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Parametric model checking timed automata under non-Zenoness assumption

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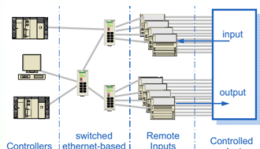
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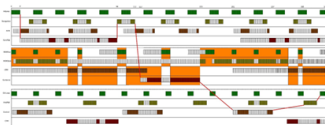
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Parametric Verification of Real-Time Systems

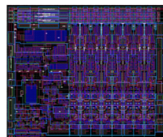
- Verification techniques used for **critical systems, timed systems** where **changes of time value is vital!** such as:



Communication protocols



Processor Scheduling



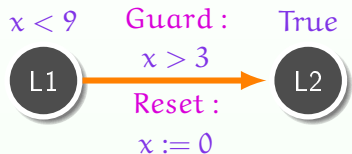
Asynchronous Circuits

- Systems incompletely specified**, some **timing delays** may not be known yet, or may change
 - Verifying system for **numerous values of constants** requires a very long time, or even infinite
- ⇒ Use **parameterised techniques**, by using parameters instead of constants, then one can check many values at the same time, but also infer good valuations of these timing constants

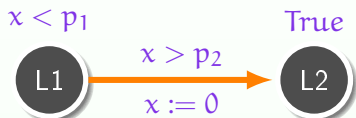
Parametric Timed Automata (PTA)

PTA are a formalism to model and verify concurrent real-time systems
[Alur et al., 1993]

Invariant: Invariant:



Timed Automata-TA



PTA

x : Clock

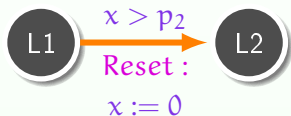
p : Parameters allow to represent **unknown values**

K_0 : Initial parameter constraint (e.g. $p_1 \leq p_2$ or $p_2 > p_1$)

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Invariant: $x < p_1$ Invariant: $x < p_1$
Guard: True



PTA

$x < p_1$



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System Behaviour depends on
the values of parameters

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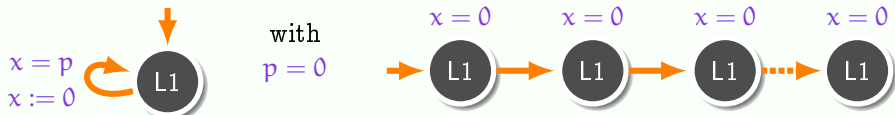
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Zenoness in parametric timed model checking

Zeno Run Definition

A Zeno run is a run with an infinite number of actions within a finite time.

- 1 Run has a clock such that time cannot elapse



- 2 Run has a clock bounded by a parameter or a constant



In fact, this run is Zeno for any value of p

⇒ Infeasible in practice, and should not be considered as a counter-example!

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CUB-TA Introduction

CUB Introduction

CUB stands for "Clock Upper Bound", an approach derived from the paper [Wang et al., 2015] for solving the non-Zenoness problem on Timed Safety Automata (TA)

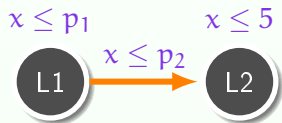
- 1 Zeno loops can be checked directly on CUB-TA's Zone Graph
- 2 More efficient than other current existing approaches
- 3 No need to introduce any new clock to the model

⇒ We define a CUB approach for PTA

CUB-PTA Introduction

CUB-PTA Definition

A PTA \mathcal{A} is a *CUB-PTA*, iff there exists a constraint $\mathcal{A}.K_0$ on parameters that guarantees every clock has a **non-decreasing upper bound along any path before it is reset**, for all parameter valuations satisfying the initial constraint $\mathcal{A}.K_0$



$\mathcal{A}.K_0 = p_1 \leq p_2 \wedge p_1 \leq 5$: **non-decreasing upper bound path!** \Rightarrow CUB-PTA

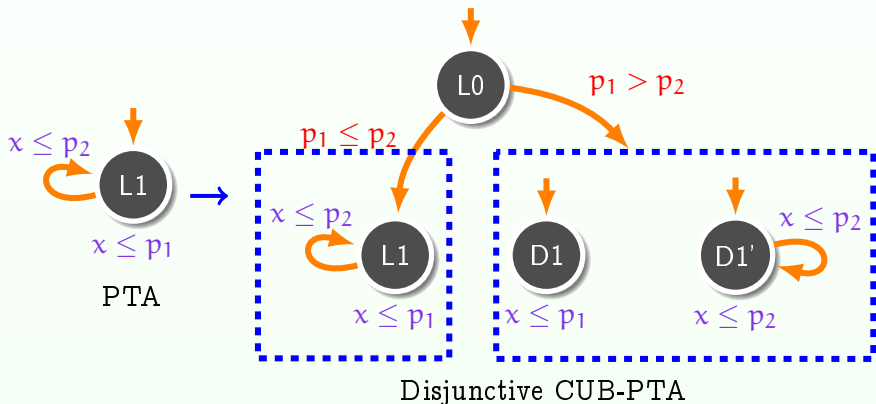
$\mathcal{A}.K_0 = p_1 > p_2 \vee p_1 > 5$: **decreasing upper bound path!** \Rightarrow not CUB-PTA

\Rightarrow No transformation exists such that a CUB-PTA can cover all cases!
But a list of CUB-PTAs can

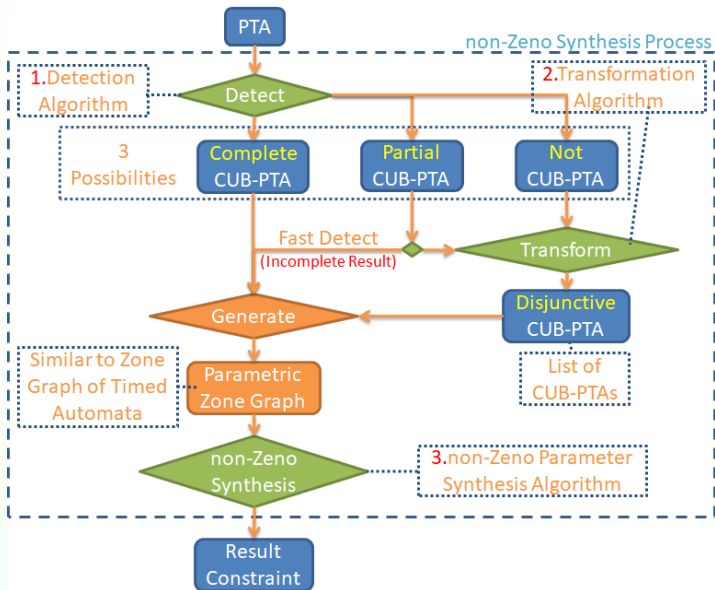
CUB-PTA Introduction (cont.)

Disjunctive CUB-PTA Definition

A *disjunctive CUB-PTA* is a list of *CUB-PTAs*



CUB-PTA Introduction (cont.)



CUB-PTA Detection

CUB-PTA detection aims at **non-Zenoness synthesis of a partial or even complete result without modification on the given model.**



$\mathcal{A}.K_0 =$

Main idea

Given PTA \mathcal{A} , for each clock x on each edge with guard g from location l to l' we **enforce a constraint** with upper bound l_x less than or equal to g_x and l'_x (if x is not reset). If a **conjunction of all constraints** $\mathcal{A}.K_0$ **contains some valuations** then the given PTA is *CUB-PTA*

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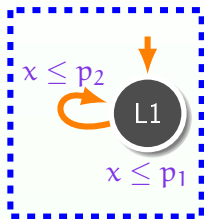
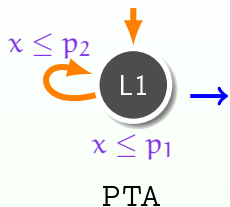
$\mathcal{A}.K_0 = p1 \leq p2 \wedge p1 \leq p1 \Leftrightarrow$ CUB-PTA with $\mathcal{A}.K_0 = p1 \leq p2$

Unchecked parameter valuations: $\mathcal{A}.K_0 = p1 > p2 \Rightarrow$ Partial CUB-PTA!

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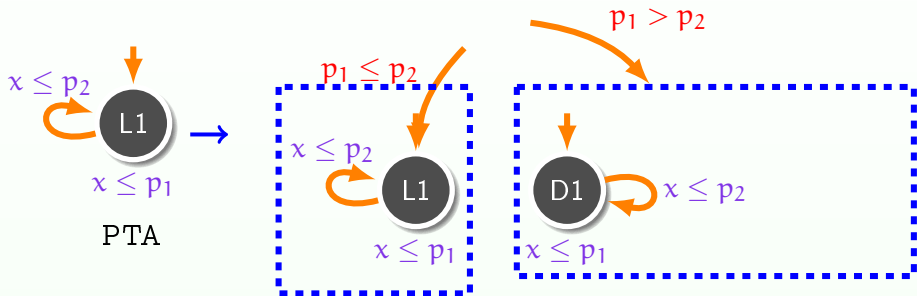
CUB-PTA Transformation



Main idea

Given a PTA \mathcal{A}

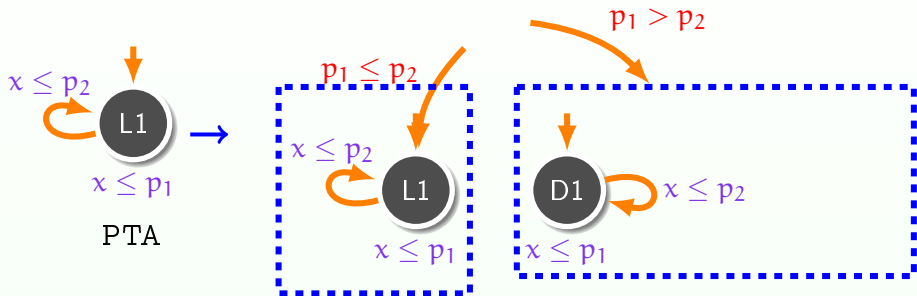
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Main idea

Infer all possible parameter relations $\mathcal{A.K}_0$ s

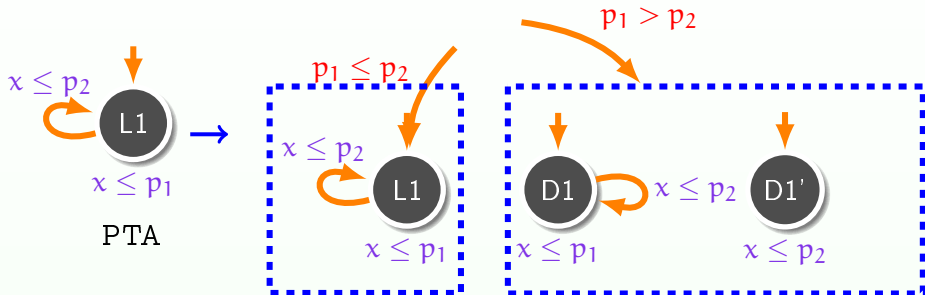
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Main idea

Each copy of \mathcal{A} will be transformed for each $\mathcal{A}.K_0$ by:

CUB-PTA Transformation

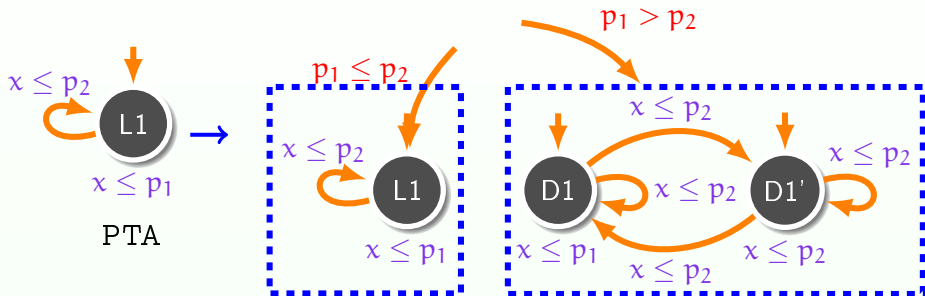


Main idea

Splitting the location* into new locations with different upper bounds

location*: a location containing an outgoing edge implies a decreasing upper bound

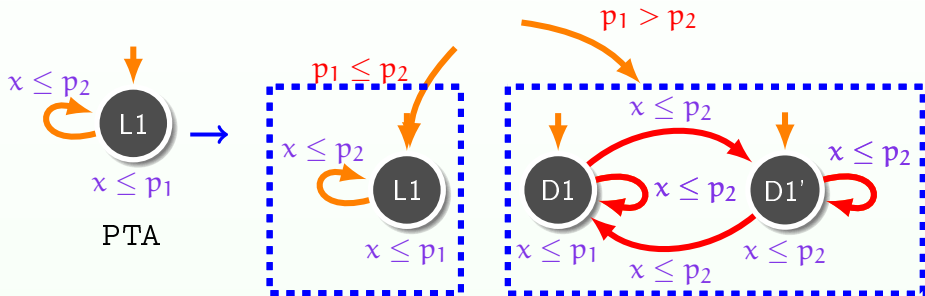
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Main idea

Copying all incoming and outgoing edges of of the old location to the new location

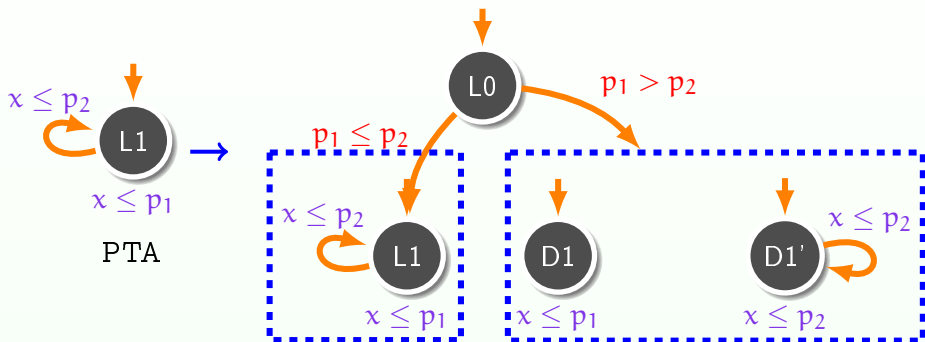
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Main idea

Removing all decreasing upper bound edges

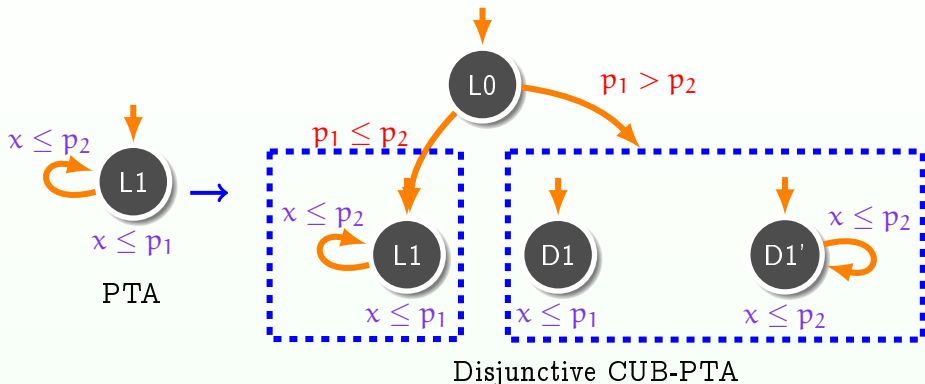
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Add a new initial location connecting to all initial locations of the copies of \mathcal{A}

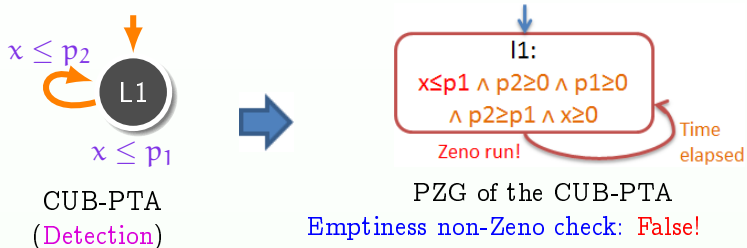
CUB-PTA Transformation



with $\mathcal{A}.K_0 = p1 \leq p2$ or $p1 > p2$ (Complete result)

An arbitrary PTA can be transformed into a *disjunctive CUB-PTA* (with a new initial location), while *preserving the symbolic runs*

Non-Zenoness Parametric Model Checking

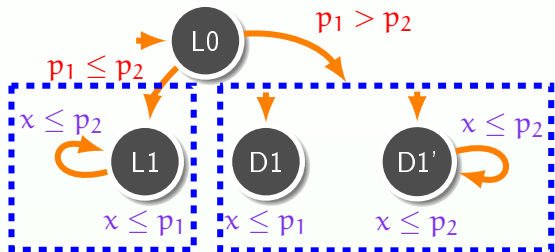


A *CUB-PTA* \mathcal{A} contains a **non-Zeno run** iff:

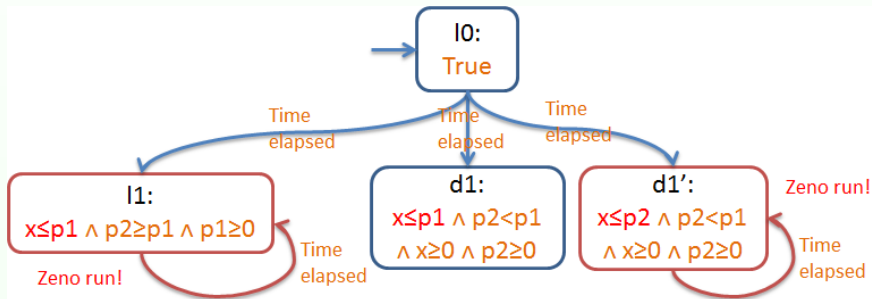
- 1 There exists parameter valuation such that $\text{PZG}(\mathcal{A})$ has a **SCC** containing an edge from location l to l' where time can elapse
- 2 For every clock x in \mathcal{A} , if x is bounded by a constant or a **parameter** for some location in the SCC, there exists an edge in the SCC where x is reset

SCC: Strongly Connected Component

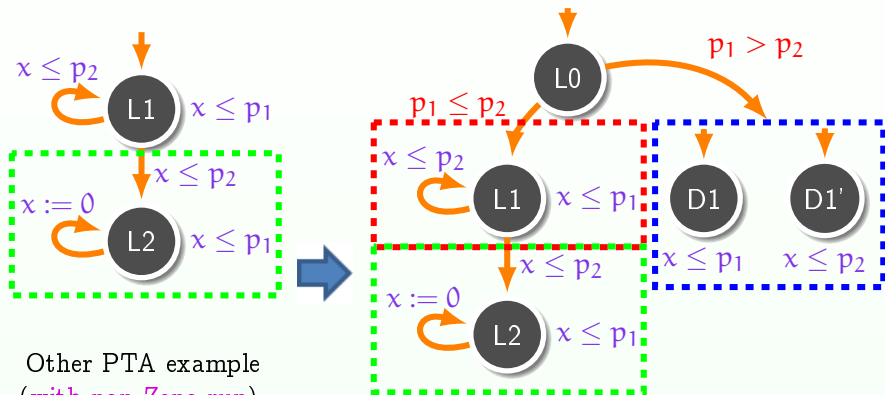
Non-Zenoness Parametric Model-Checking



Emptiness non-Zeno
check: **False!**



Non-Zenoness Parametric Model Checking



Other PTA example
(with non-Zeno run)

Emptiness non-Zeno
check: $p_2 \geq p_1$

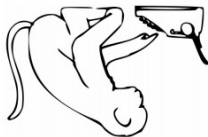
Disjunctive CUB-PTA
(Containing non-Zeno run)

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Implementation



- Implementation in **IMITATOR** [André, Fribourg, Kühne, Soulat, 2012] ¹
 - About 3,000 lines of new **OCaml** code for our non-Zenoness parameter synthesis algorithm
 - Thank to the **Parma Polyhedra Library (PPL)** library for solving linear inequality systems

¹<http://www.imitator.fr/>

Experiments

Model				synthCycle		CUBdetect			CUBtransform		
Name	# X	# P	# L	Result	Appr.	CUB for	Result	Appr.	#L CUB	Result	Appr.
CSMA/CD	3	3	28	✓	invalid?	↓	-	-	74	✓	exact
Fischer	2	4	13	✓	invalid?	↓	-	-	20	✓	exact
RCP	6	5	48	Some	invalid?	↓	-	-	71	↓	under
WFAS	4	2	10	Some 102%	invalid?	↓	-	-	40	Some 100%	exact
AndOr	4	4	27	Some 166%	invalid?	↓	-	-	34	Some 100%	under
Flip-flop	5	2	52	↓	exact	✓	↓	exact	58	↓	exact
Sched5	21	2	153	↓	exact	↓	-	-	180	↓	under
simop	8	2	46	↓	invalid?	↓	-	-	81	↓	under
train-gate	5	9	11	↓	invalid?	Some	↓	under	23	↓	under
coffee	2	3	4	Some 100%	invalid?	Some	Some 100%	under	10	Some 100%	under
CUBPTA1	1	3	2	↓ 208%	over	Some	Some 69%	under	6	Some 100%	exact
JLR13	2	2	2	↓	invalid?	✓	↓	under	3	↓	under

- **synthCycle** (without non-Zenoness assumption): **Synthesizes** all parameter valuations of loops
- **CUBdetect**: **Detects** a given PTA is CUB-PTA then **synthesizes** parameter valuations of non-Zeno runs
- **CUBtrans**: **Transforms** a given PTA into CUB-PTA then **synthesizes** parameter valuations of non-Zeno runs

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Fischer	2	4	13	TO	✓	0.003	0.003	↓	-	0.012	TO	20	✓
RCP	6	5	48	TO	Some	0.013	0.013	↓	-	0.348	TO	71	↓
WFAS	4	2	10	TO	Some 102%	0.009	0.009	↓	-	0.246	1848	40	Some 100%
AndOr	4	4	27	TO	Some 166%	0.012	0.012	↓	-	0.059	TO	34	Some 100%
Flip-flop	5	2	52	0.058	↓	0.002	0.086	✓	↓	0.010	0.972	58	↓
Sched5	21	2	153	190	↓	0.051	0.051	↓	-	1.180	TO	180	↓
simop	8	2	46	TO	↓	0.012	0.012	↓	-	0.219	TO	81	↓
train-gate	5	9	11	TO	↓	0.000	TO	Some	↓	0.059	TO	23	↓
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JLR13	2	2	2	TO	↓	0.000	TO	✓	↓	0.000	TO	3	↓

- **synthCycle**: almost never terminates, and its result (under-approx of an over-approx) cannot be kept
- **CUBdetect**: is not very interesting
- **CUBtrans**: sometimes gives an exact result, sometimes an under-approx result, sometimes nothing

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Contributions:

- Proposed and implemented **new Zeno-free parametric model synthesizing approaches** in **IMITATOR** tool
- Gave an **overall view of our algorithms' performance**, a set of case studies for non-Zenoness parametric model checking study

Future work:

- Implement other techniques such as yet to be defined parametric extensions of:
 - Strongly non-Zeno TAs [Tripakis et al., 2005]
 - Guessing zone graph [Herbreteau et al., 2012]

They could turn to be more efficient and should be investigated

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