

# Bounded Model-checking

- SAT solvers
- BMC / Reachability
- BMC / LTL

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Tens of thousands of vars.

Millions of clauses.

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SAT : CNF (conjunctive normal form)  
clauses in CNF.

$X$  - a set of bool vars.

Init( $x$ ) : formula over  $X$

Trans( $x, x'$ ) : formula over  $X \cup X'$

Target( $x$ )

expresses

$S \xrightarrow{\text{Eval}(x)} S' \text{Eval}(x')$



## Bounded model checking

Given  $K \in \mathbb{N}$ , is the Target reachable in  $K$  steps.

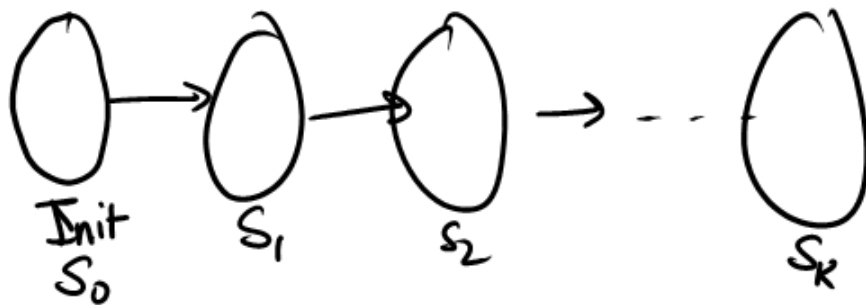
BMC  $\xrightarrow{\text{encoded}}$  SAT

$x, \text{Init}(x),$   
 $\text{Trans}(x, x')$   
 $\text{Target}(x), K$

$\longrightarrow$

$\mathcal{Q}_K$

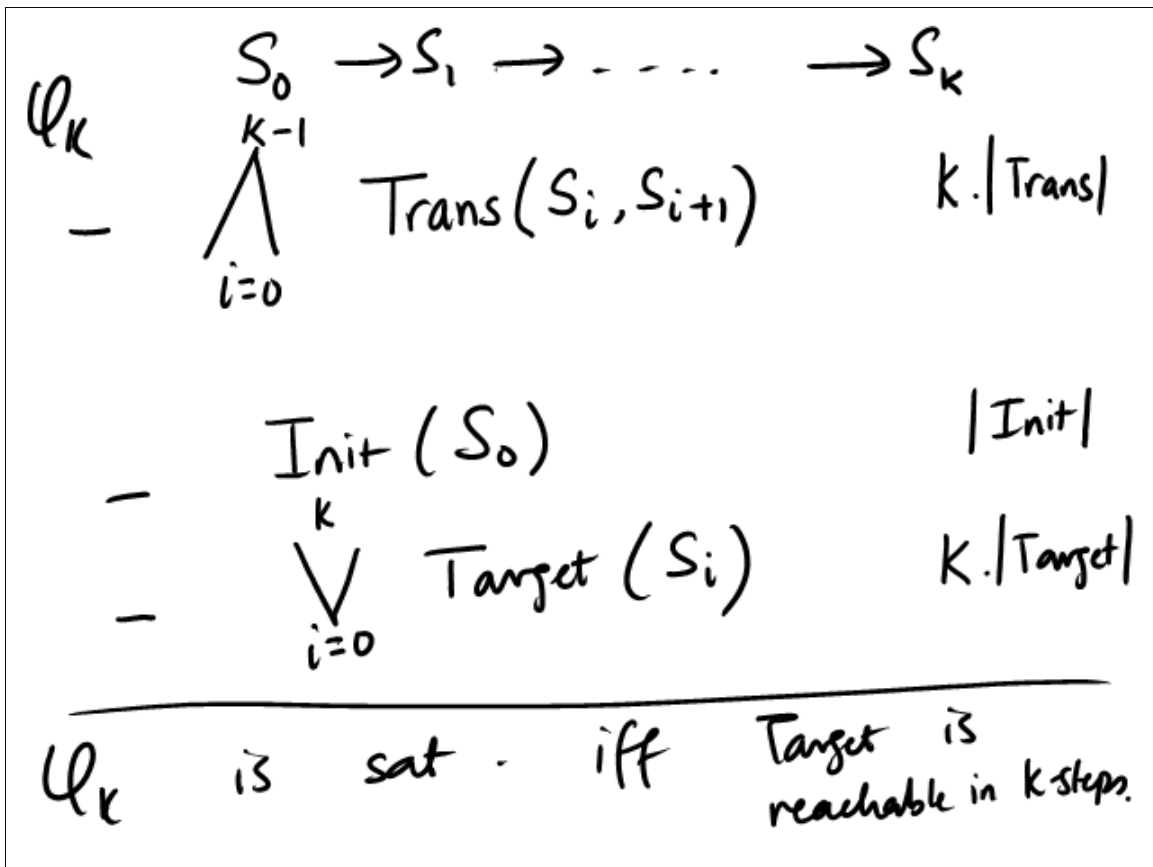
$\mathcal{Q}_K$  is sat iff Target is reachable in  $K$  steps

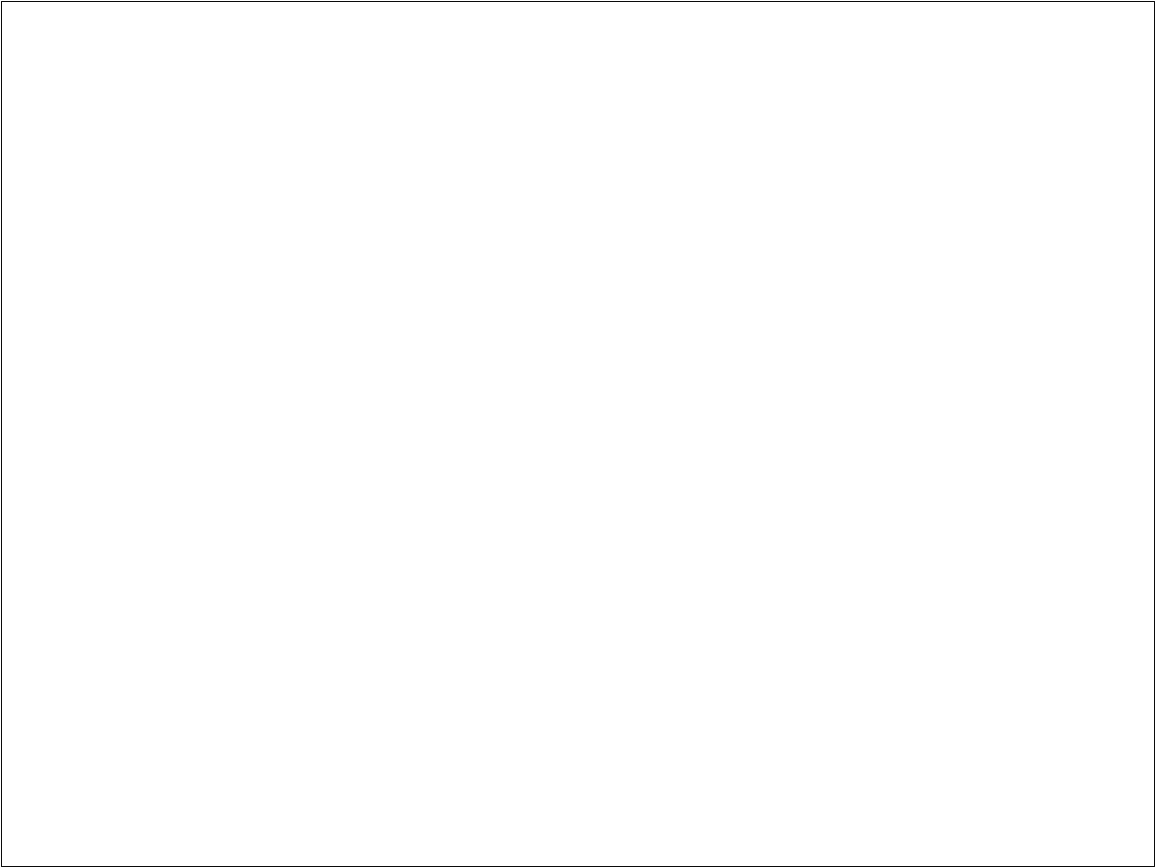


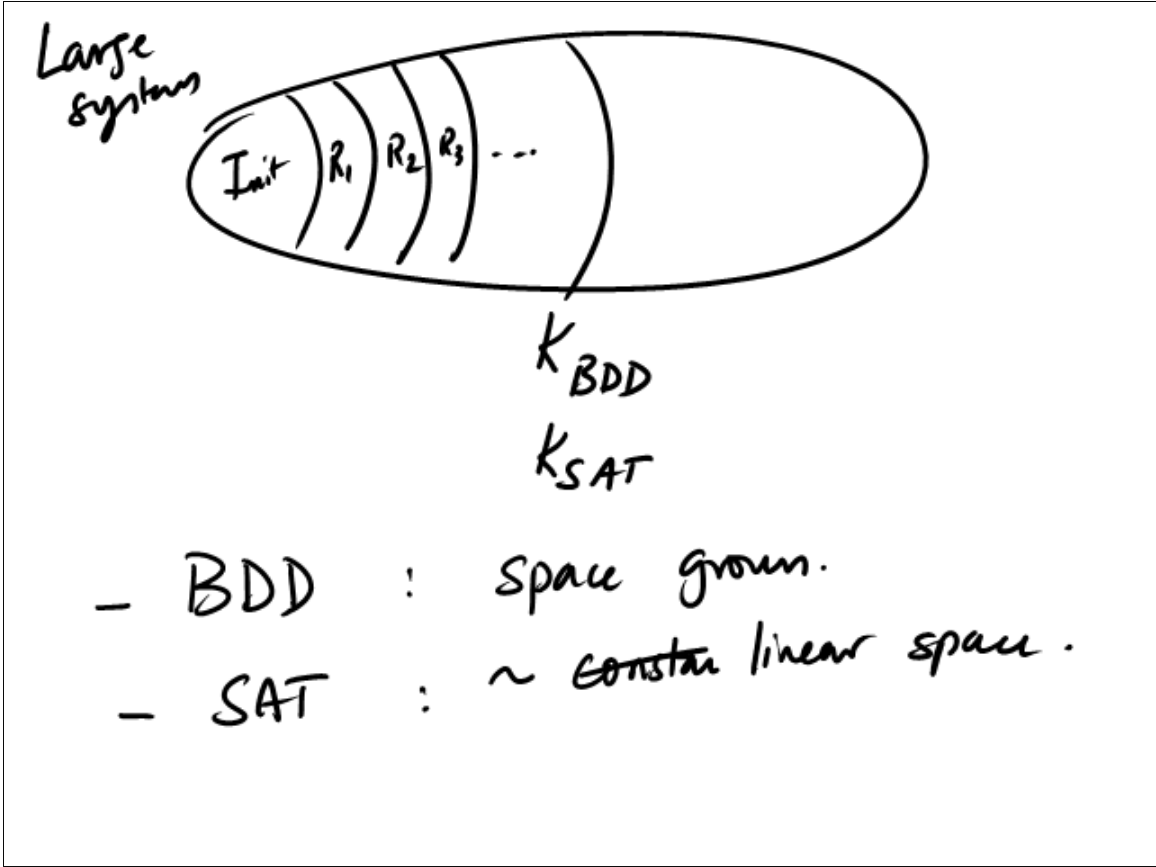
$S_0, S_1, \dots, S_k$  - copies of  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$

$$S_0 = \{x_1^0, \dots, x_n^0\}$$

$$S_i = \{x_1^i, \dots, x_n^i\}$$





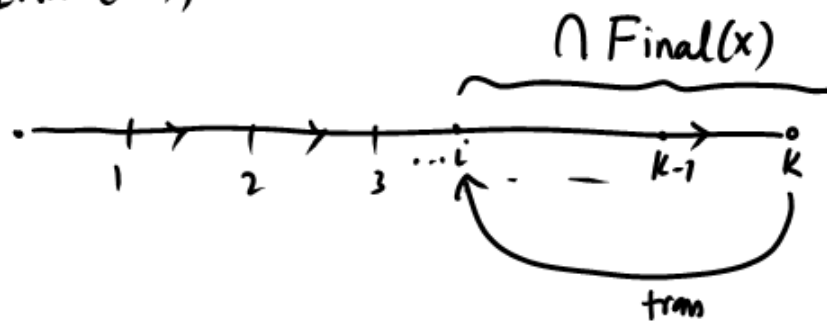




# BMC for LTL



$Init(x), Trans(x, x'), Final(x)$



- Init( $S_0$ )

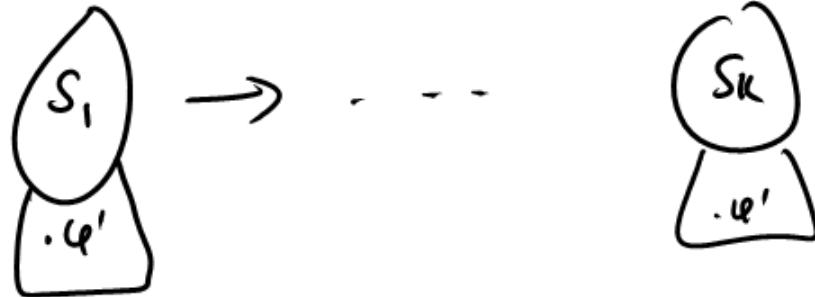
-  $\bigwedge_{i=0}^{k-1} \text{Trans}(S_i, S_{i+1})$

-  $\bigvee_{i=0}^{k-1} \left[ \text{Trans}(S_k, S_i) \wedge \bigvee_{j=i}^k \text{Final}(S_j) \right]$

LTL  $\longrightarrow$   $A_\varphi$



Vars :  
 $S_1 \cup \dots \cup S_k$   
 $\cup \{ \varphi_i^j \mid \varphi_i \in SF(\varphi) \wedge j \in [1, k] \}$



Also add transition constraints  
of  $A_q$ .

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Final(x) : defined to be the  
Büchi winning states  
of  $A_q$