

# Property Directed Reachability *for Generalized Petri Nets*

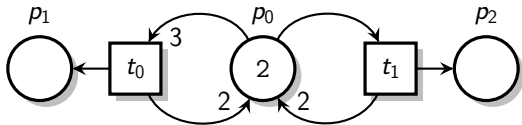
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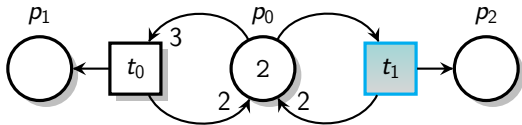
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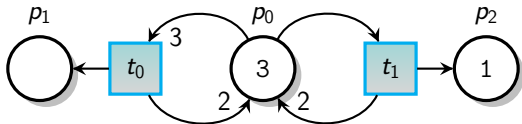
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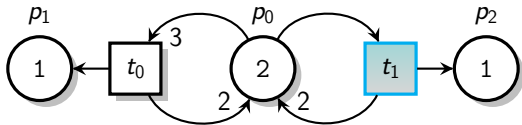
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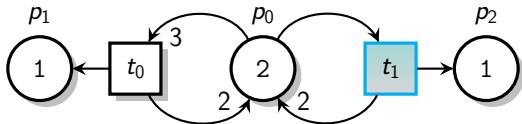
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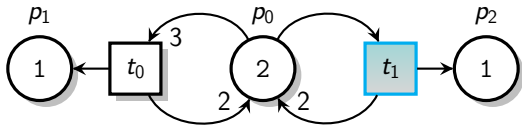
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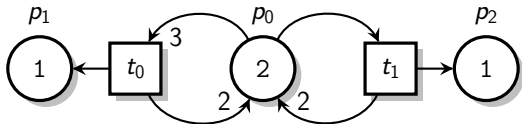
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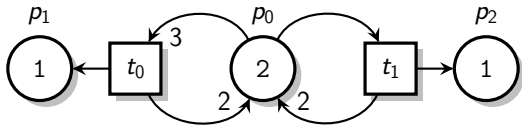


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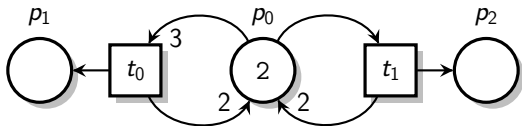
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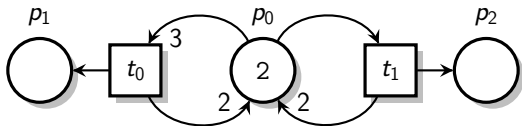
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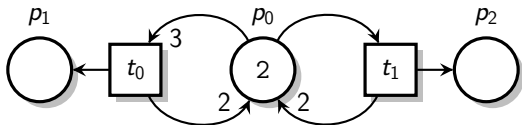
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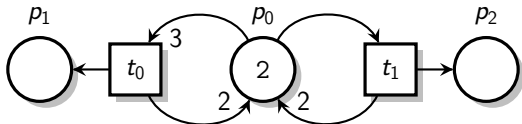
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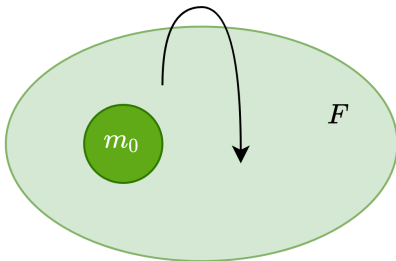
# Inductive Predicate

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### Definition (Inductive Predicate)

A linear predicate  $F$  is inductive if:

- $m_0 \models F$
- for all  $m$  s.t.  $m \models F$  we have  $m \rightarrow m'$  entails  $m' \models F$



*“There exist checkable certificates of non-reachability in the Presburger arithmetic” [Leroux, 2009]*

### Definition (Certificate of Invariance)

A predicate  $R$  is a Certificate of Invariance (CI) for  $F$  if:

- $R$  inductive
- $R$  entails  $F$ :  $R(\mathbf{p}) \wedge \neg F(\mathbf{p})$  unsatisfiable

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We define:

- $\mathbb{P}$ , the invariant that we want to prove on a net  $(N, m_0)$
- $\mathbb{F} = \neg\mathbb{P}$  as the set of feared events (DNF)

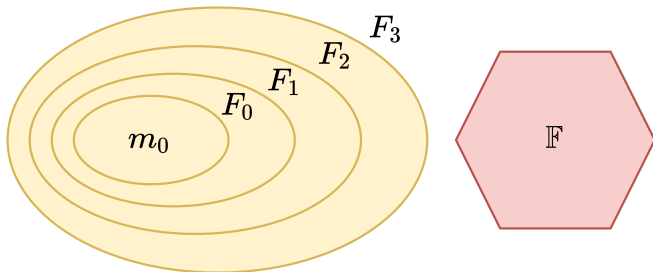
# Over Approximation Reachability Sequence

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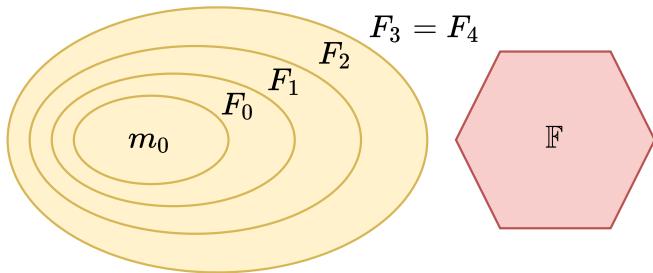
- 1 monotonic:  $F_i \Rightarrow F_{i+1}$
- 2 contains initial state:  $F_0 = m_0$
- 3 does not contain feared state  $F_i(\mathbf{p}) \wedge \mathbb{F}(\mathbf{p})$  unsatisfiable
- 4 consecution:  $F_i(\mathbf{p}) \wedge \mathbb{T}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}') \wedge \neg F_{i+1}(\mathbf{p}')$  unsatisfiable





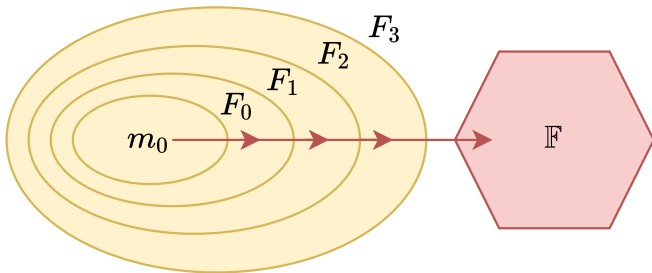
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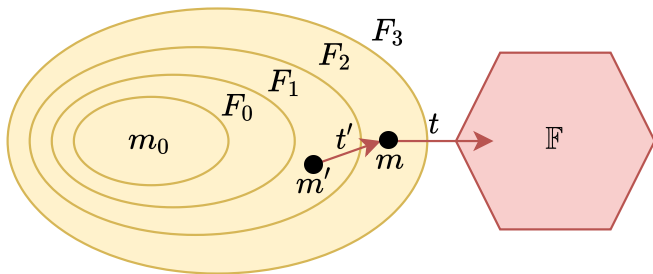


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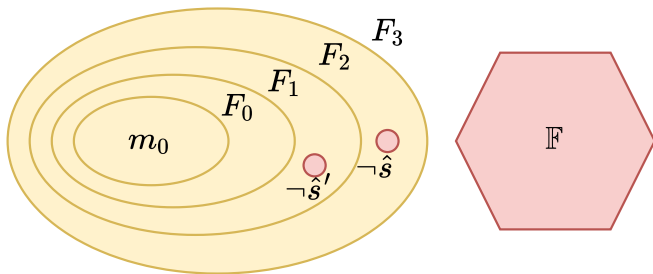


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- in practice, block the *Minimal Inductive Clause*



## Witnesses Generalization

# Generalization of a Witness Scenario

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Assume we have a witness scenario  $(m_1, \sigma, F)$ , i.e., there exists  $m'_1$  such that  $m_1 \xrightarrow{\sigma} m'_1$  and  $m'_1 \models F$  (with  $F$  a cube of  $\mathbb{F}$ )

We have three possible generalizations of the trio  $(m_1, \sigma, F)$

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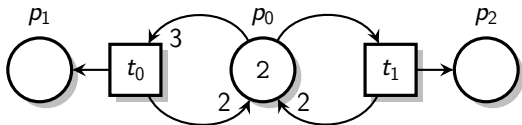
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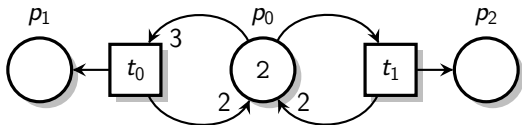


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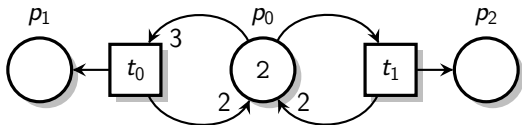
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**But:** Only suitable for monotonic predicates!

This known as the *coverability problem*

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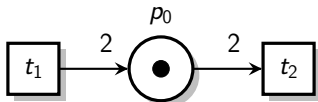
Assume  $a, b$  are mappings of  $\mathbb{N}^P$  s.t.  $a = H(\sigma)$  and  $b = (-\Delta(\sigma))^+$

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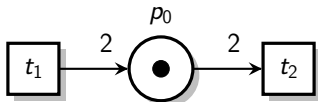
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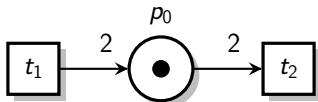
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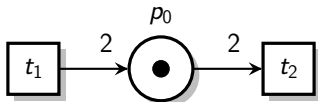
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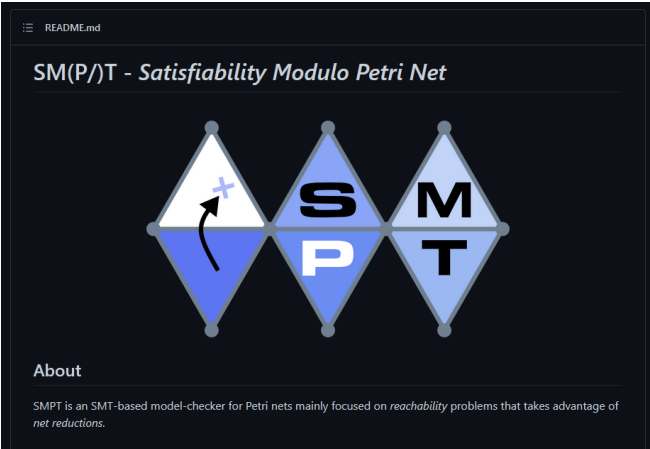
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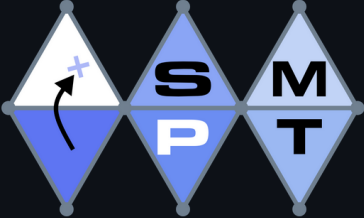
# SMPT: Prototype Model Checker

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### SM(P)/T - *Satisfiability Modulo Petri Net*



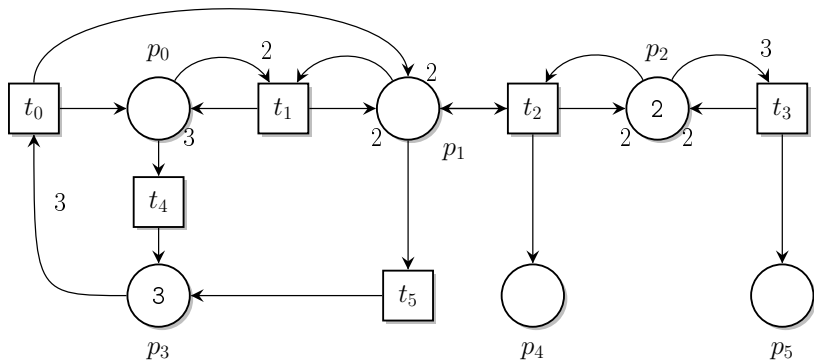
#### About

SMPT is an SMT-based model-checker for Petri nets mainly focused on *reachability* problems that takes advantage of *net reductions*.

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# Example of Complex Net

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Murphy net, with  $\mathbb{P} \triangleq (p_1 \leq 2 \wedge p_4 \geq p_5)$

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ITS-TOOLS, LoLA, TAPAAL:  $k$ -induction, state equation, walker, trace abstract refinement, etc.

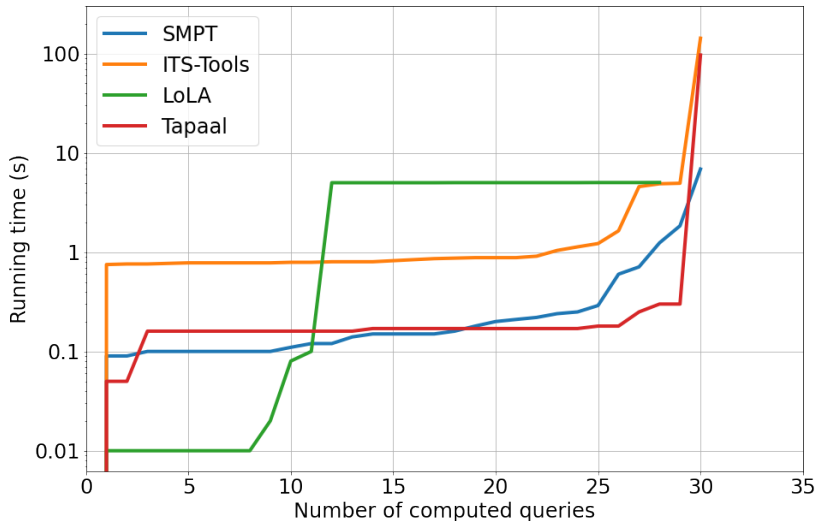
Instance	SMPT	ITS-TOOLS	LoLA	TAPAAL
Murphy	0.75 *	TLE	TLE	TLE
PGCD	0.11 *	139.08	TLE	TLE
CryptoMiner	0.19 *	5.92	TLE	0.18
Parity	0.40 *	3.36	0.01	4.16
Process	83.39	TLE	0.03	0.18

\*: use of saturation

TLE: Time Limit Exceeded (1h)

# Comparison on Performance

## Experimental Results

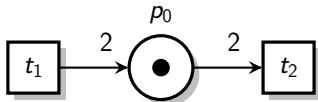




## Tool Certification

# Certificate of Invariance

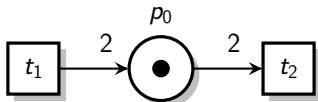
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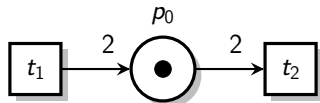


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FORMULA Parity-Inv TRUE TIME
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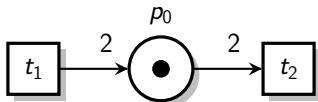
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$\mathbb{C} \equiv (p_0 \geq 1) \wedge \forall k. ((p_0 < 2k + 2) \vee (p_0 \geq 2k + 3))$

- equivalent to  $(p_0 \geq 1) \wedge \forall k. (p_0 \neq 2 \cdot (k + 1))$
- meaning the marking of  $p_0$  is odd

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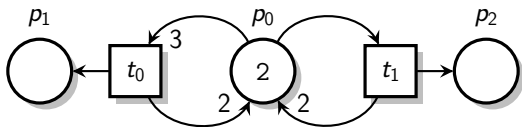
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Not need to trust our tool: it provide a checkable proof!

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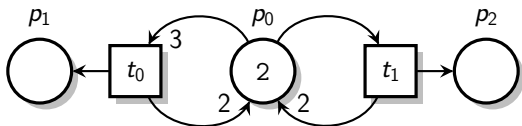
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# (not (p1 > p2))
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# (forall (k1) ((p0 < (3 + (k1 * 1))) or ((p1 + (1 * (k1 + 1))) <= p2))
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$\mathbb{C} \equiv (p_1 \leq p_2) \wedge \forall k. ((p_0 < k + 3) \vee (p_2 - p_1 \geq k + 1))$

- saturation “learned” the invariant  $p_0 + p_1 = p_2 + 2$
- use it to strengthen property  $\mathbb{P}$  into an inductive invariant (Property Directed)

## Conclusion and Perspectives



- We propose a method that works as well on bounded as on unbounded nets
- Behaves well when the invariant is true
- Works with “genuine” reachability properties
- Provide *certificate of invariance*

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- If a proof exists, it would be complicated (cf. Kosaraju's proof)

Thank you for your attention!

Any questions?