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# For cyber systems, formal methods refer to rigorous techniques to specify, analyze, and verify software and hardware systems

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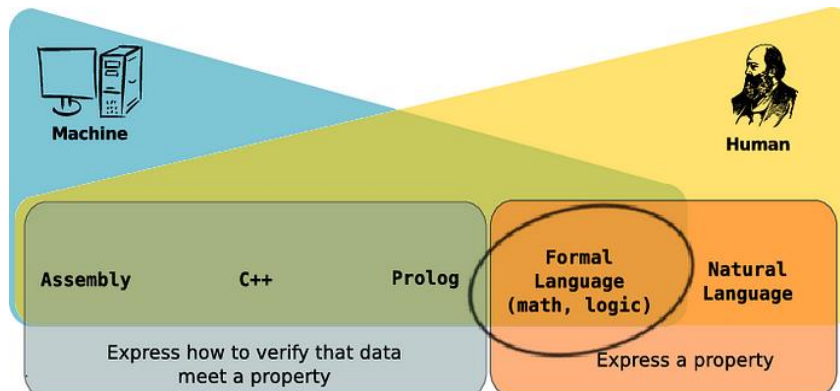
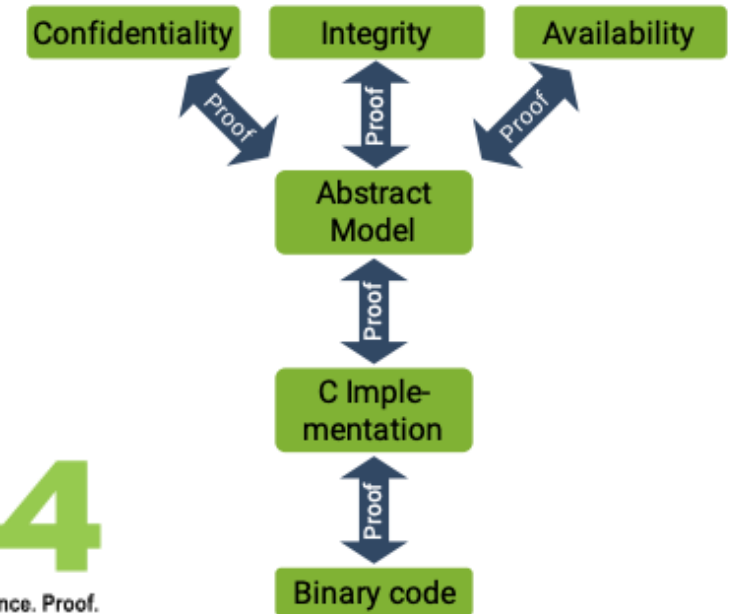
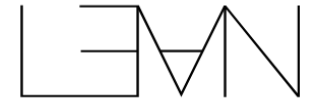
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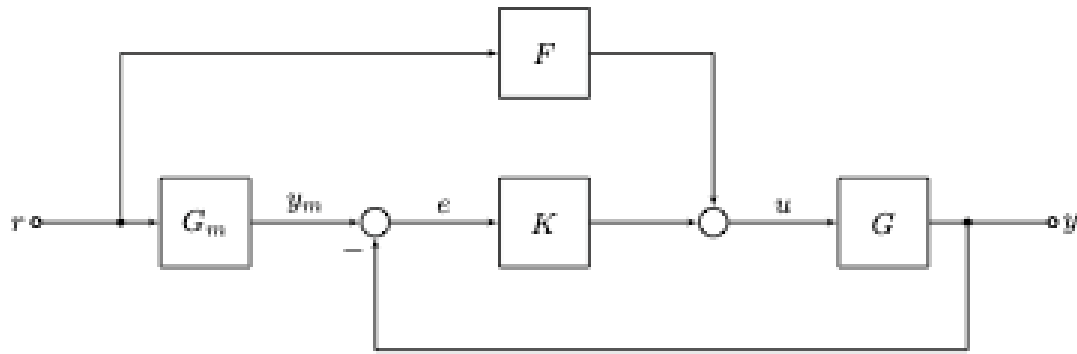


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For physical systems, dynamic and control theory has a history of using rigorous analytic techniques to prove functional correctness



Classical controls

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

$$y = Cx + Du$$

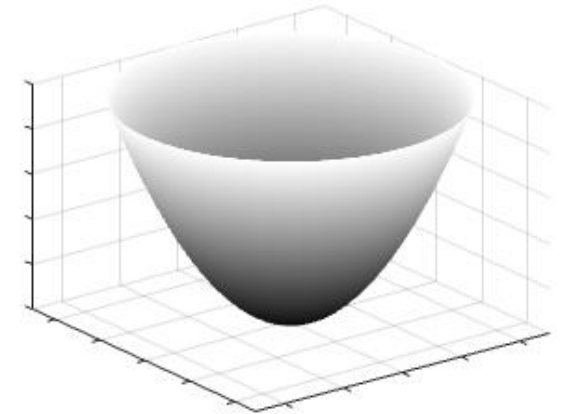
$$u = Kx$$

Modern controls

uncertainty  $G_t = G(1 + W_2\Delta), \quad \|\Delta\| < 1$

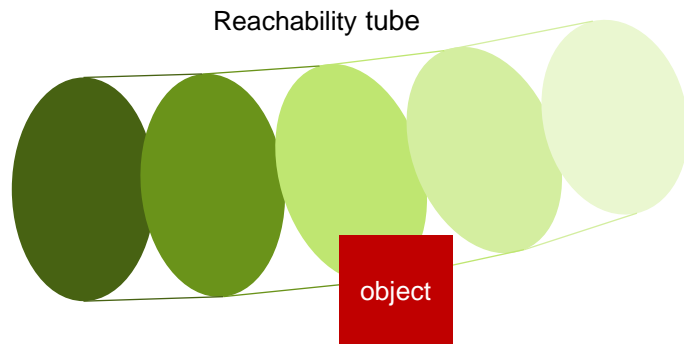
performance  $\left\| \frac{W_1 S}{W_2 T} \right\| < \gamma$

Robust controls



Lyapunov theory

Recent computational techniques like level-set theory and reachability analysis can assert that a system's state will avoid unsafe regions

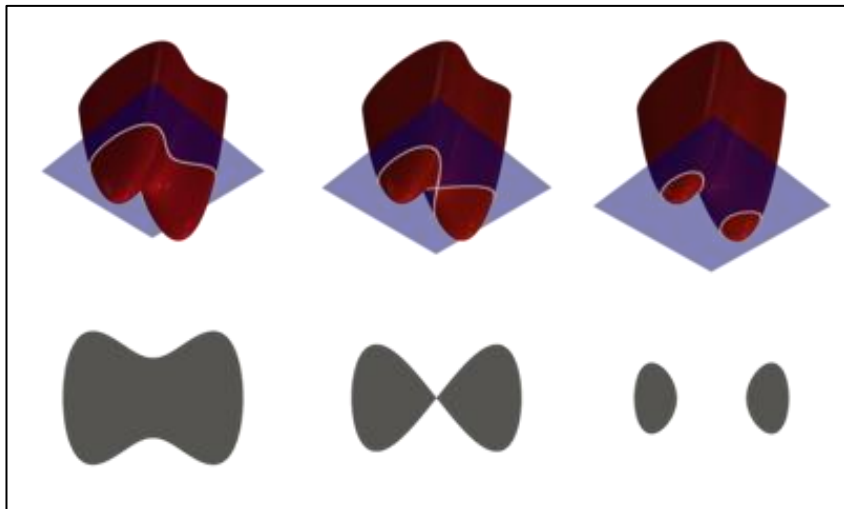


$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \min_u \{f(x, t) \cdot \nabla V(x, t)\} = 0$$

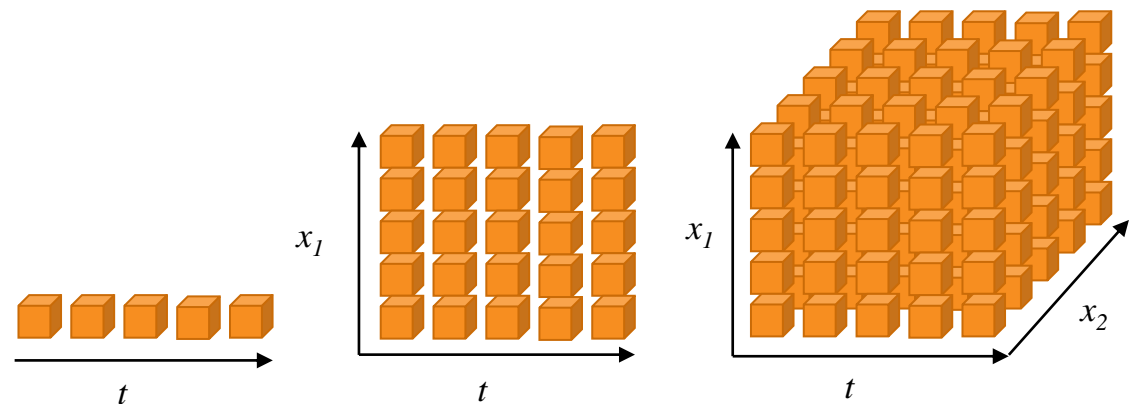
final condition  $V(x(T), T) = D[x]$

$$u^* = \min_u \{f(x, t) \cdot \nabla V(x, t)\}$$

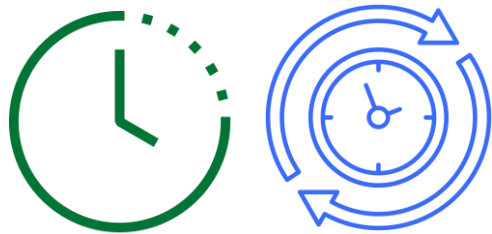
**Limitation:** curse of dimensionality



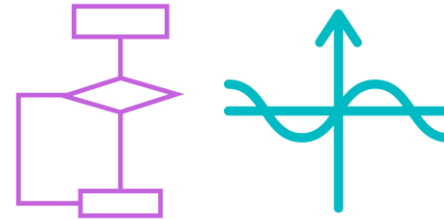
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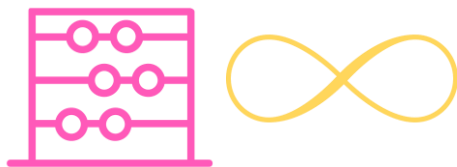
# The integration of cyber and physical systems creates new challenges



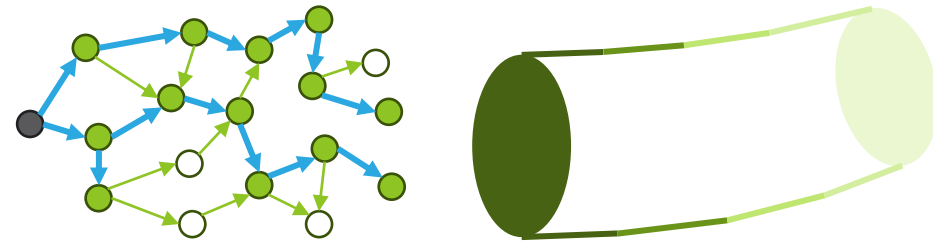
Discrete v. continuous  
time



Logic v. diff-eq  
based



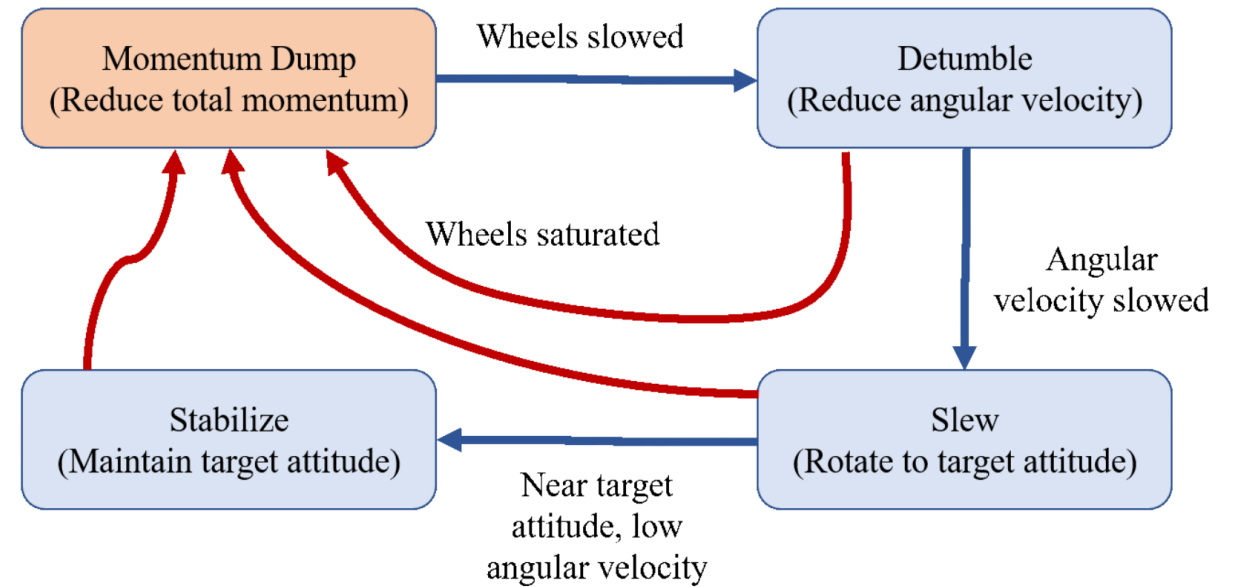
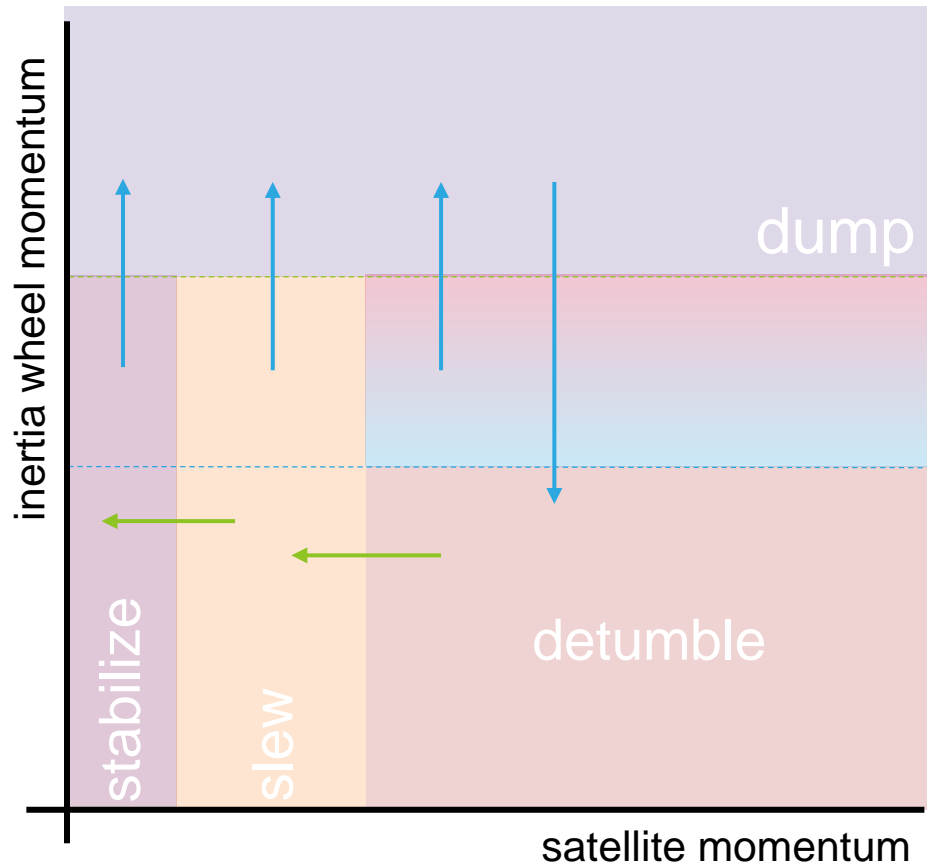
Finite v. infinite  
states



Model checking v. reachability

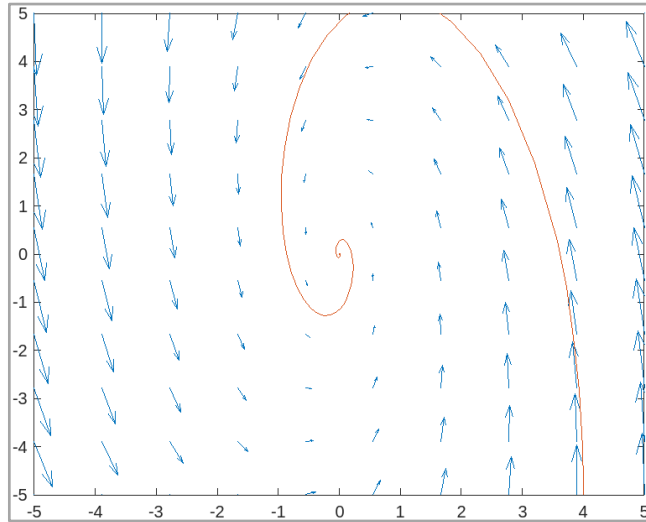


Satellites must manage the angular velocity of the satellite and the inertia wheels. Modes have different control laws, making it hybrid.

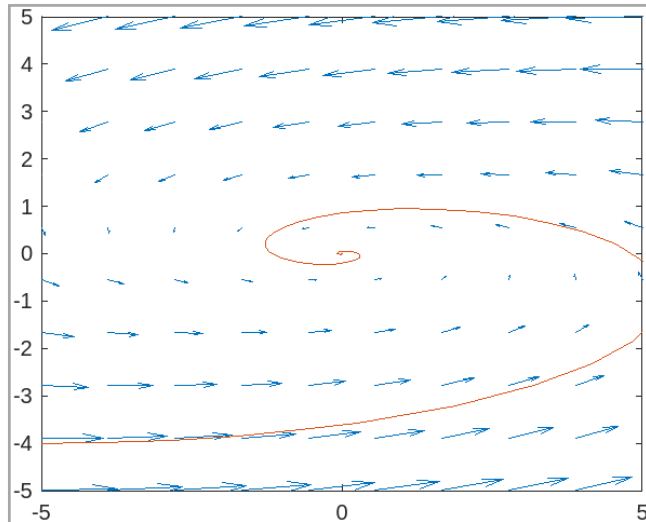


# Hybrid (switching) systems can result in unstable behavior even though the sub-systems are stable

stable, same eigenvalues

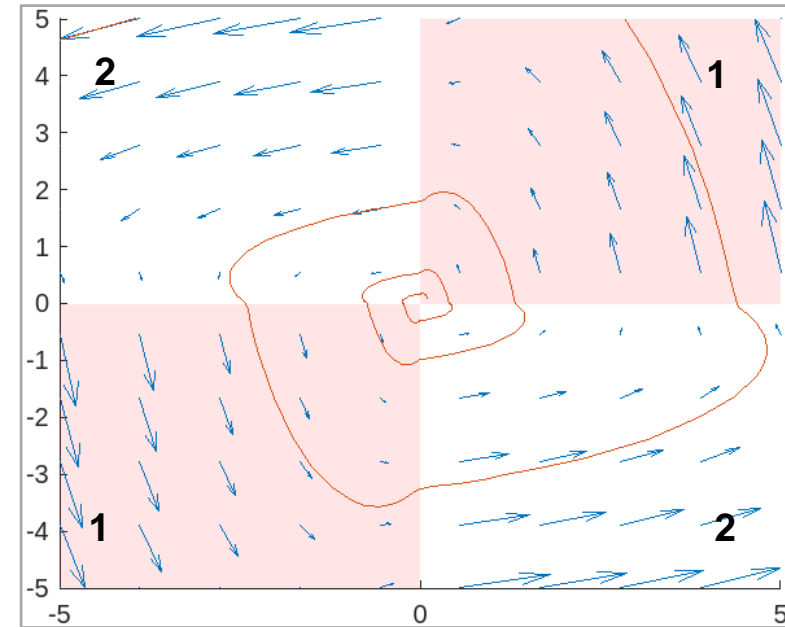


System 1

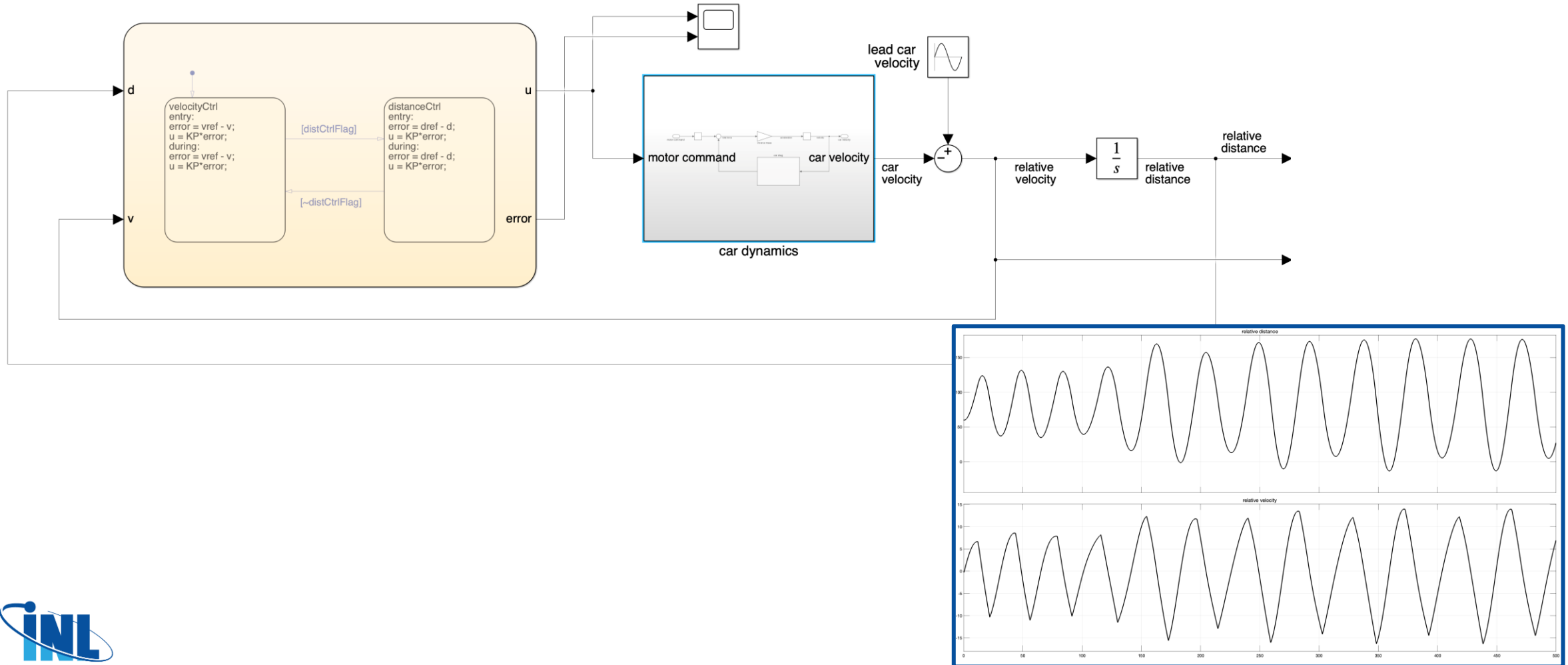


System 2








switched system



# While it is possible to simulate hybrid systems, this provides only a demonstration of a performance and not proof



# For hybrid systems, current formal methods and system analysis approaches require a workarounds to work on hybrid systems like CPS

|   | Tool              | Technique              | Dynamics         | Model Format |
|---|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------|
|    | Level Set Toolbox | HJB PDEs               | Nonlinear        | MATLAB       |
|    | Flow*             | Taylor Models          | Nonlinear hybrid | Flow*        |
|    | CORA              | Zonotypes              | Linearization    | MATLAB       |
|    | C2E2              | Simulated trajectories | Nonlinear hybrid | XML model    |
|  | dReach            | SMT solver             | Nonlinear hybrid | dReach       |
|  | CoCoSim           | SMT solver             | Linear hybrid    | Simulink     |
|  | KeYmaera X        | DDL                    | Hybrid           | KeYmaera X   |



# Research directions

- Systems analysis of hybrid systems
  - We need to close the gap between modeling and the capabilities of reachability for hybrid systems
  - We need standard methods to analyze stability, performance, and robustness for hybrid systems
  - The methods of reachability do not directly relate to specifications
- Curse of dimensionality
  - Approximate dynamic programming has strategies for the curse of dimensionality
  - The state-space can be reduced by analyzing components and then applying to the composite system
- Stochastic hybrid systems analysis

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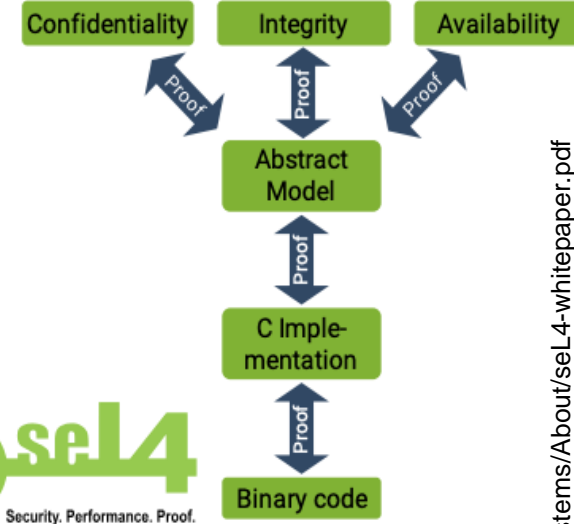
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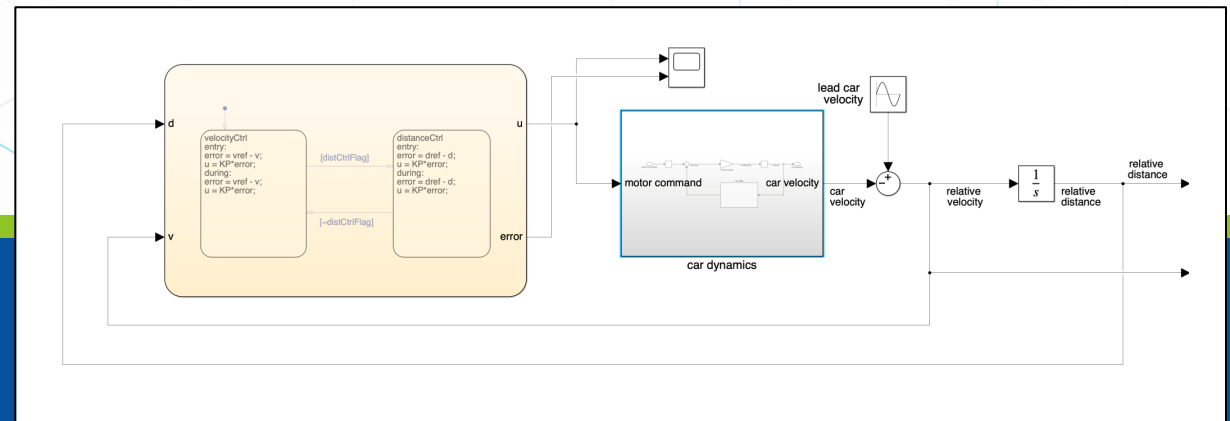
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