

Verification of Cyber-Physical Systems: Exploiting Uncertainty for Scalability

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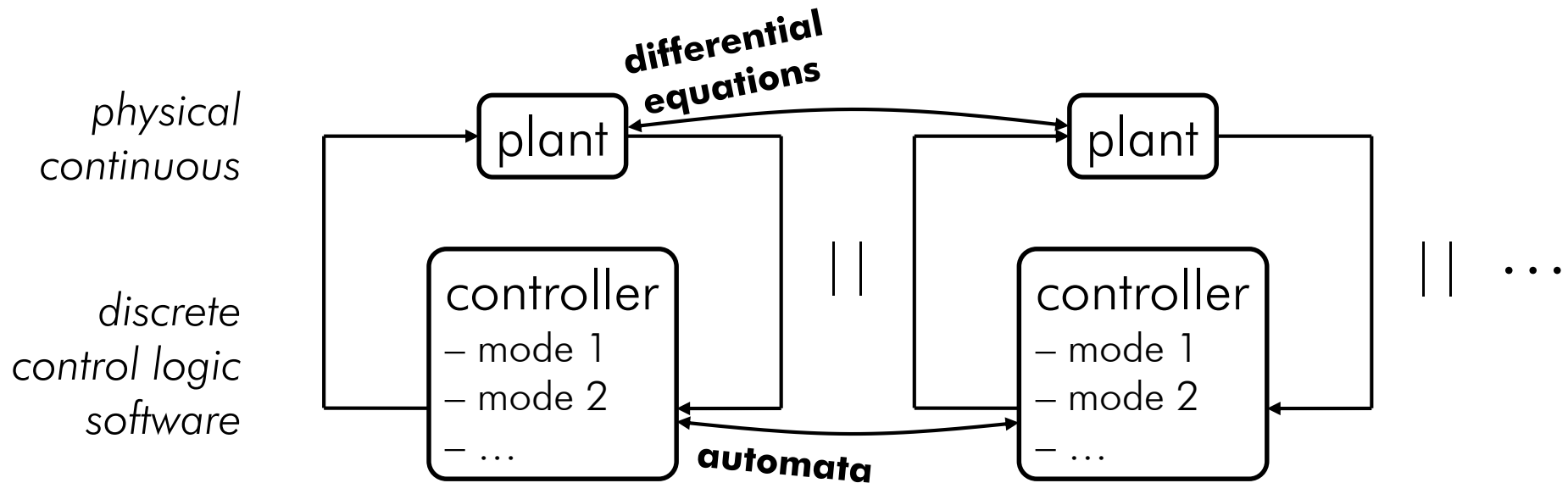
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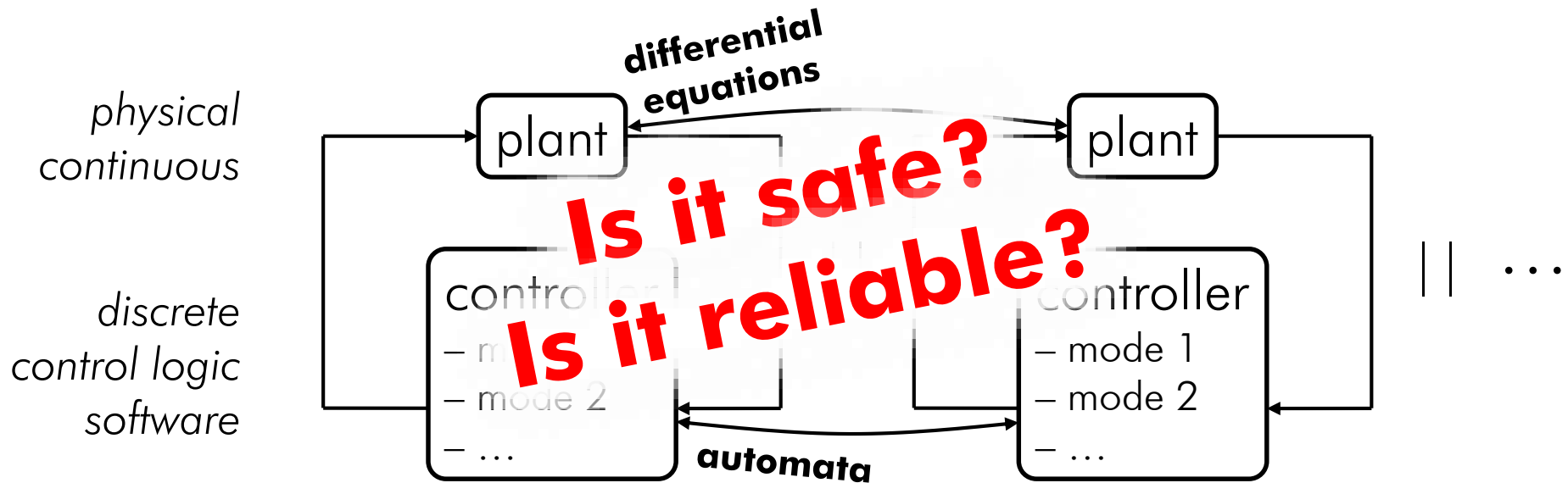
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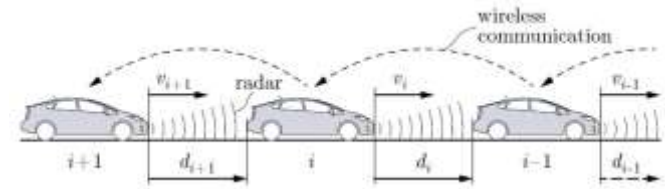


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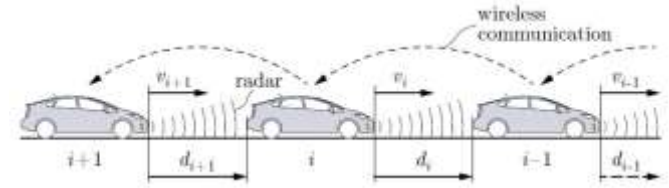
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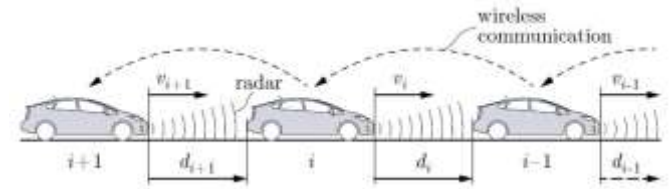
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state of the art

Uncertainty = **complication** on top of classic ^{undecidable} verification problem

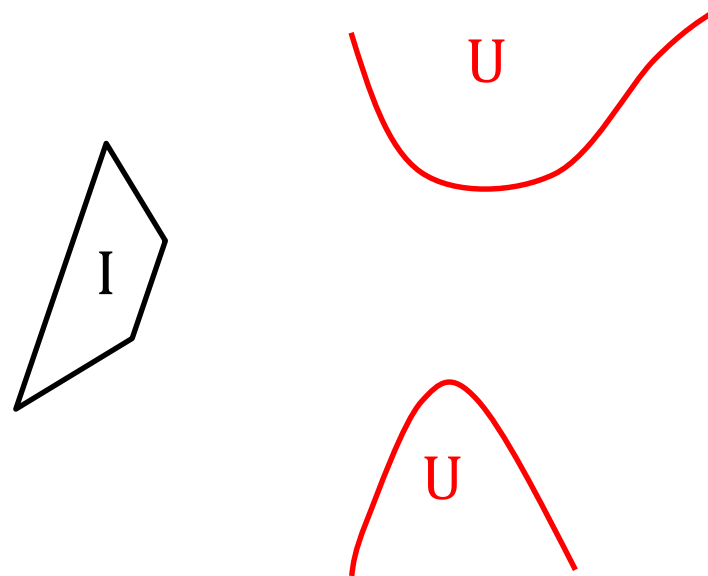
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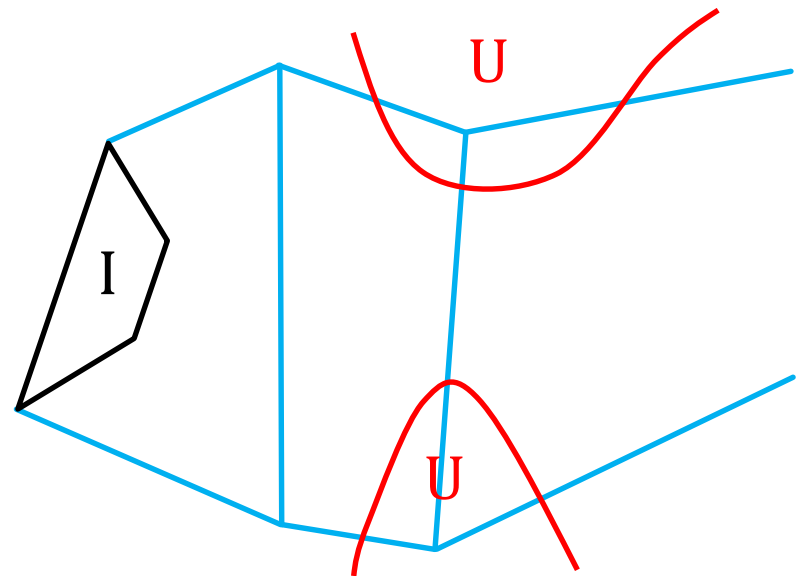
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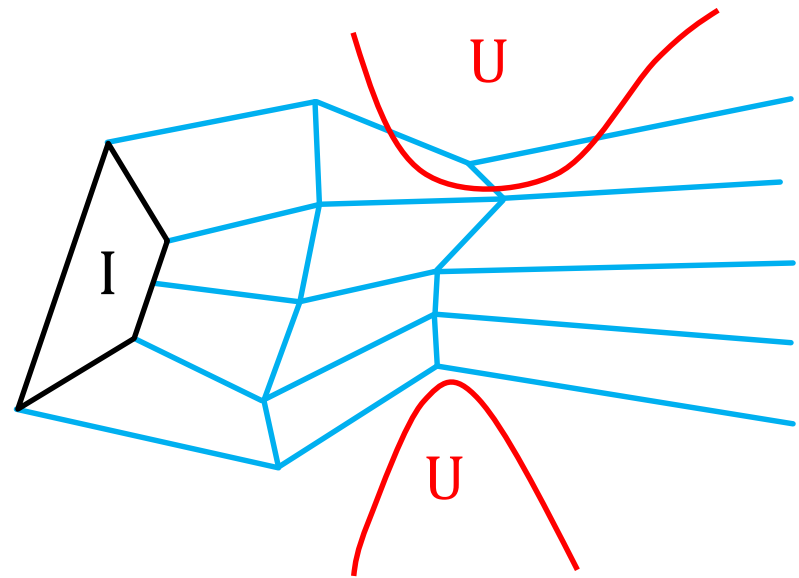
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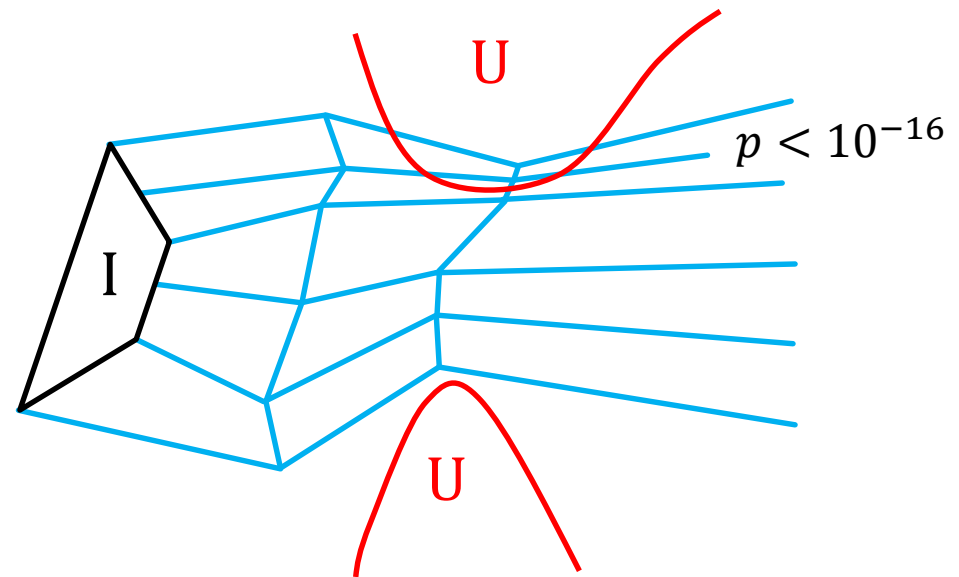
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my idea



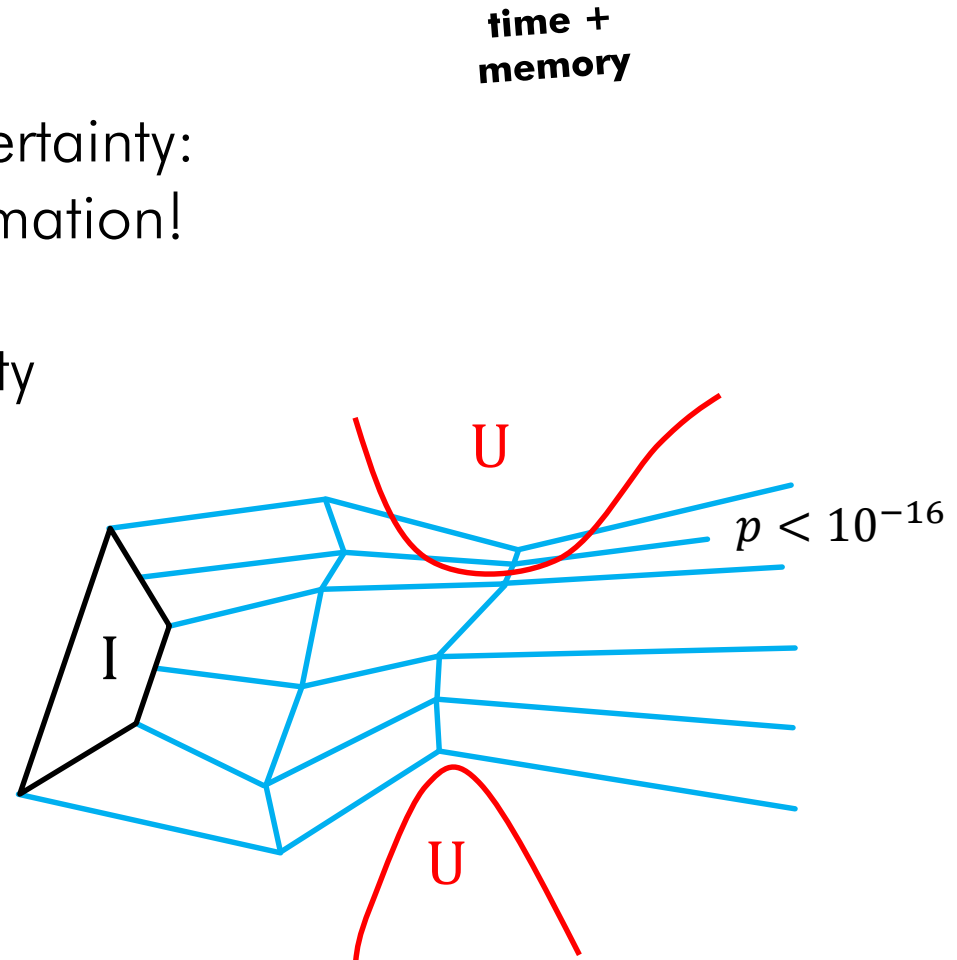
exploit the presence of uncertainty:
make use of the extra information!

- focus on likely behaviours
- trade accuracy for scalability
- guided refinement
- ...

WP1 algorithms & strategies

WP2 semantics & patterns

WP3 case studies & tools



Applications

implementation in the Modest Toolset



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(my thesis)

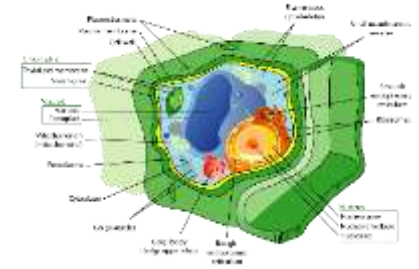


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⇒ in collaborations with external experts

The Proposal

my expertise:

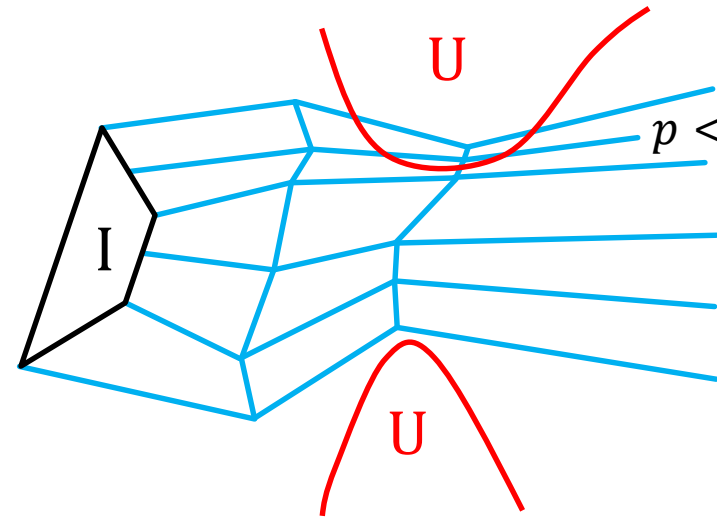
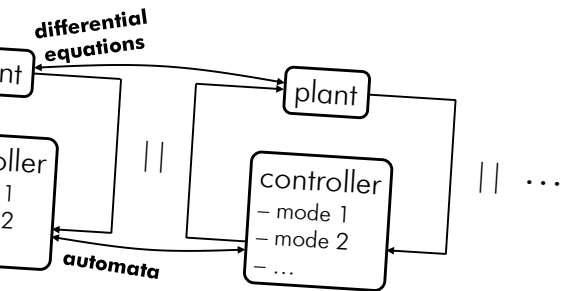
algorithms and tools
for quantitative
verification



exploiting
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scalable verification of
cyber-physical systems
by exploiting uncertainty

new theory, tools
and case studies



$$P_{\max}(\text{unsafe}) \in [10^{-16}, 10^{-14}]$$

Modest
Toolset +

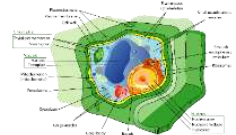


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