃)**, **Aut(p₃)** }

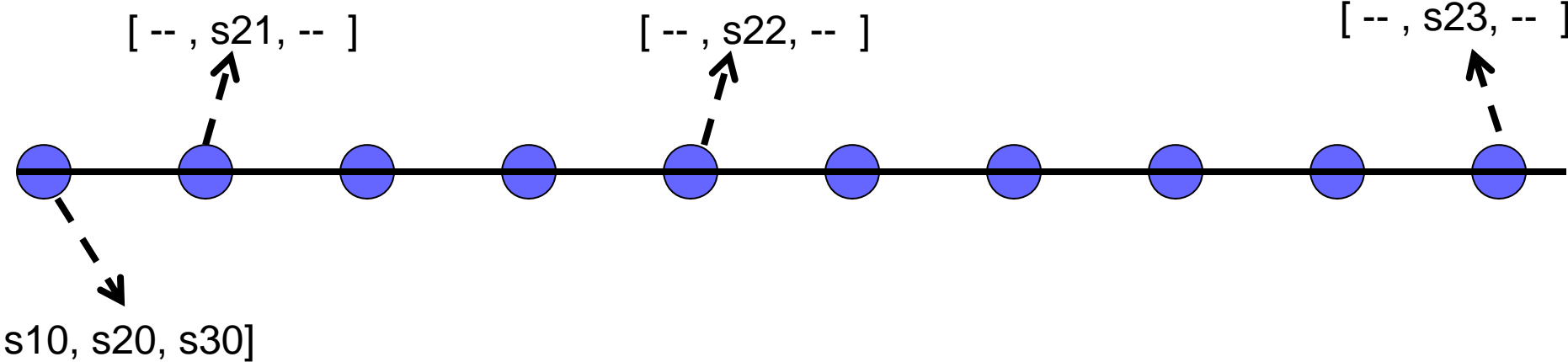
Each global state of **Aut** will induce a global state of **DHA**.

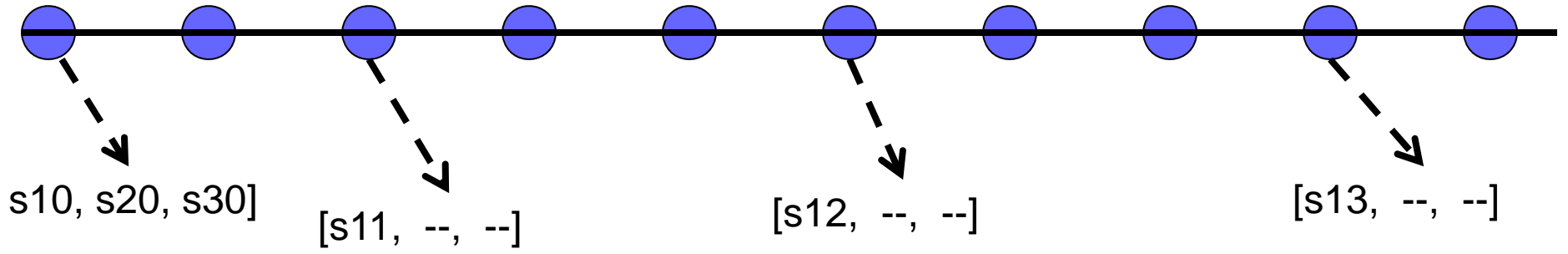
$$[(l_1, (s_1, \rho_1), l_2, (s_2, \rho_2), l_3, (s_3, \rho_3))] \xrightarrow{f} [s_1, s_2, s_3]$$

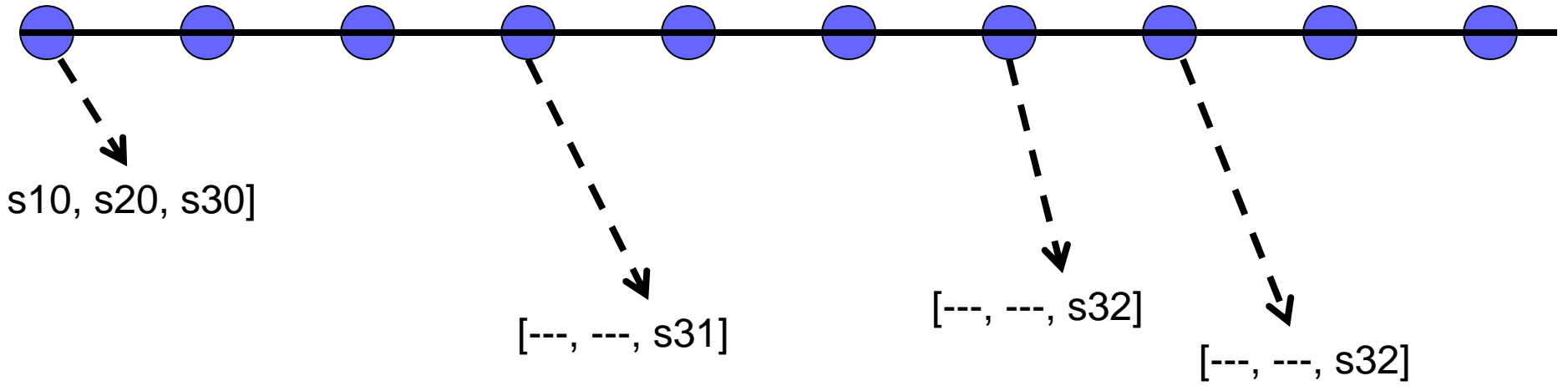
In fact, each **complete state sequence** of **Aut** will induce a global state sequence of **DHA**.

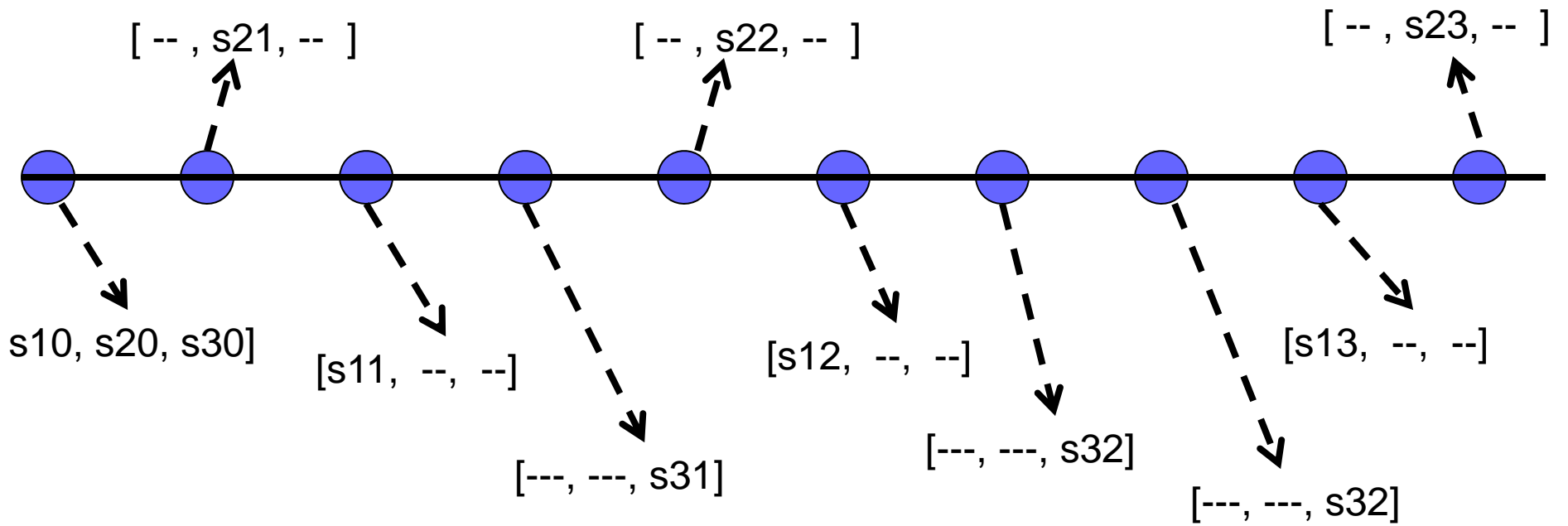
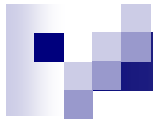


A state sequence τ of Aut is **complete** iff all the FSA make an equal number of moves along τ .









$[s_{10}, s_{20}, s_{30}]$ $[s_{11}, s_{21}, s_{31}]$ $[s_{12}, s_{22}, s_{32}]$ $[s_{13}, s_{23}, s_{33}]$



The main results

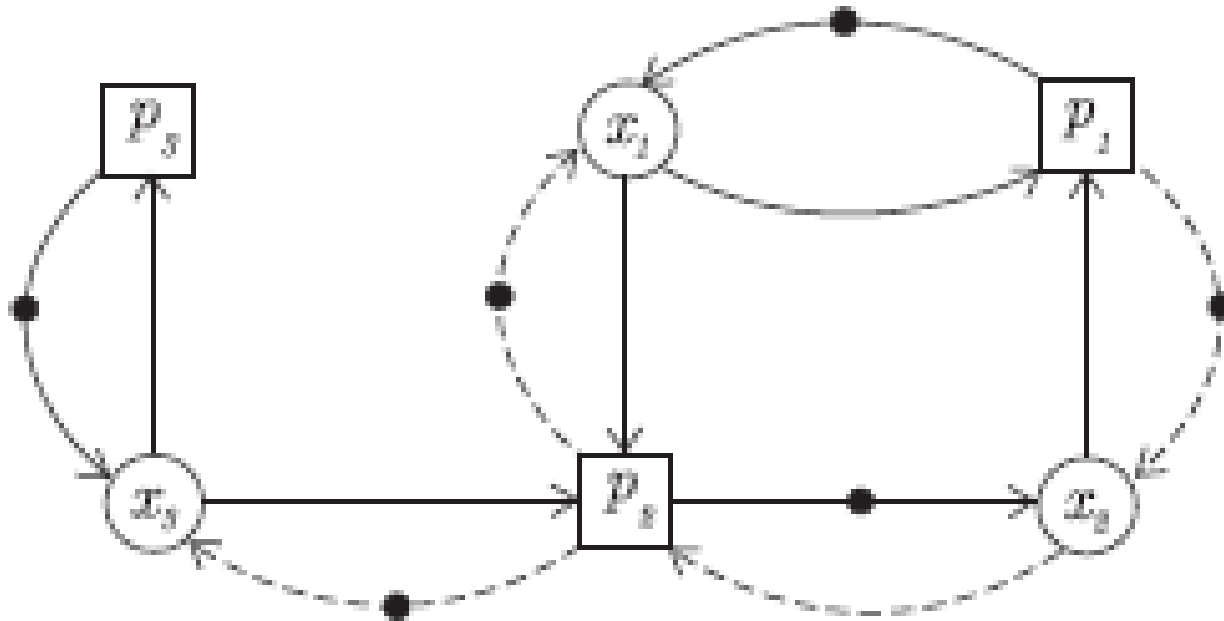
- Suppose τ is a complete state sequence of Aut. Then $f(\tau)$ is a global state sequence of *DHA*.
- If σ is global state sequence of *DHA* then there exists a complete sequence τ of Aut such that $f(\tau) = \sigma$.
- In the absence of deadlocks, every state sequence of Aut can be extended to a complete state sequence.



Extensions

- Laziness
- Delays in communications between the plant and controllers.
- Different granularities of time for the controllers
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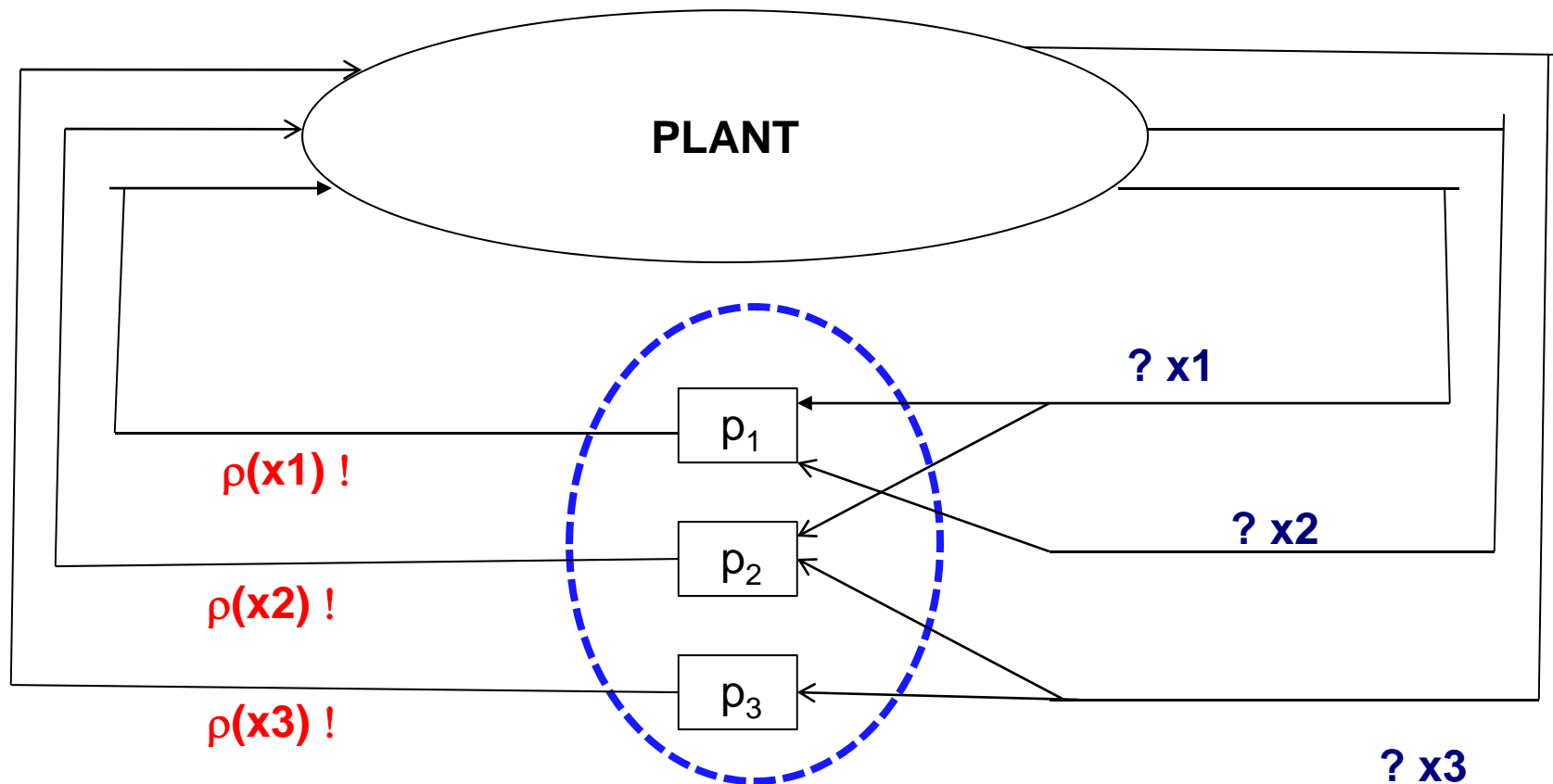
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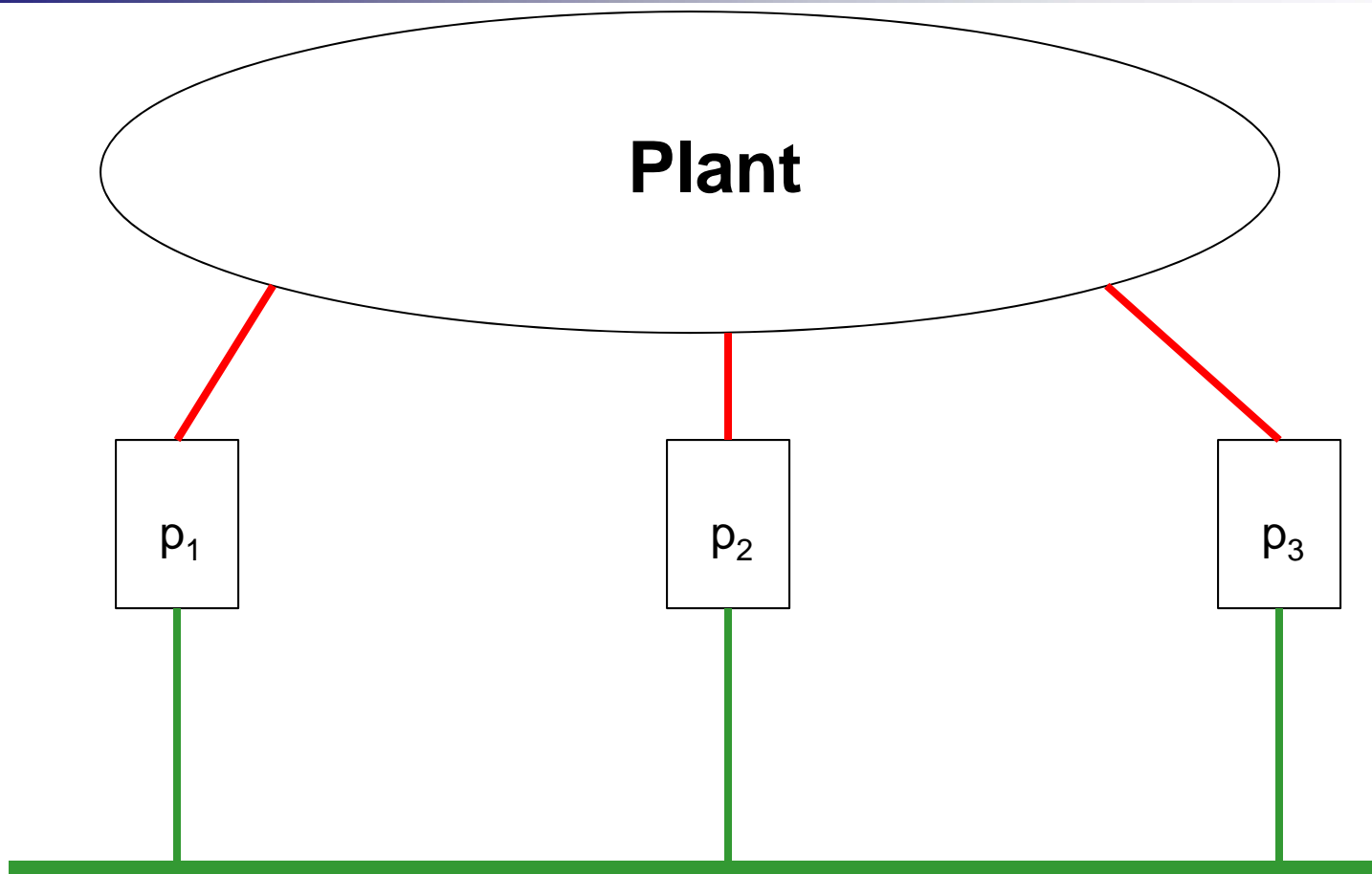


Can be used to derive partial order reduction verification algorithms.

Communicating hybrid automata: Synchronize on common actions; message passing; shared memory ...

Sensors





Time-triggered protocol;

Each controller is implemented on an ECU

Study interplay between plant dynamics and the performance of the computational platform



Summary

- The discrete time behavior of distributed hybrid automata can be succinctly represented.
 - as a network of FSA (communicating as in asynchronous cellular automata).
 - many extensions possible.
 - ***Finite precision*** assumption can yield stronger results.