Analysis and Control of Partially-Observed Discrete-Event Systems: Introduction and Recent Advances

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#### Research

- Control of discrete-event/hybrid systems
- Model-based fault diagnosis/prognosis
- Privacy and security in cyber-physical systems

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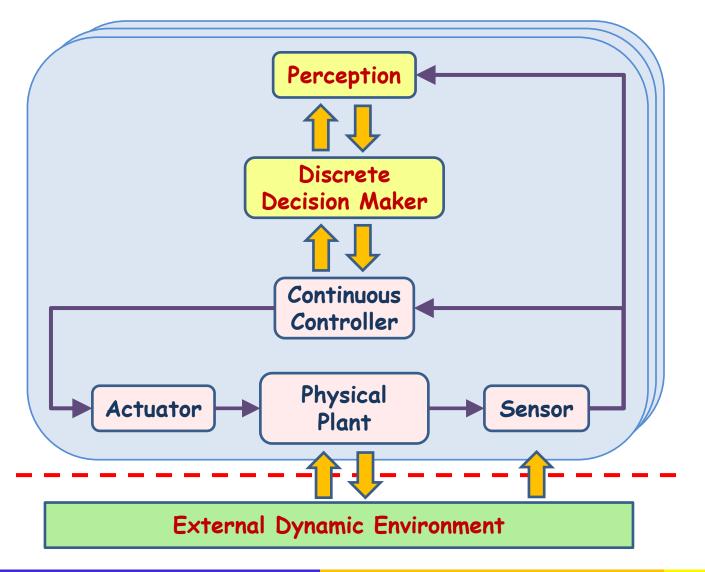


## **Outline**

- Motivation: Why we study discrete-event system
- Partially-Observed Discrete-Event Systems
- Analysis of Partially-Observed DES
  - Verification of Security/Diagnosability/Prognosability
- Control of Partially-Observed DES
  - Synthesis of supervisory control strategies
  - Synthesis of sensor activation strategies
- Applications:
  - Location-Based Services (analysis, security issue)
  - Vehicular Electrical Power Systems (control, safety-critical systems)
- Conclusion and Future Directions

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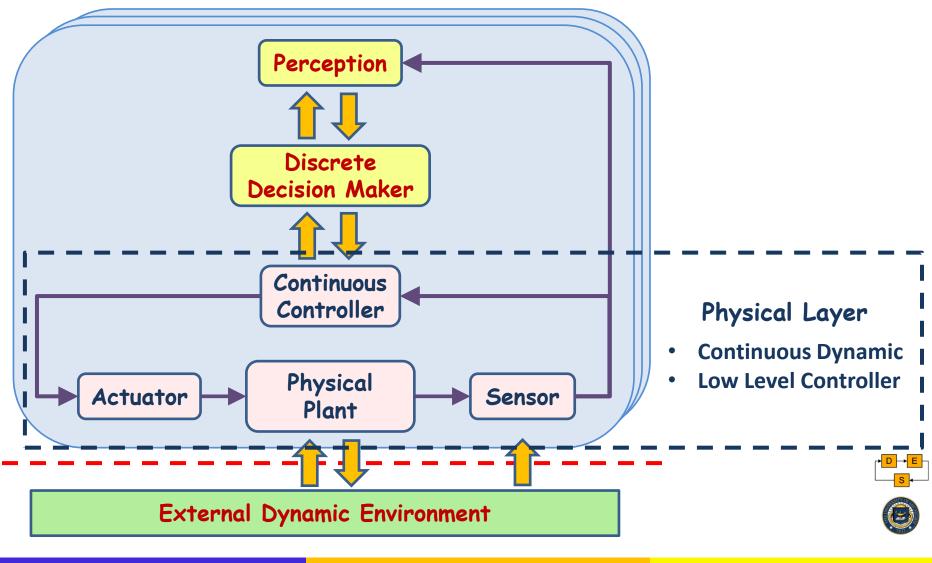


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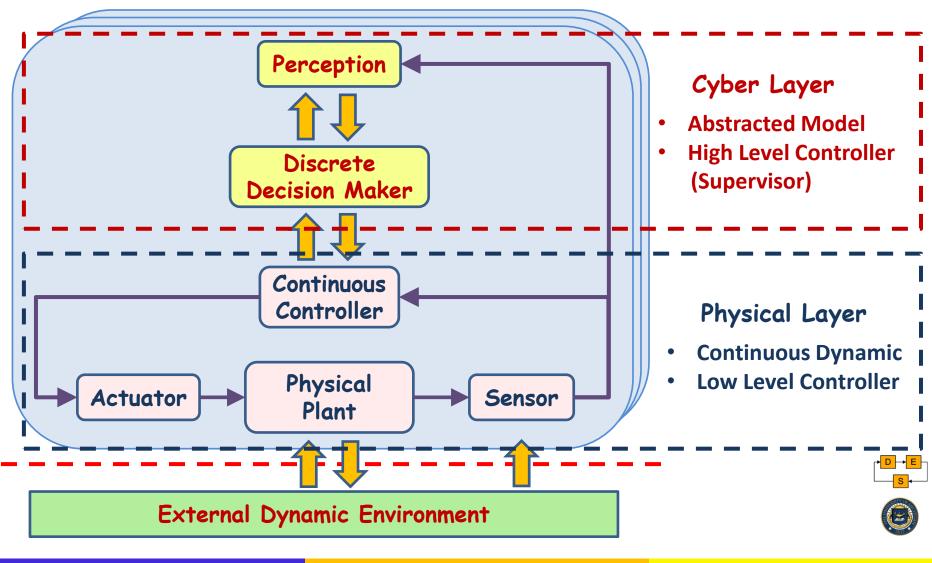
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Continuous v.s. Discrete

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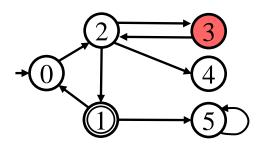
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 $S:Obs(L(G)) \rightarrow 2^E$ 

**Model:** Discrete-event systems, automata, transition systems, formal languages

**Specification:** Safety, liveness, diagnosability, security



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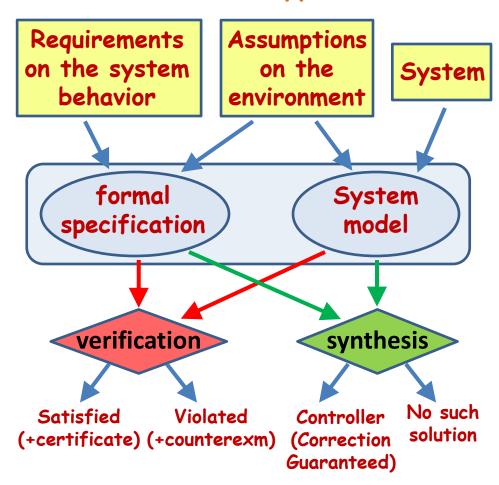
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#### **Better Alternative**

• Formal Methods!





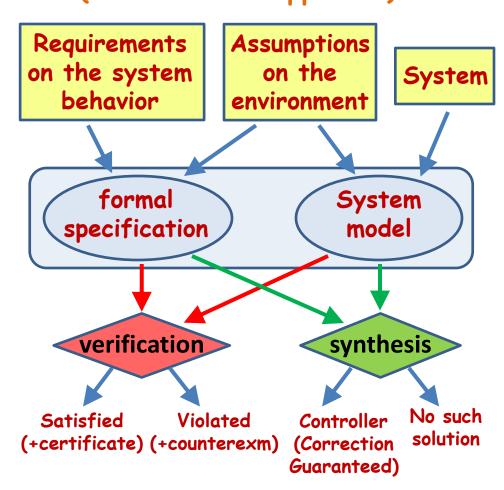


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#### (Model-Based Approach) Requirements Assumptions on the system on the System behavior environment formal System specification model synthesis verification No such Satisfied Violated Controller solution (+certificate) (+counterexm) (Correction Guaranteed)

**Formal Methods** 

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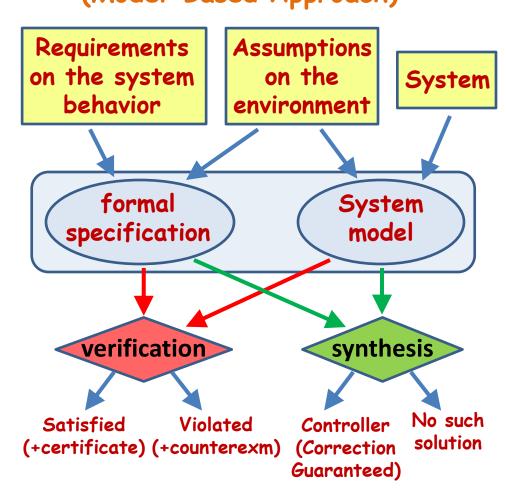
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### Synthesis (Control Design)

- Reactive to environment, e.g., uncontrollability & unobservability
- Correct-by-construction! (No need to verify)

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#### • DES Model comes from *Finite Abstraction* of the original continuous system

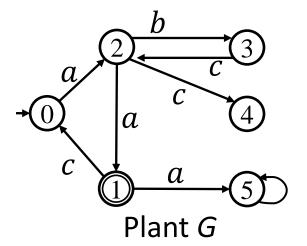
#### Linear Systems, Nonlinear Systems, Stochastic Systems, Networked Systems

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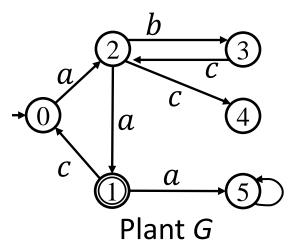
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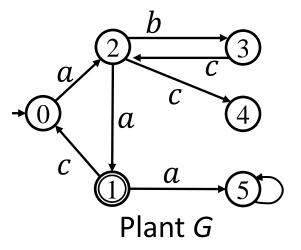
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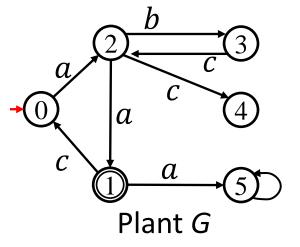
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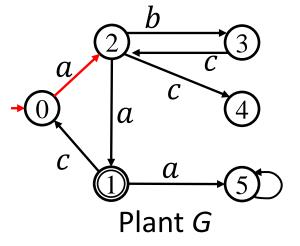
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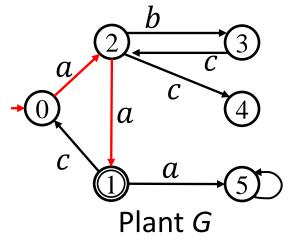
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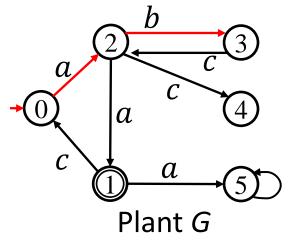
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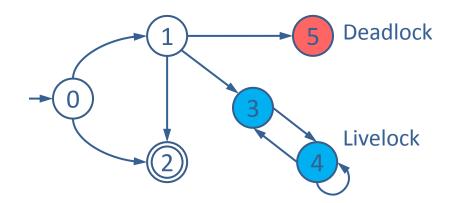
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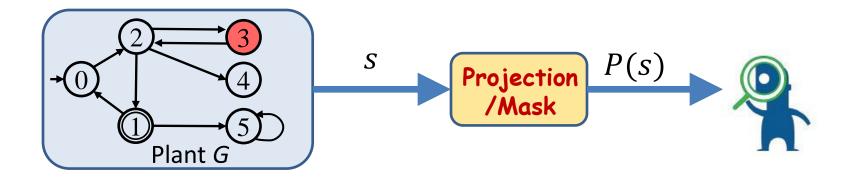
- Formal Specifications
  - Safety: Regular language  $L_{am}$
  - Non-blockingness: no deadlocks or livelocks



• Other properties: Observation properties, Temporal logics



### Partially-Observed Discrete-Event Systems

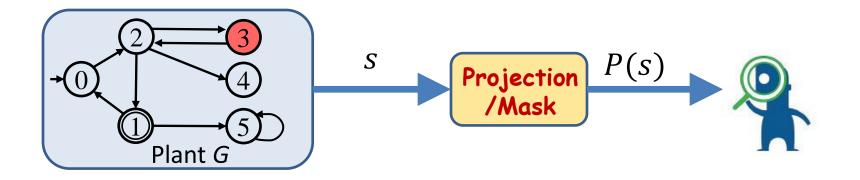


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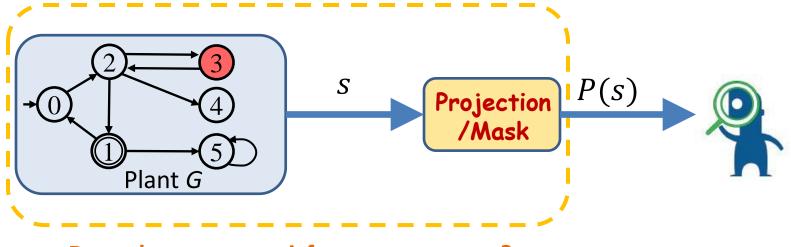
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 $E = E_o \ \dot{\cup} \ E_{uo}$ 

- Natural Projection  $P: E^* \to E_o^*$  erase events in  $E_{uo}$ 
  - $-E = \{a, b, c\}, E_o = \{a, b\}, P(abcca) = aba$
  - P(L(G)) is the behavior we can observe

### **Property Verification of Partially-Observed DES**

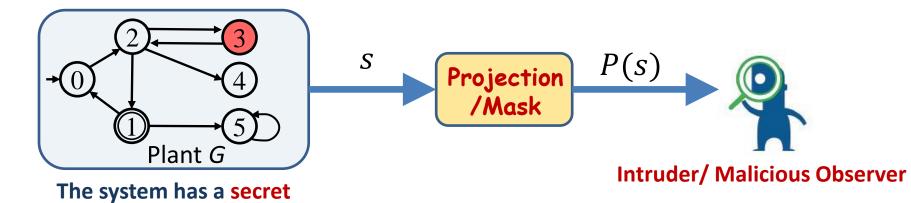


Does the system satisfy some property?

- **Opacity:** Security and privacy issue in information-flow
- Diagnosability: Fault detection and isolation
- **Prognosability:** Fault prediction and alarm



### Opacity

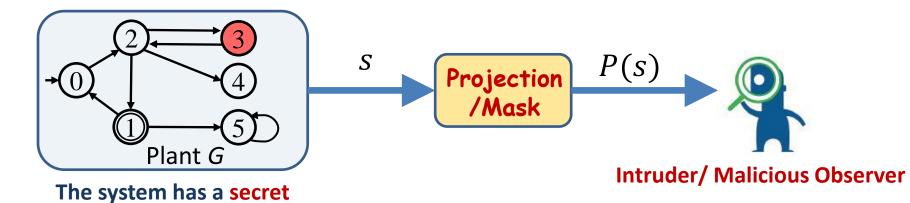


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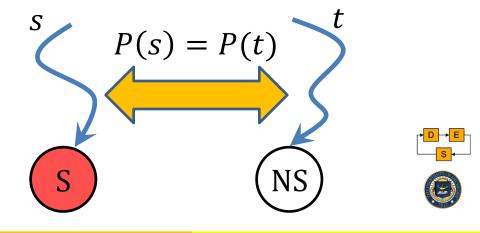


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#### **Current State Opacity**

- A set of secret states  $X_s \subseteq X$
- The intruder never know the system is at secret state
- Ex: I know that you are visiting hospital



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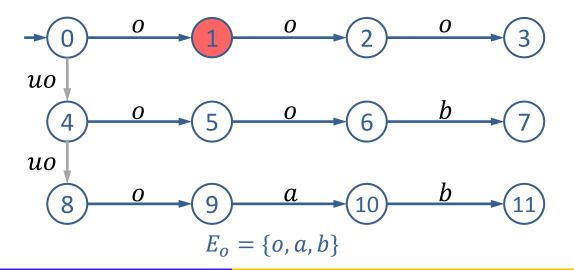


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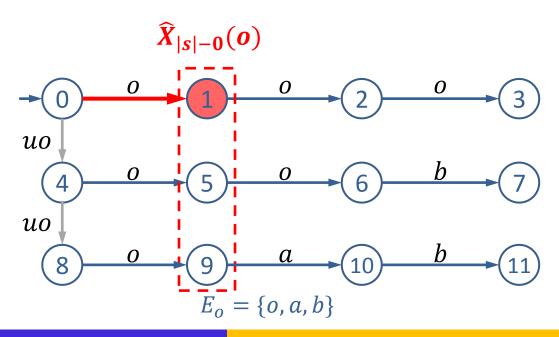
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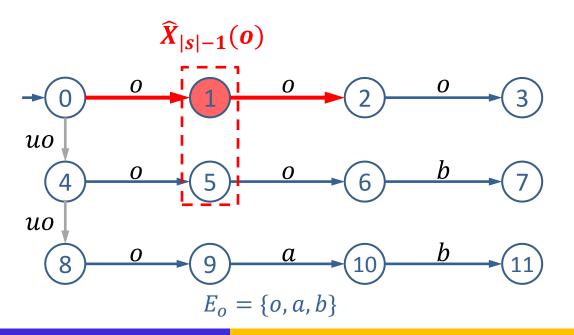
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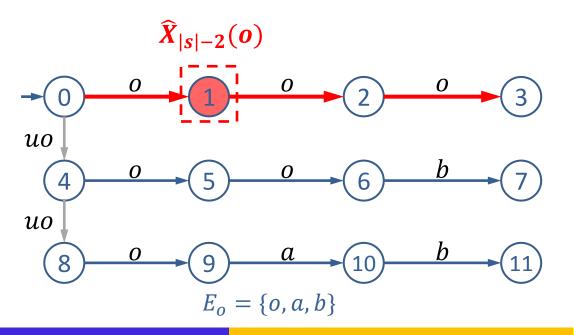
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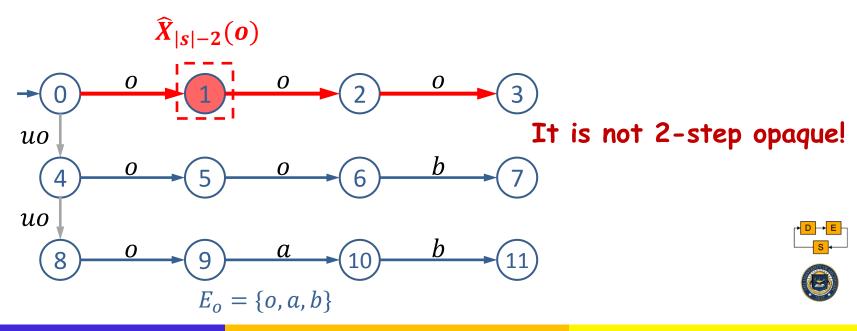
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#### Recent Advances

- New approach for the verification of K-step and infinite-step opacity
- A unified approach based on a separation principle
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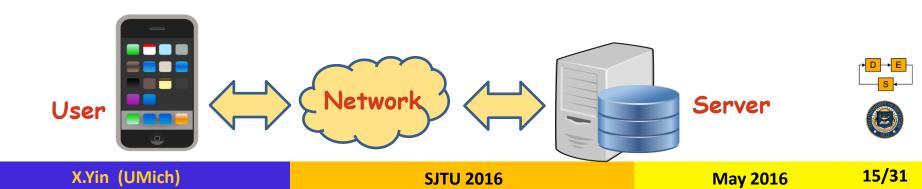
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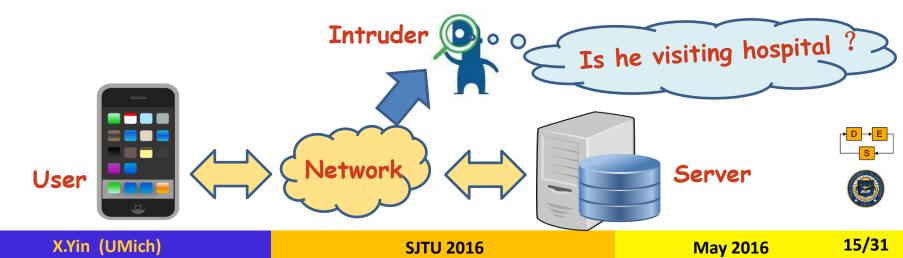


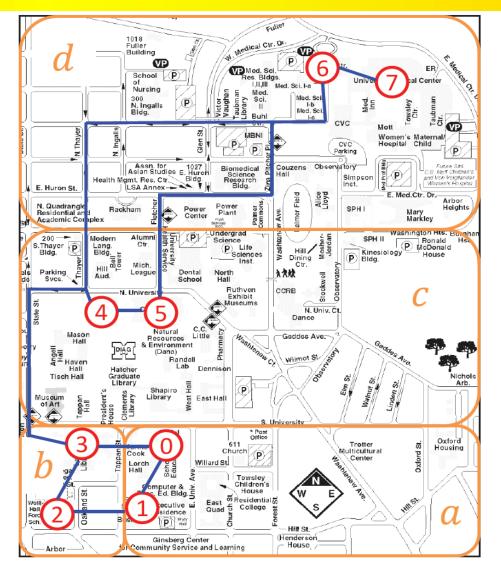
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#### Attack Model for the Intruder

- Is located at the LBS server
- Has mobility patterns of users
- Receives location information in LBS queries



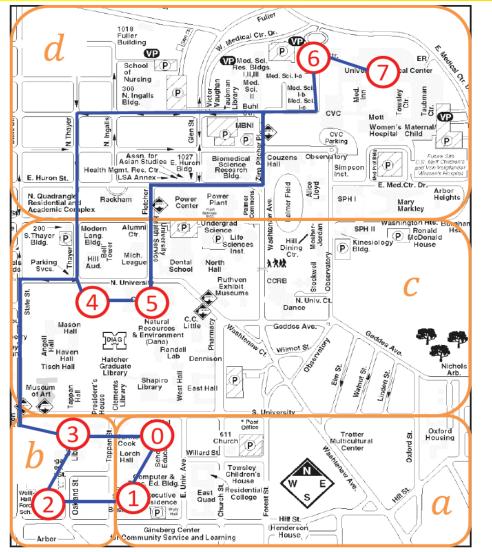


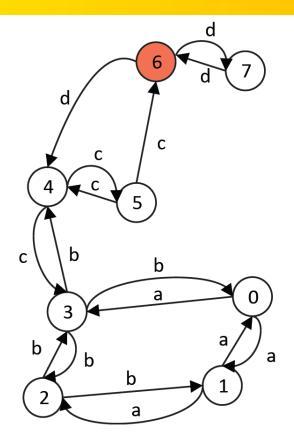
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- Is state 6 (cancer center) opaque?
- No! Consider string *cdd*

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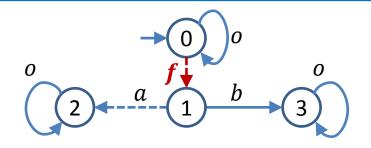


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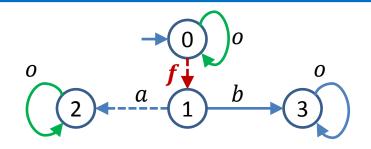


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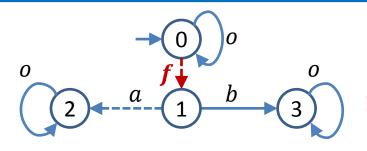


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#### **Recent Advances**

#### Diagnosability and observability are equivalent

- X. Yin and S. Lafortune, "Codiagnosability and coobservability under dynamic observations: transformation and verification." *Automatica*, vol.61, pp. 241-252, 2015. (Regular Paper)

#### Performance and reliability issue in decentralized fault prognosis

- X. Yin and Z.-J. Li. "Decentralized fault prognosis of discrete event systems with guaranteed performance bound," *Automatica*, vol.69, pp. 375-379, 2016.
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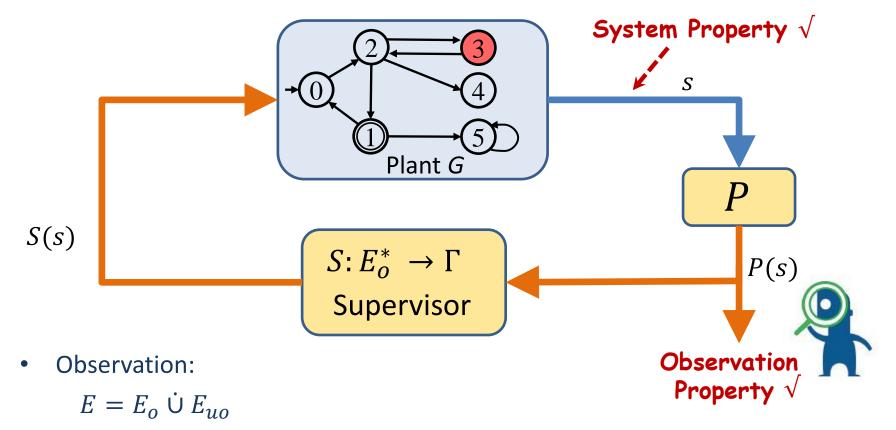
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#### **Supervisory Control**

• Property Enforcement via Supervisory Control



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• Supervisor:

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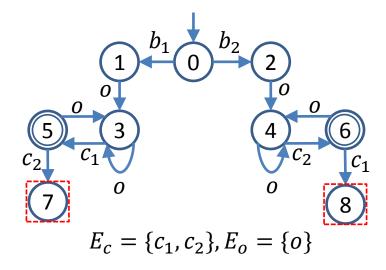
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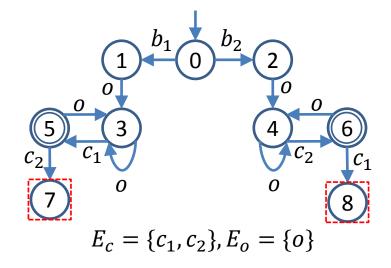
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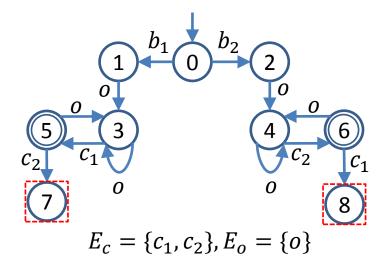


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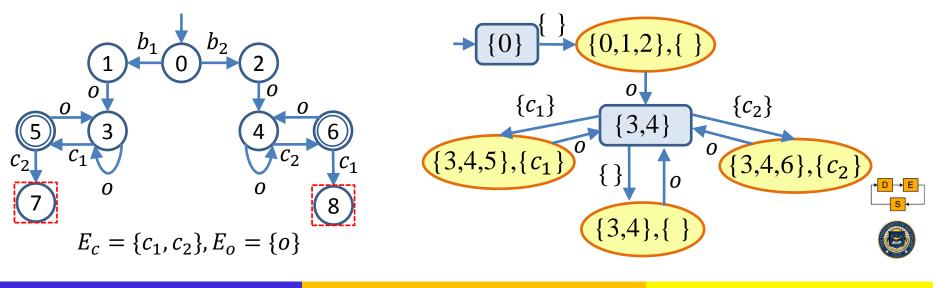
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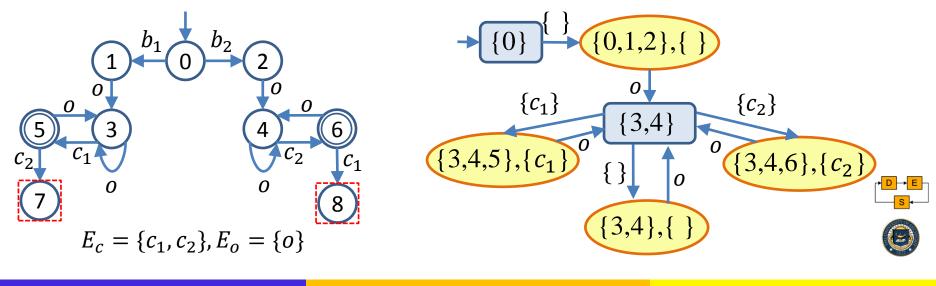


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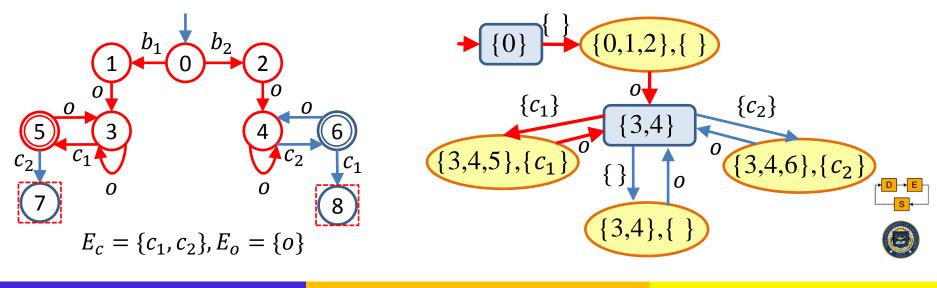
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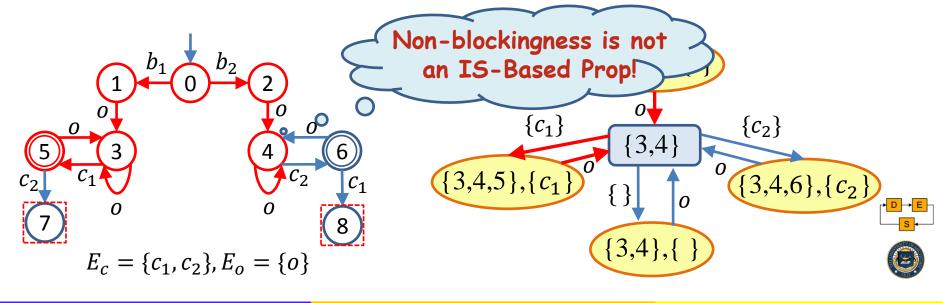


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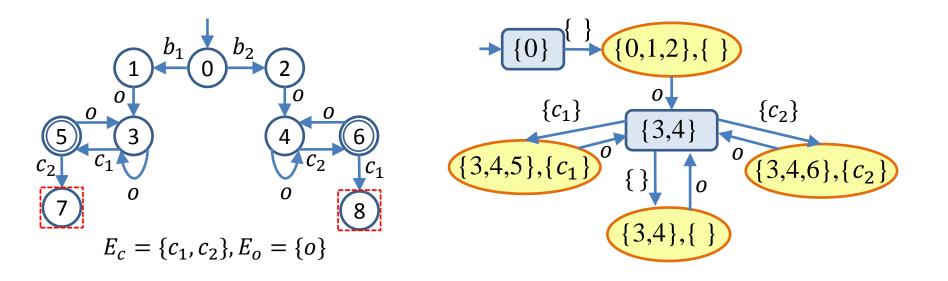
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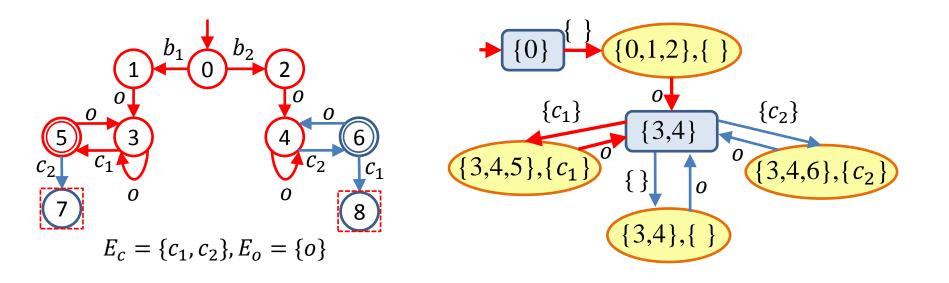
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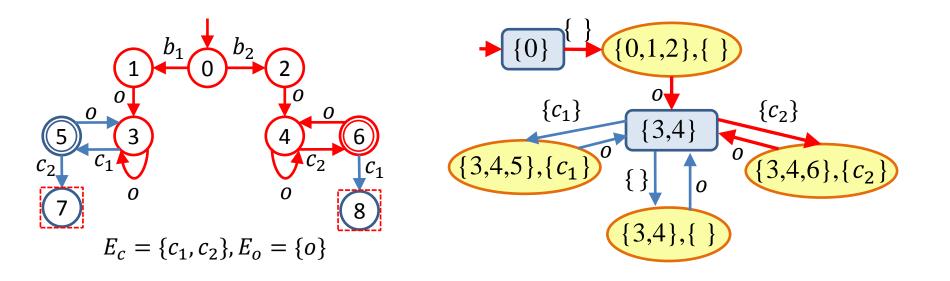


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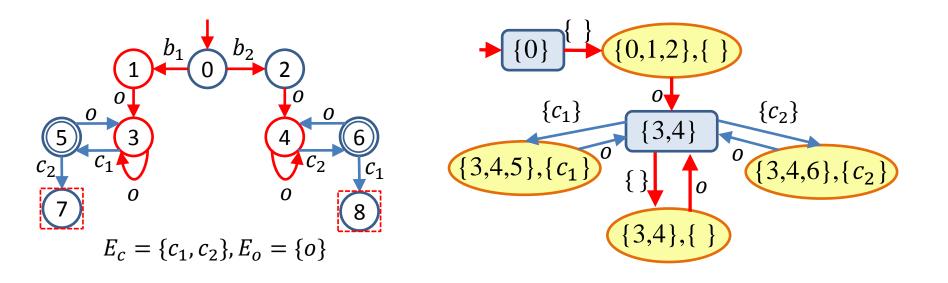


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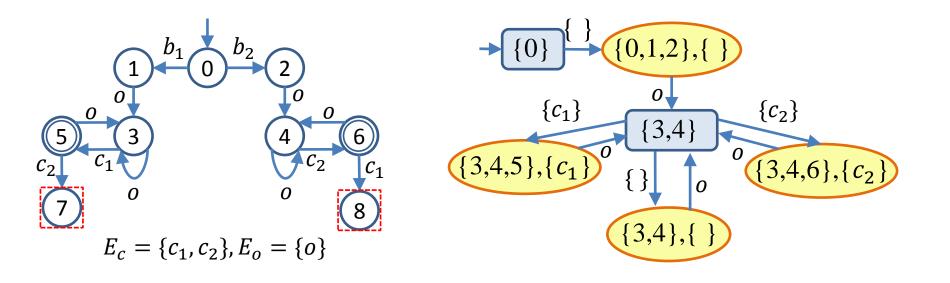


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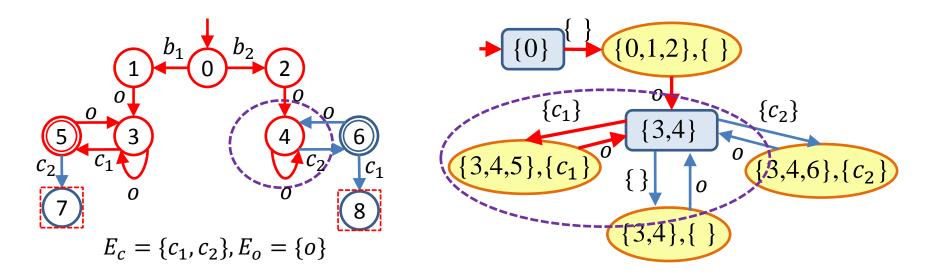


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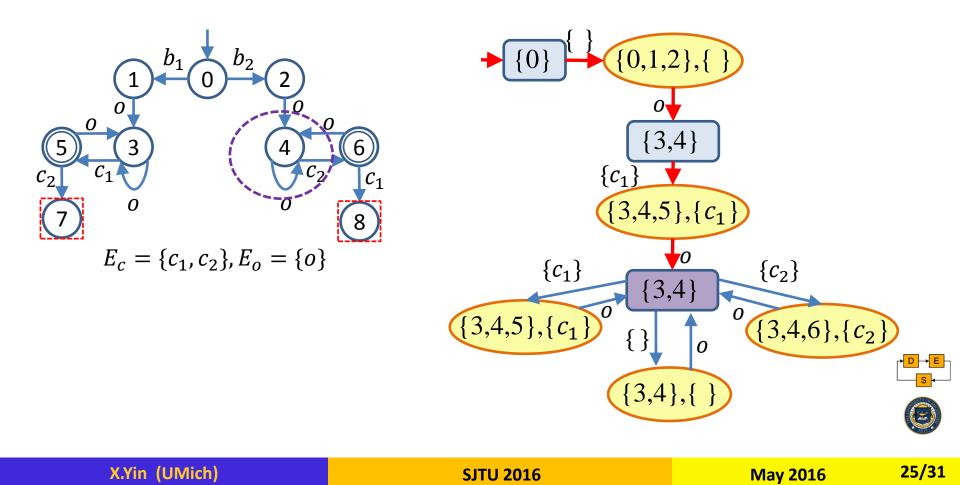
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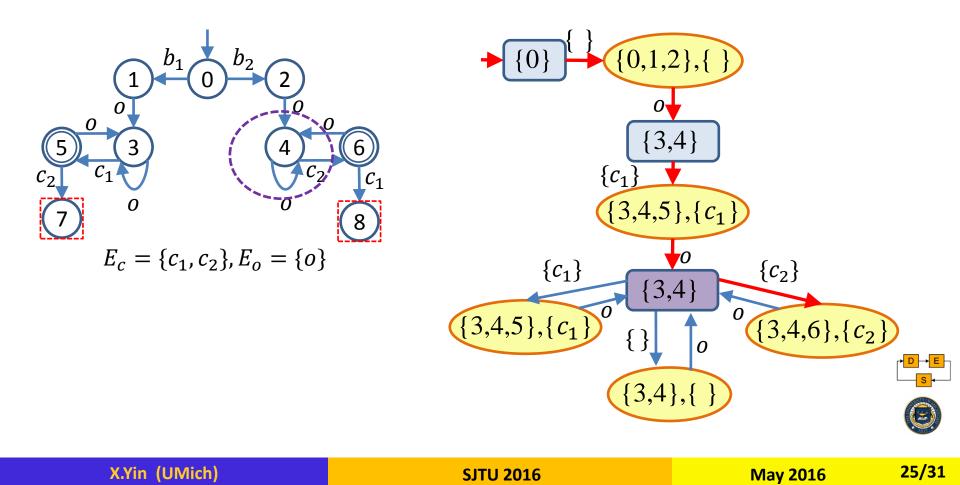
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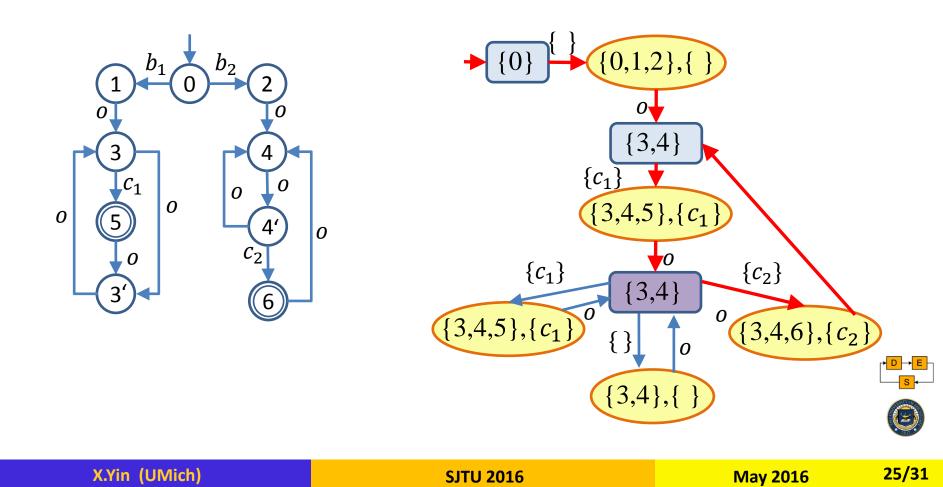
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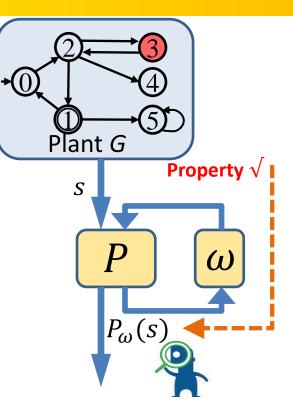
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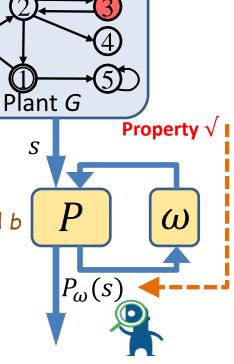
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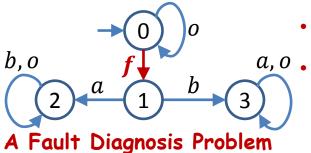
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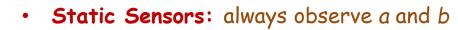
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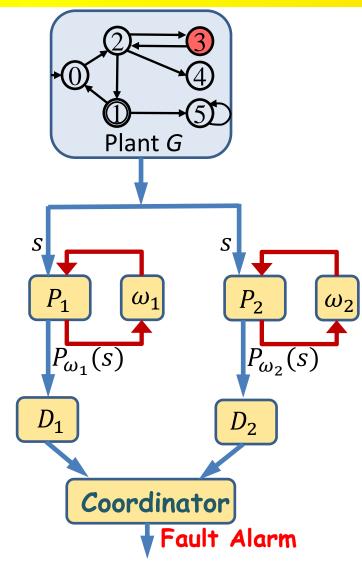


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- Large-scale systems
- Plant is monitored by multiple agents

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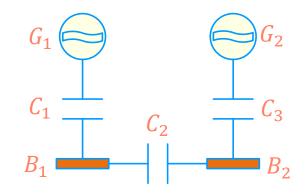


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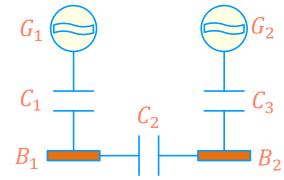
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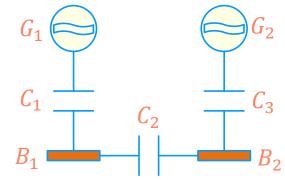
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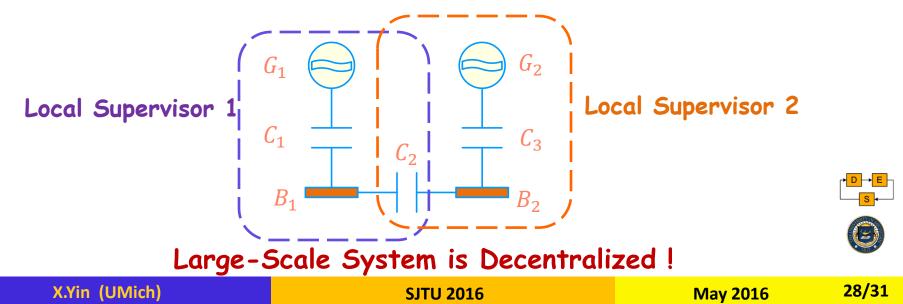


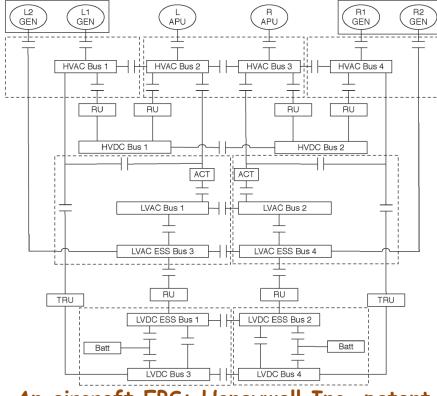
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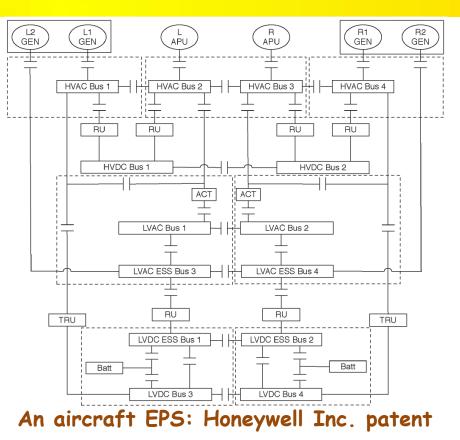


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- Algorithm implemented by Alloy\*, an efficient model finder embedding SAT solver (On going)



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