

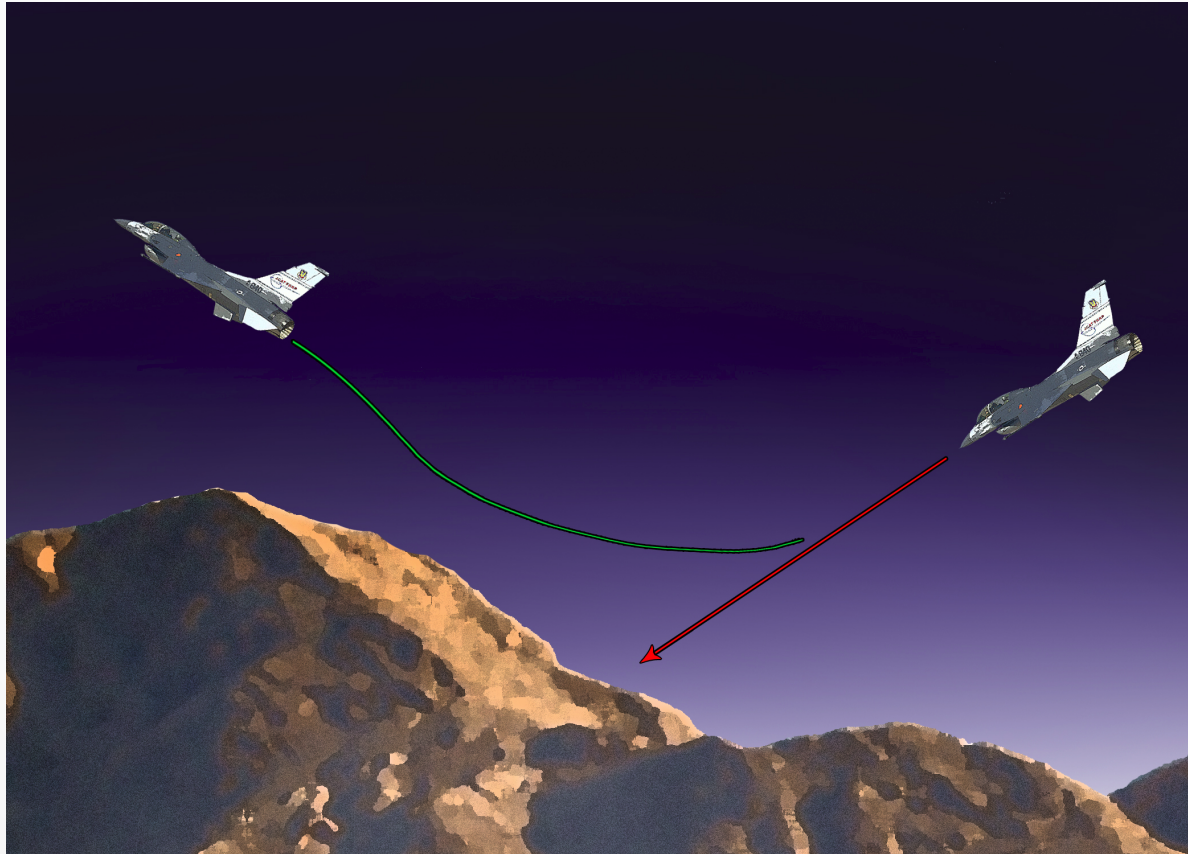
# Simulation-Equivalent Reachability of Large Linear Systems with Inputs

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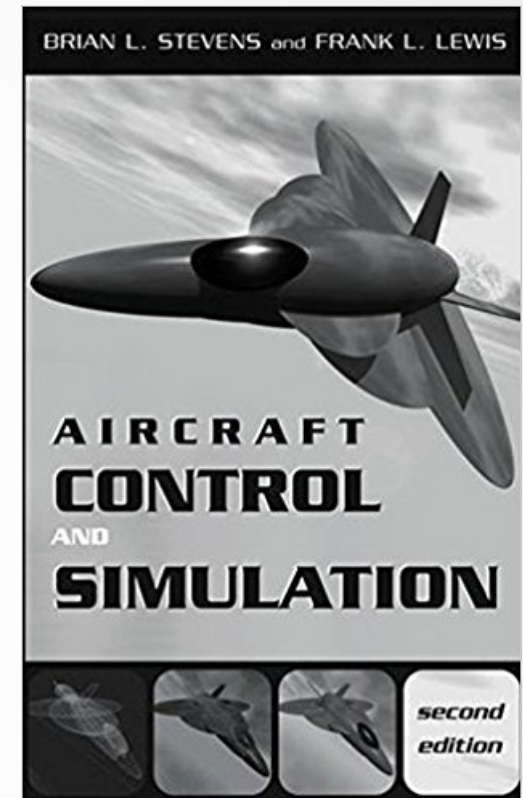
# Inspiration + Potential

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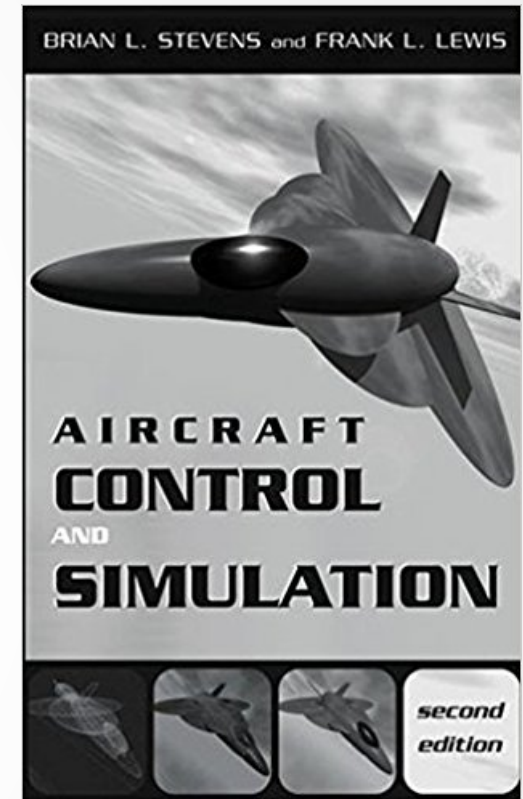
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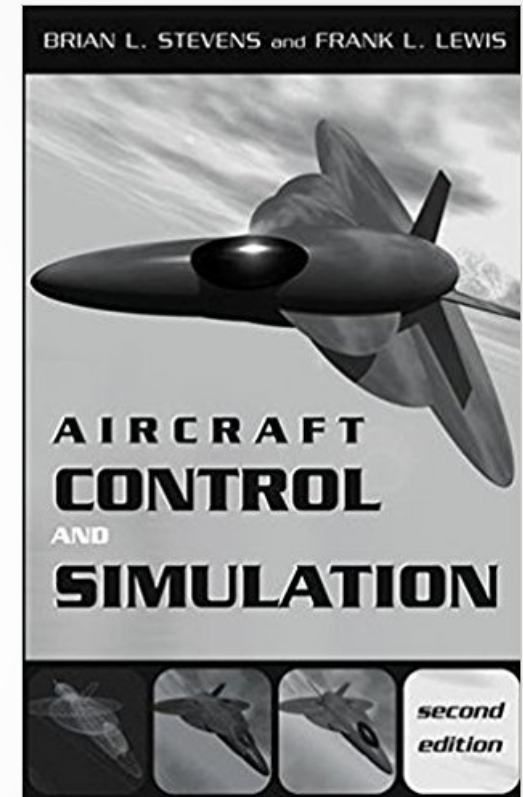
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Good News:

We're researchers; lots of problems to work on



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- Bonus: Accurate counter-example generation



# Linear Dynamical Systems

A linear system with inputs

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu(t)$$

has the solution

$$x(t) = e^{At} x_0 + \int_0^t e^{A(t-s)} Bu(s) ds$$

Input-free  
solution

Input Effects

# Set-based Constraints

If we have sets of initial states and inputs

$$x(0) \in \mathcal{X}_0$$

$$u(t) \in \mathcal{V}$$

then the possible solutions at time  $t$  are

$$\mathcal{X}_t = e^{At} \mathcal{X}_0 \oplus \int_0^t e^{A(t-s)} B \mathcal{V} ds$$

**Minkowski sum** of two sets of states  
(addition of every two points in the sets)

# Minkowski Sum

**Definition 2.2** (Minkowski sum). *The Minkowski sum of two sets  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  is the set of sums of elements from  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$ :*

$$\mathcal{X} \oplus \mathcal{Y} = \{x + y : x \in \mathcal{X} \text{ and } y \in \mathcal{Y}\}$$

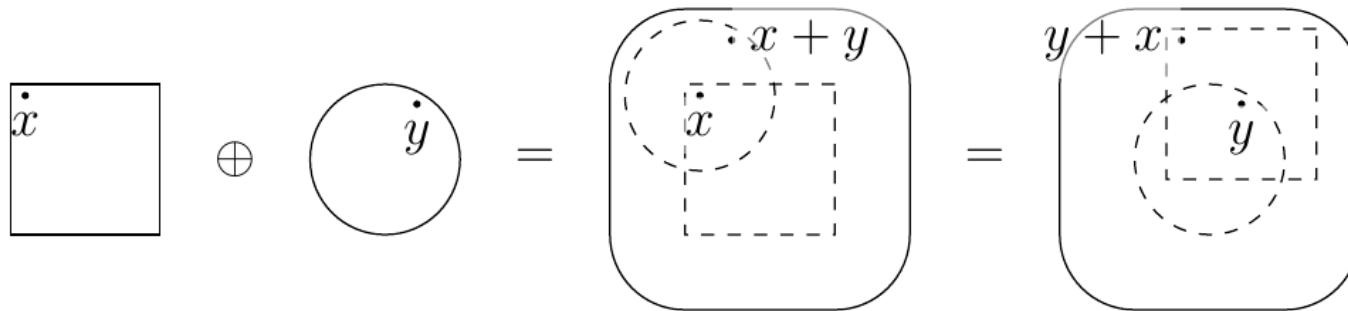


Figure 2.2: Minkowski sum of a square and a disk.

Image From: Colas Le Guernic. Reachability analysis of hybrid systems with linear continuous dynamics. Diss. Université Joseph-Fourier-Grenoble I, 2009.

# Fixed-Step Fixed-Inputs

If we assume inputs are fixed, we can solve for the set of input-effects after one step

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{X}_t &= e^{At} \mathcal{X}_0 \oplus \int_0^t e^{A(t-s)} B \mathcal{V} ds \\ &= e^{At} \mathcal{X}_0 \oplus \mathcal{U}\end{aligned}$$

Note: If we wanted dense-time reachability, we could add bloating terms to this equation.

# Multiple Step Solution

For two steps, we can express the set of states recursively

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{X}_{2t} &= e^{At} \mathcal{X}_t \oplus \mathcal{U} \\ &= e^{A2t} \mathcal{X}_0 \oplus e^{At} \mathcal{U} \oplus \mathcal{U}\end{aligned}$$

which generalizes after  $i$  steps to

$$\mathcal{X}_{it} = e^{Ait} \mathcal{X}_0 \oplus e^{A(i-1)t} \mathcal{U} \oplus e^{A(i-2)t} \mathcal{U} \oplus \dots \oplus e^{At} \mathcal{U} \oplus \mathcal{U}$$

# Step-by-step computation

$$\mathcal{X}_{it} = e^{Ait} \mathcal{X}_0 \oplus e^{A(i-1)t} \mathcal{U} \oplus e^{A(i-2)t} \mathcal{U} \oplus \dots \oplus e^{At} \mathcal{U} \oplus \mathcal{U}$$

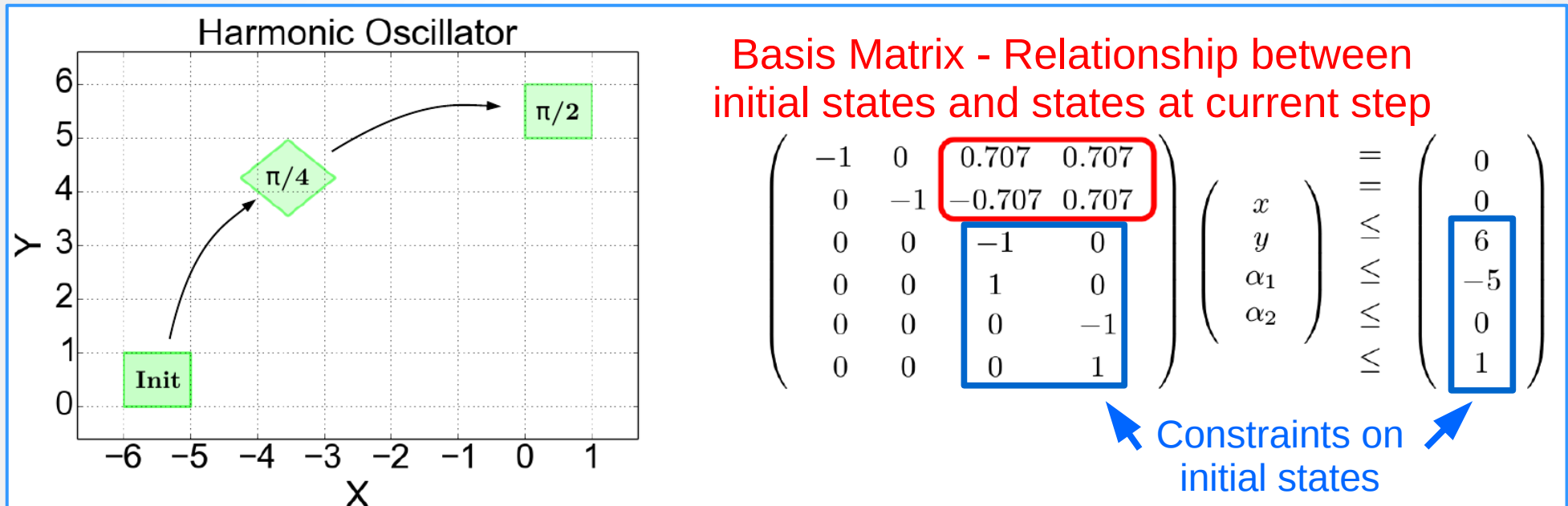
At each new time step, we need to:

- $e^{Ait} \mathcal{X}_0$
- $e^{A(i-1)t} \mathcal{U}$
- Perform Minkowski sum
- (Optional) Intersection check with unsafe states

# Linear Star Representation

- Linear Stars are a specialized version of generalized star sets
  - Presented in CAV '16
- Efficient for computing:
  - Time elapse (matrix multiplication)
  - Intersection checking (linear programming)
  - **Minkowski sum (new)**

# Linear Star Constraints

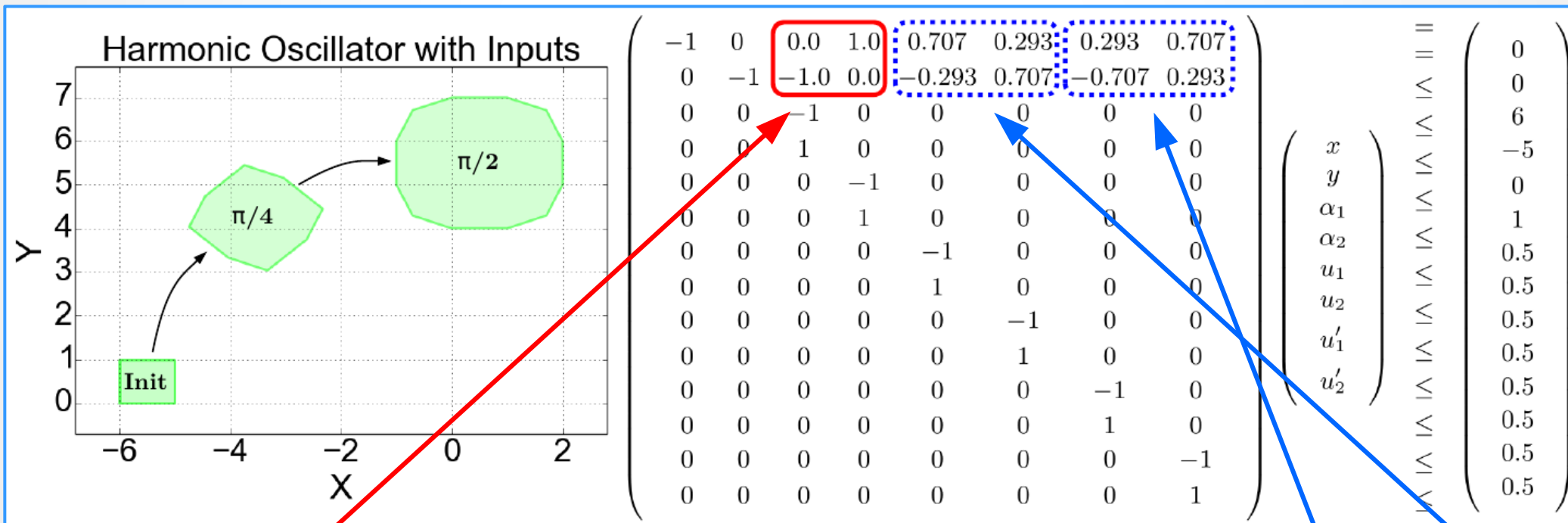


The **basis matrix** is equal to the matrix exponential at the current step ( $e^{At}$ ).



# Minkowski Sum

Minkowski sum with linear stars can be done by combining the basis matrices & constraints



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# Optimizations

***"Engineering matters: you can't properly evaluate a technique without an efficient implementation"***  
*- Ken McMillan*

- Optimization 0 (old) – Use Simulations for  $e^{At}$
- Optimization 1 – Decomposed LP
- Optimization 2 – Warm-Start LP

# Optimization #1

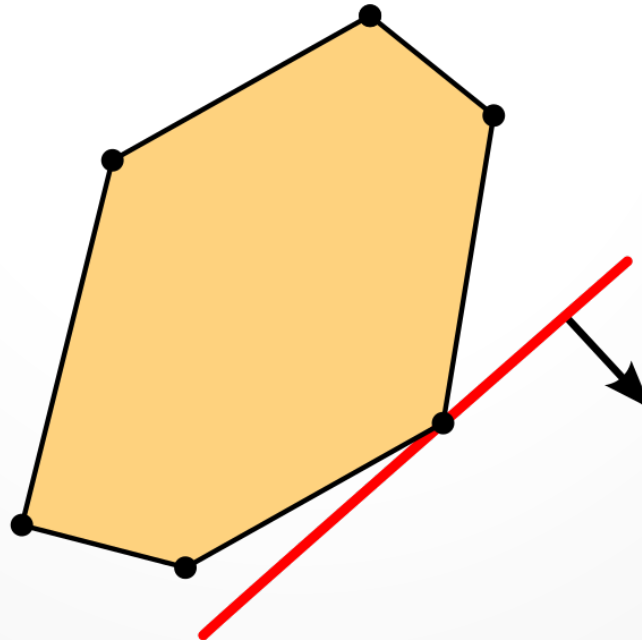
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**Proposition 1.** *If  $S = S_1 \oplus S_2$ , then  $\max_v(S) = \max_v(S_1) + \max_v(S_2)$*

- Maximizing over a Minkowski sum can be decomposed into maximizing over the component sets
  - Necessary and sufficient for single constraint
  - Necessary for a conjunction of constraints
- Possible future optimization with conjunctions of constraints: Danzig-Wolfe decomposition for LP

# Optimization #2

- Safety checking requires solving a linear program (LP) **at each step**
- We can reuse previous solutions to seed subsequent computations
  - Usually reduces required LP iterations to zero!



# Benchmarks

We implemented the method in a tool, **Hylaa**. We then evaluated the method on a large linear systems with inputs verification benchmark suite\*:

- Motor (11 dims)
- Building (50 dims)
- Partial Differential Equation (86 dims)
- Heat (202 dims)
- International Space Station (274 dims)
- Clamped Beam (350 dims)
- MNA1 (588 dims)
- FOM (1008 dims)
- MNA5 (**10923 dims**)



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**(first tool to do this)**



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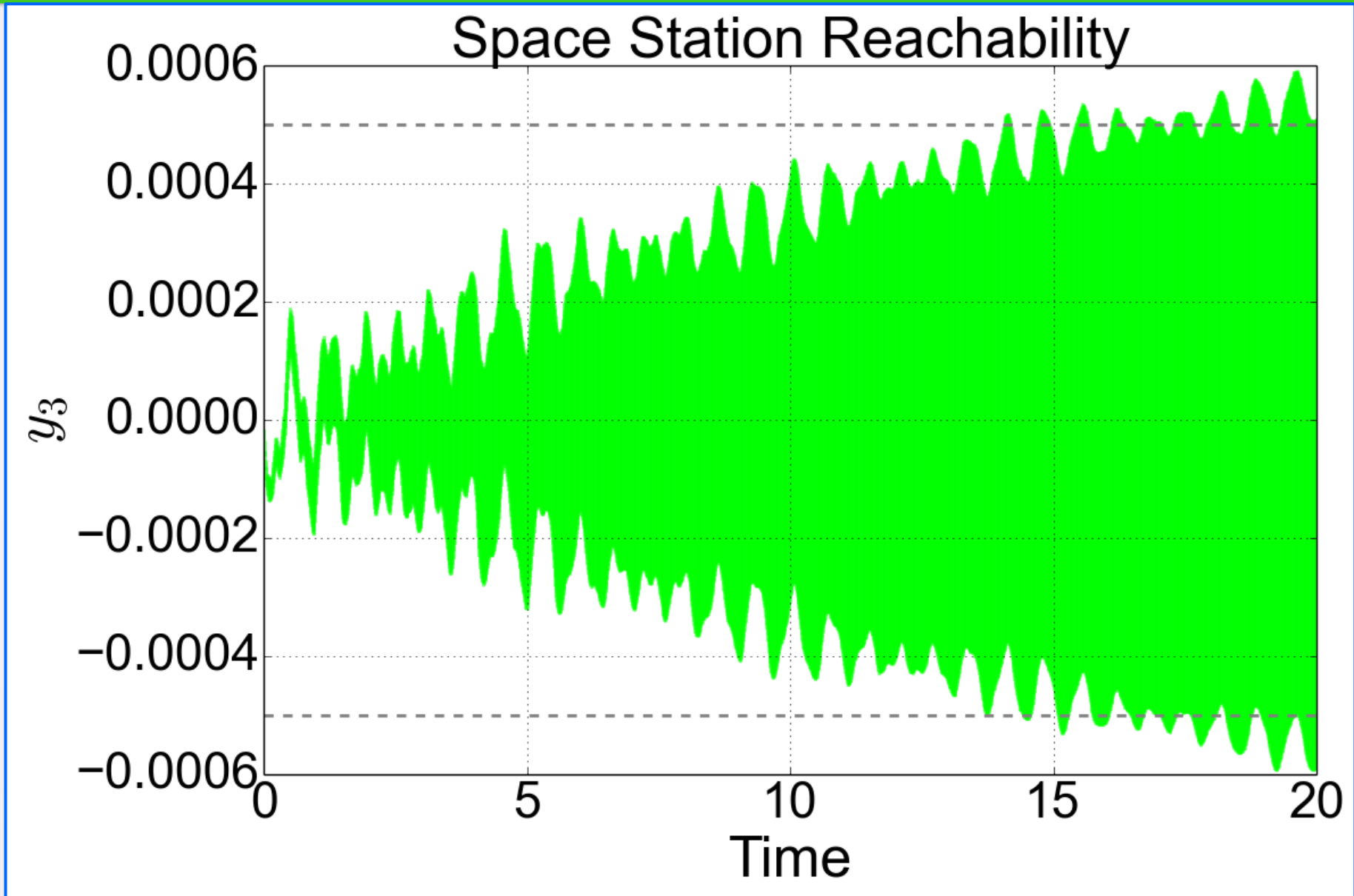
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# International Space Station Model (271 dimensions)

ISS	271	$y_3 \notin [-0.0007, 0.0007]$	Hylaa	1m28s	✓	-	-
ISS*	271	$y_3 \notin [-0.0005, 0.0005]$	Hylaa	1m23s		$8.5 \cdot 10^{-6} / 1.3 \cdot 10^{-5}$	13.71

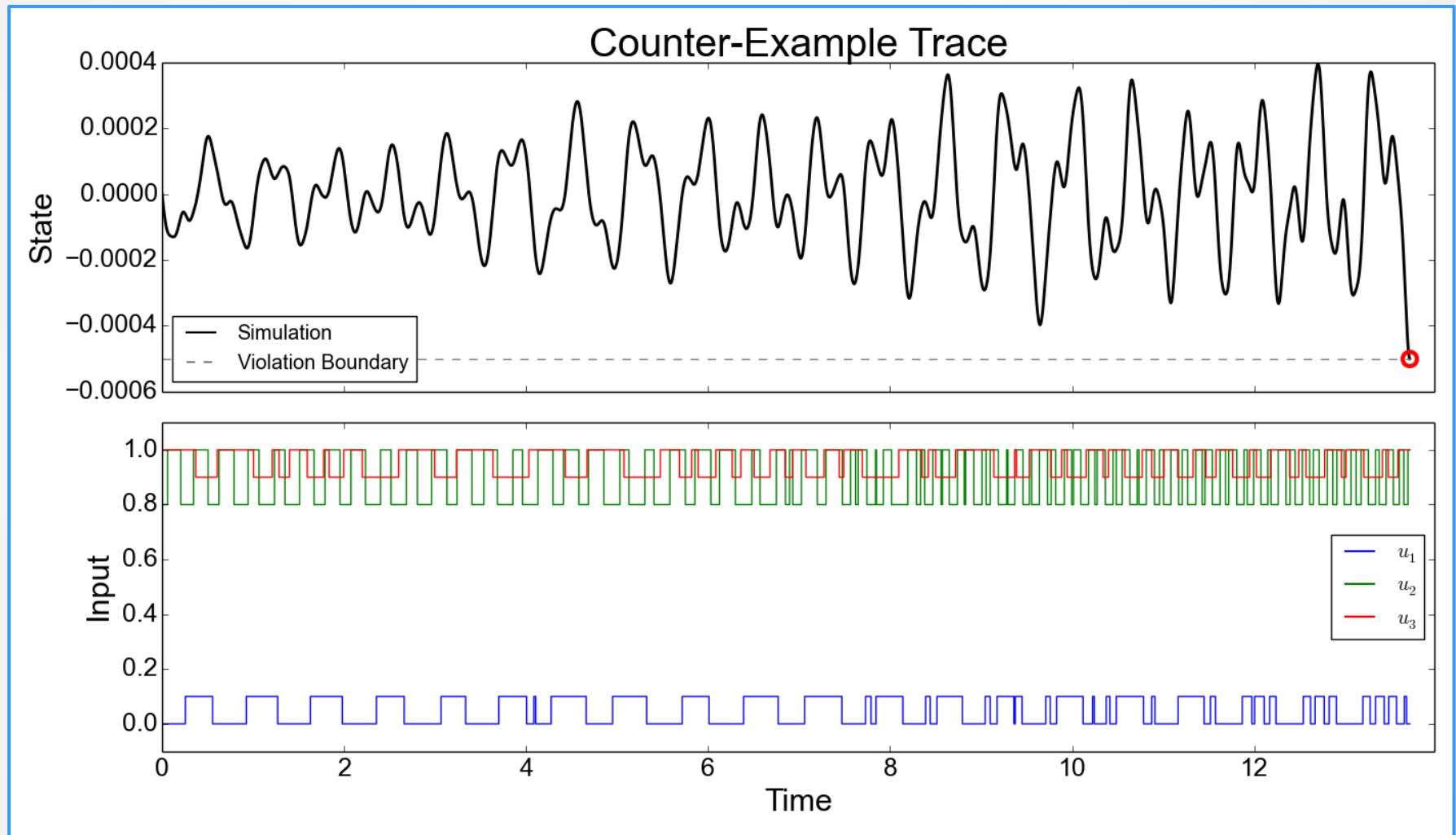
- The original safety specification was created using simulations. For most models it was safe.
- For the International Space Station model, however, **it was not!** This shows that simulation can miss errors. The error was not known before analysis with **Hylaa**.

# Reachability Plot





# Space Station Specification Violation



$2^{270} \times 8^{(13.71/0.005)} = 3 \times 10^{2557}$  cases!

Falsification tool did not succeed after 4 hours.

# MNA5 Model (10923 dimensions)

MNA5*	10914	$x_1 \geq 0.2 \vee x_2 \geq 0.15$	Hylaa	6h23m	✓	-	-
MNA5	10914	$x_1 \geq 0.1 \vee x_2 \geq 0.15$	Hylaa	37m27s		$1.4 \cdot 10^{-6} / 1.8 \cdot 10^{-6}$	1.92

- Completed analysis of 11000 dimensional system, for 4000 steps, in about 6.5 hours
- Unsafe variant counter-example is highly accurate (relative error of about  $1.8 \cdot 10^{-6}$ )

# The Journey to 10000 Dimensions

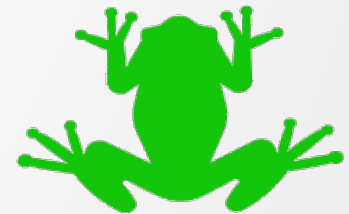
- The original 10000-dimensional MNA5 benchmark model file is empty!
- SpaceEx Model Editor freezes! Use text editor. Gedit → Geany
- Hyst conversion (ANTLR Grammar Exception), 11k \* 2 initial conditions
- Hyst stack overflow → internal expression tree unbalanced
- 800MB Python script → OS freezes (cannot run first line)
- OS effectively freezes when swap is active and large sim time is used
- Change Hyst to initialize matrix of zeros and assign entries (sparse matrix)
- Out of memory while computing... 800 MB \* 4000 steps = 3.2 TB RAM needed!
  - Don't use explicit Jacobian in ODEINT
  - Python uses processes for parallelism... keep dynamics sparse
  - Run simulations a few steps at a time
- Random crashes “pickling” matrices, LP solving GLPK errors...  
bad memory stick!

# Conclusion

Time-bounded safety verification including counter-example generation for large (10000+ dimensional) linear systems with inputs

- **Two orders of magnitude improvement!**

Future: even larger linear systems, verification methods for partial-differential equations, hybrid and nonlinear models



**Hylaa** Source: [github.com/stanleybak/hylaa](https://github.com/stanleybak/hylaa)