ICTEAM seminar

Formal Verification of Railway Interlocking

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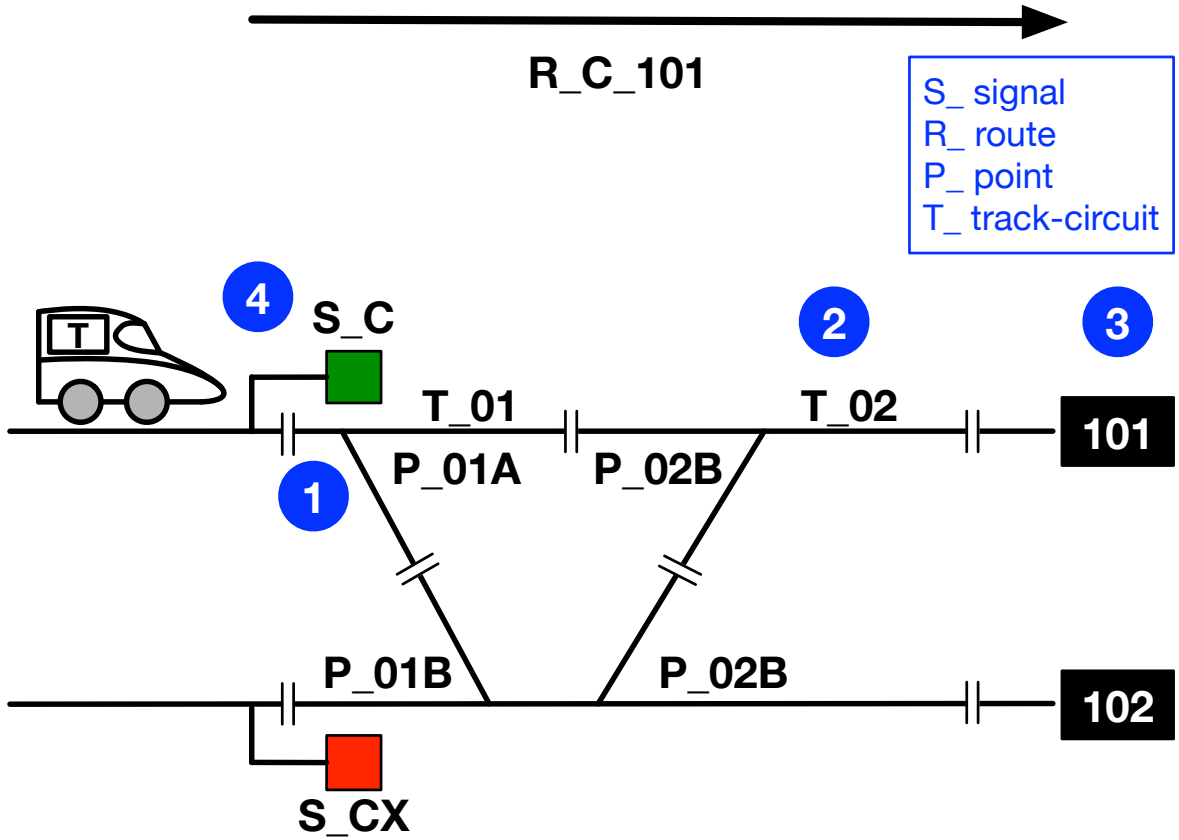
Elements of railway signaling (e.g., signals, points, LX, . . .)

Interlocking context



Research subject

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1   *Q_R(C_101)
2     if   R_C_101 xs
3       P_01A cfn , P_01B cfn ,
              P_02AB cfr, P_02B cfr
4       U_IR(01A) f , U_IR(02B) f
5     then  R_C_101 s
6       P_01A cn , P_01B cn , P_02A
              cr , P_02B cr ,
7       U_IR(01A)  1 , U_IR(02B) 1
8       U_CBSPA(101) 1
9       S_C clear bpull
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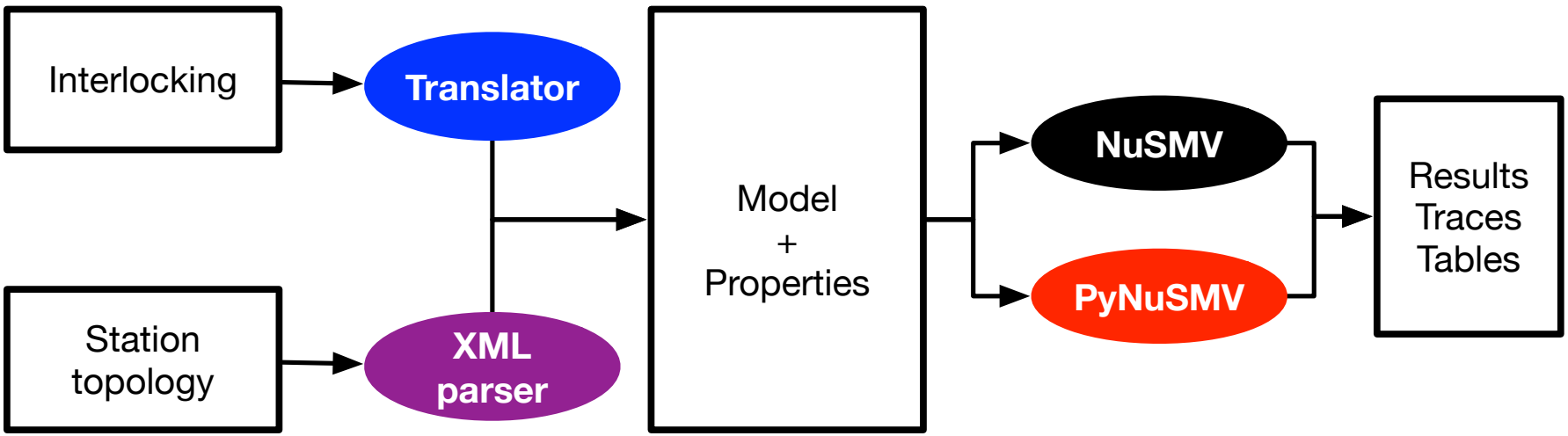
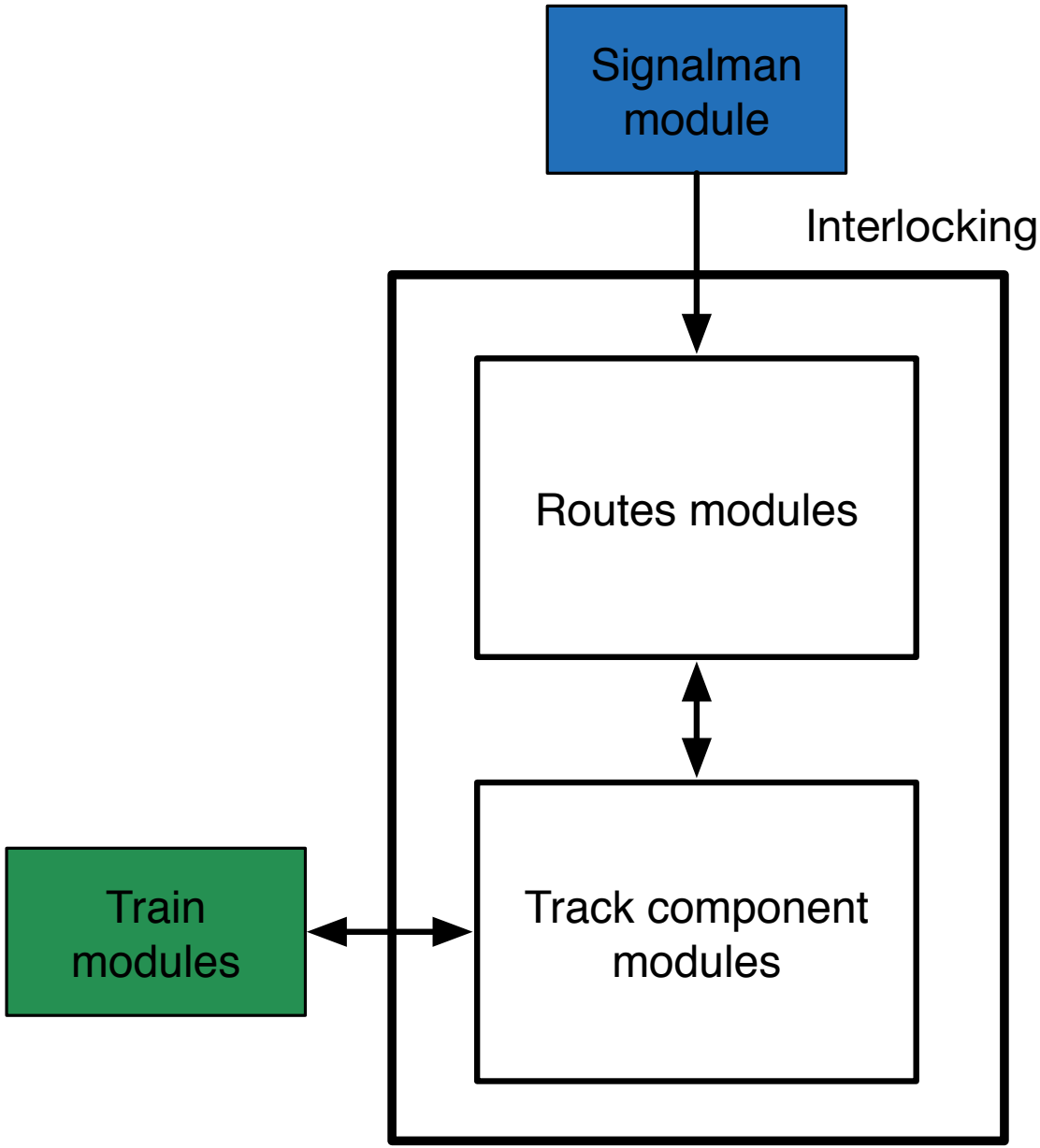
V&V:

- Combinatorial testing
- $\geq$ 2 month/int.
- Tedious job
- Error prone

Process of verification



Model - high level hierarchy



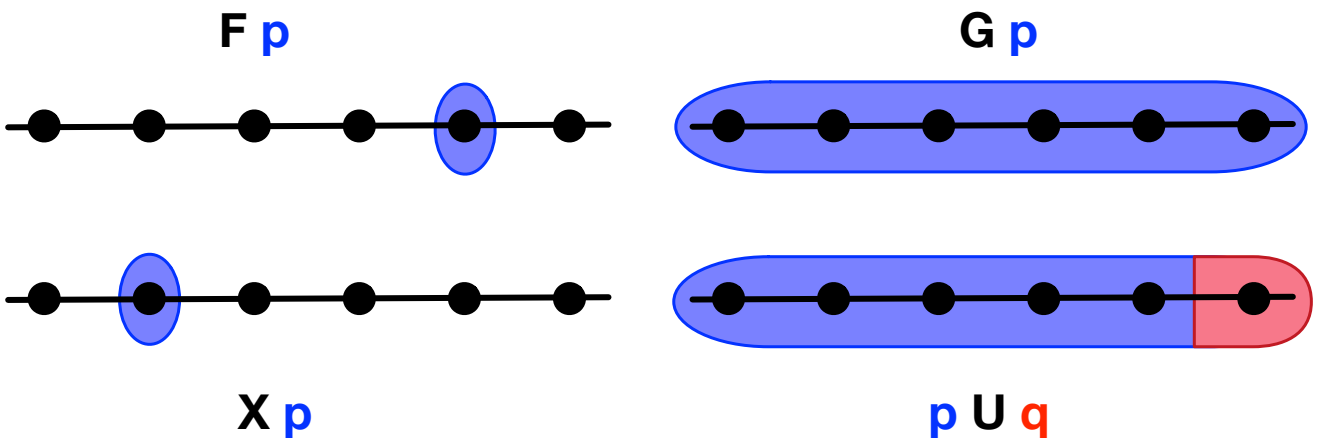
Model checking [2] Given a model of a system, exhaustively and automatically check whether this model meets a given property.

$$M, s \models P \text{ with } P \text{ a property}$$

[1] define a **Kripke structure** over AP as a 4-tuple $M = (S, I, R, L)$ consisting of:

- a finite set of states S.
- a set of initial states $I \subseteq S$.
- a transition relation $R \subseteq S \times S$ (i.e., $\forall s \in S \; \exists s' \in S$ such that $(s, s') \in R$).
- a labeling function $L : S \to 2^{AP}$ with AP a set of atomic propositions.

Properties (MC [4], invariants, temporal logic (e.g.; LTL)

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INVARSPEC !(train_collision)
INVARSPEC (train_on_switch -> !switch_moves)
LTLSPEC   G(train_enters -> X signal_goes_red)
```

A toy example

```
MODULE main
VAR
S1 : {red, green};
S2 : {red, green};

ASSIGN
init(S1) := red;
init(S2) := red;

next(S1) :=
 case
  S1 = red : {red, green};
  TRUE     : red;
 esac;
next(S2) :=
 case
  S2 = red : {red, green};
  TRUE     : red;
 esac;

--INVARSPEC !(S1 = green &
      S2 = green)
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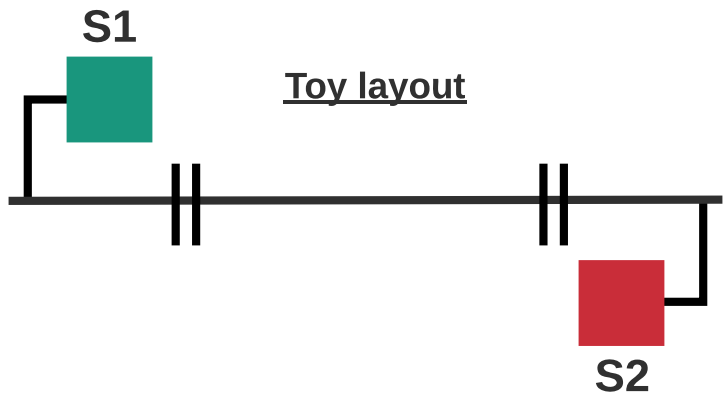

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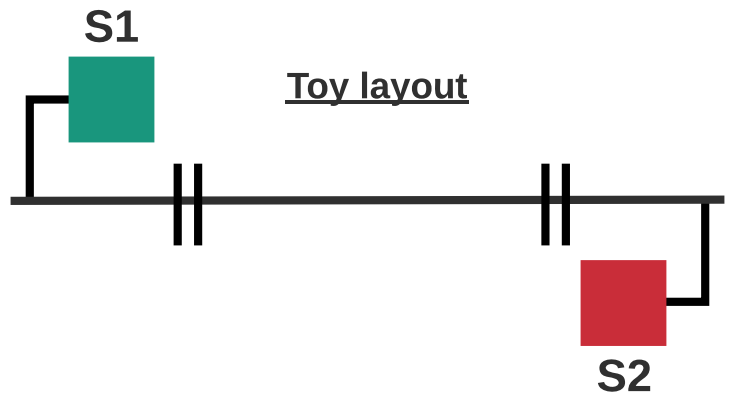


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nuXmv > check_invar
-- invariant !(S1 =
     green & S2 = green)
       is false
Trace Type:
     Counterexample
   -> State: 1.1 <-
     S1 = red
     S2 = red
   -> State: 1.2 <-
     S1 = green
     S2 = green
```

Conclusions and questions

- From Interlocking to model in SMV
  - Namêche
  - Braine l'Alleud
  - Ottignies
- Compositional approach for larger stations [3]
- Bottleneck $\rightarrow$ Space state explosion

$\rightarrow$ **Questions**

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