# Using non-convex Approximations for Efficient Analysis of Timed Automata

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## Timed Automata [AD94]



Run: finite sequence of transitions,

$$(s_0, \overbrace{0}^{x}, \overbrace{0}^{y}) \xrightarrow{0.4, a} (s_1, 0.4, 0) \xrightarrow{0.5, c} (s_3, 0.9, 0.5)$$

• A run is **accepting** if it ends in a green state.

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#### Theorem [AD94]

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- Number of extrapolated zones is finite
- ▶ **Bigger** extrapolated zones → smaller simulation graph





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But for implementation extrapolated zone should be a zone



#### Only convex abstractions in implementations!



### Efficient use of the non-convex Closure abstraction!

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### Closure<sub> $\alpha$ </sub>(*Z*): set of regions that *Z* intersects

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### **Same** complexity as $Z \subseteq Z'$ !

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### Coming next: prune the bound function $\alpha$ !

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#### But this is not enough!

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### More than $10^6$ zones at $q_0$ not necessary!

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$$\alpha(x) = -\infty$$

$$(q, Z, \alpha)$$






























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#### Theorem (Correctness)

An accepting state is reachable in ZG(A) iff the algorithm reaches a node with an accepting state and a non-empty zone.

# Overall algorithm

- ▶ Compute ZG(A):  $Z \subseteq Closure_{\alpha'}(Z')$  for **termination**
- Bounds  $\alpha$  calculated on-the-fly
- Extra<sup>+</sup><sub>111</sub> can also be handled:
  - $\mathcal{O}(|X|^2)$  procedure for  $Z \subseteq \text{Closure}_{\alpha'}(\text{Extra}^+_{L'U'}(Z'))$

#### Benchmarks

Model	$E_{LU}^+$ ,sa		Cl <sup>+</sup> <sub>LU</sub> ,sa		$Cl_{LU}^+$ , otf	
	nodes	S.	nodes	S.	nodes	s.
Fi7	48535	6.24	48535	4.85	26405	2.76
Fi8	229890	63.97	229890	33.78	95353	12.49
Fi9	1024697	558.90	1024697	250.42	339211	55.29
Fi10	_	_	_	_	1191211	322.01
C7	23137	6.07	23137	6.74	18034	5.94
C8	86157	40.45	86157	37.18	65745	30.92
C9	317326	283.56	317326	201.02	238594	156.56
FD10	726	1.89	640	3.22	640	3.35
FD20	2846	70.13	2430	86.27	2430	90.99
FD30	6366	670.31	5370	622.14	5370	655.89

#### $E_{III}^+$ , sa is currently used in **UPPAAL**

- Closure can be efficiently implemented
- **Both** Closure and otf bounds help

## Conclusions & Perspectives

- Efficient implementation of a non-convex approximation that subsumes current ones in use
- On-the-fly learning of bounds that is better than the current static analysis

- More sophisticated non-convex approximations
- Strategies for constraint propagation

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