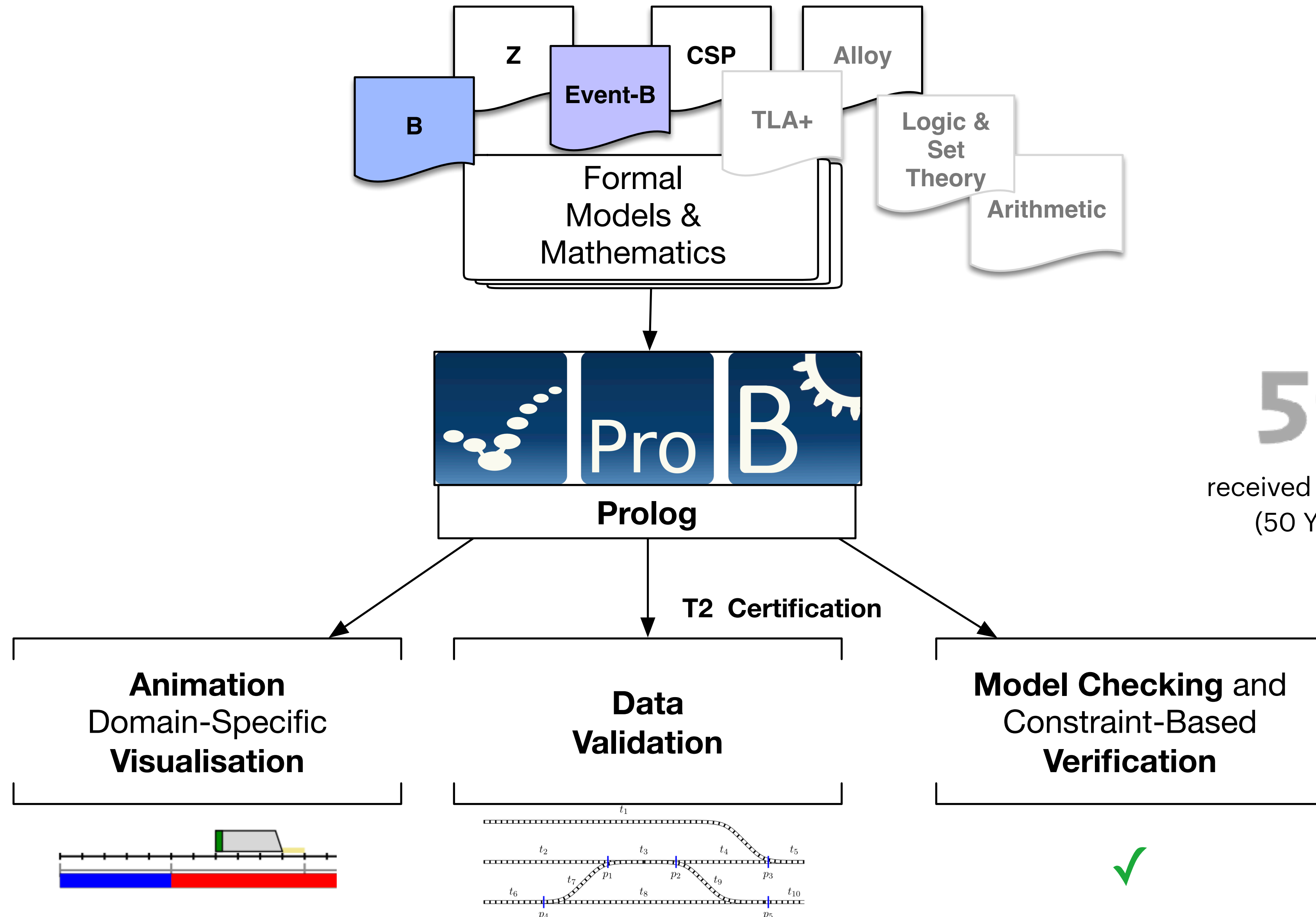


# Real Animation of TLA+ Models

ProB for TLA+ and TLC for B

# A Validation Tool for Formal Models



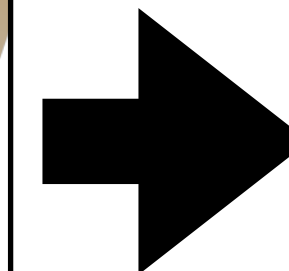
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# Data Validation

## Towards the limits

```
p_over := bool (# (over_track) . ((over_track : seq (t_block * t_direction) & over_track /= {} & first (over_track) = p_X2MBlock |> p_X2MDir & ! ii . (ii : 1 .. size (over_track) - 1 => (over_track) (ii) : dom (sidb_nextBlock) & ! ii . (ii : 1 .. size (over_track) => sidb_nextBlock ((over_track) (ii)) = (over_track) (ii + 1))) & (# (over_res) . ((over_res : sidb_restrictionApplicable & (# ii . (ii : dom (over_track) & ((prj2 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (ii))) = c_up => over_res : ran (sgd_blockUpRestrictionSeq ((prj1 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (ii)))))) & ((prj2 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (ii))) = c_down => over_res : ran (sgd_blockDownRestrictionSeq ((prj1 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (ii)))))) & (ii = 1 => not (over_res <= p_X2MRes)) & p_X2MSSWorst + p_X2MDSS + (SIGMA (jj) . (jj : 1 .. ii | SIGMA (pre_res) . (pre_res : t_restriction & ((prj2 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (jj))) = c_up => pre_res : ran (sgd_blockUpRestrictionSeq ((prj1 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (jj)))))) & ((prj2 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (jj))) = c_down => pre_res : ran (sgd_blockDownRestrictionSeq ((prj1 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (jj)))))) & (jj = 1 => not (pre_res <= p_X2MRes)) & (jj = ii => not (pre_res >= over_res)) | sgd_restrictionDeltaSqSpeed (pre_res))) > sgd_restrictionSquareSpeed (over_res) & (over_res : sgd_restrictionFront => p_X2MResDist + (SIGMA (ti) . (ti : 1 .. ii | sgd_blockLength ((prj1 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (ti)))))) & (c_down |> sgd_blockLength (prj1 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (ii))) sgd_restrictionAbs (over_res)) & (prj2 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (ii))) + sgd_restrictionLength (over_res) > loc_locationUncertainty + c_trainLength))) or (# (eoa_res, res_after_eoa, ii) . (eoa_res : t_restriction & res_after_eoa : t_restriction & ii : dom (over_track) & p_EOABlock = (prj1 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (ii))) & (ii = 1 => p_X2MRes <= eoa_res) & ((prj2 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (ii))) = c_up => eoa_res : ran (sgd_blockUpRestrictionSeq (p_EOABlock)) & res_after_eoa : ran (sgd_blockUpRestrictionSeq (p_EOABlock)) & sgd_restrictionAbs (eoa_res) <= p_EOAAbs & p_EOAAbs < sgd_restrictionAbs (res_after_eoa) & ! ri . (ri : ran (sgd_blockUpRestrictionSeq (p_EOABlock)) => ri <= eoa_res or res_after_eoa <= ri)) & ((prj2 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (ii))) = c_down => eoa_res : ran (sgd_blockDownRestrictionSeq (p_EOABlock)) & res_after_eoa : ran (sgd_blockDownRestrictionSeq (p_EOABlock)) & sgd_restrictionAbs (eoa_res) >= p_EOAAbs & p_EOAAbs > sgd_restrictionAbs (res_after_eoa) & ! ri . (ri : ran (sgd_blockDownRestrictionSeq (p_EOABlock)) => ri <= eoa_res or res_after_eoa <= ri)) & p_X2MSSWorst + p_X2MDSS + (SIGMA (jj) . (jj : 1 .. ii | SIGMA (pre_res) . (pre_res : t_restriction & ((prj2 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (jj))) = c_up => pre_res : ran (sgd_blockUpRestrictionSeq ((prj1 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (jj)))))) & ((prj2 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (jj))) = c_down => pre_res : ran (sgd_blockDownRestrictionSeq ((prj1 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (jj)))))) & (jj = 1 => not (pre_res <= p_X2MRes)) & (jj = ii => pre_res <= eoa_res) | sgd_restrictionDeltaSqSpeed (pre_res))) & (c_up |> (sgd_restrictionAccel (eoa_res) * ((sgd_restrictionAbs (res_after_eoa) p_EOAAbs) / 1024)) / 2, c_down |> (sgd_restrictionAccel (eoa_res) * ((p_EOAAbs sgd_restrictionAbs (res_after_eoa) / 1024)) / 2) & ((prj2 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (ii))) > 0)) or (# (eoa_res, ii) . (eoa_res : t_restriction & ii : dom (over_track) & (ii = 1 => not (eoa_res <= p_X2MRes)) & p_EOABlock = (prj1 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (ii))) & ((prj2 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (ii))) = c_up => eoa_res : ran (sgd_blockUpRestrictionSeq (p_EOABlock)) & eoa_res = last (sgd_blockUpRestrictionSeq (p_EOABlock)) & sgd_restrictionAbs (eoa_res) <= p_EOAAbs & ((prj2 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (ii))) = c_down => eoa_res : ran (sgd_blockDownRestrictionSeq (p_EOABlock)) & eoa_res = last (sgd_blockDownRestrictionSeq (p_EOABlock)) & sgd_restrictionAbs (eoa_res) >= p_EOAAbs & p_X2MSSWorst + p_X2MDSS + (SIGMA (jj) . (jj : 1 .. ii | SIGMA (pre_res) . (pre_res : t_restriction & ((prj2 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (jj))) = c_up => pre_res : ran (sgd_blockUpRestrictionSeq ((prj1 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (jj)))))) & ((prj2 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (jj))) = c_down => pre_res : ran (sgd_blockDownRestrictionSeq ((prj1 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (jj)))))) & (jj = 1 => not (pre_res <= p_X2MRes)) & (jj = ii => not (pre_res >= eoa_res)) | sgd_restrictionDeltaSqSpeed (pre_res))) + (c_up |> (sgd_restrictionAccel (eoa_res) * ((p_EOAAbs sgd_restrictionAbs (res_after_eoa) / 1024)) / 2, c_down |> (sgd_restrictionAccel (eoa_res) * ((sgd_restrictionAbs (eoa_res) p_EOAAbs) / 1024)) / 2) & ((prj2 (t_block, t_direction) (over_track (ii))) > 0))) > 0))
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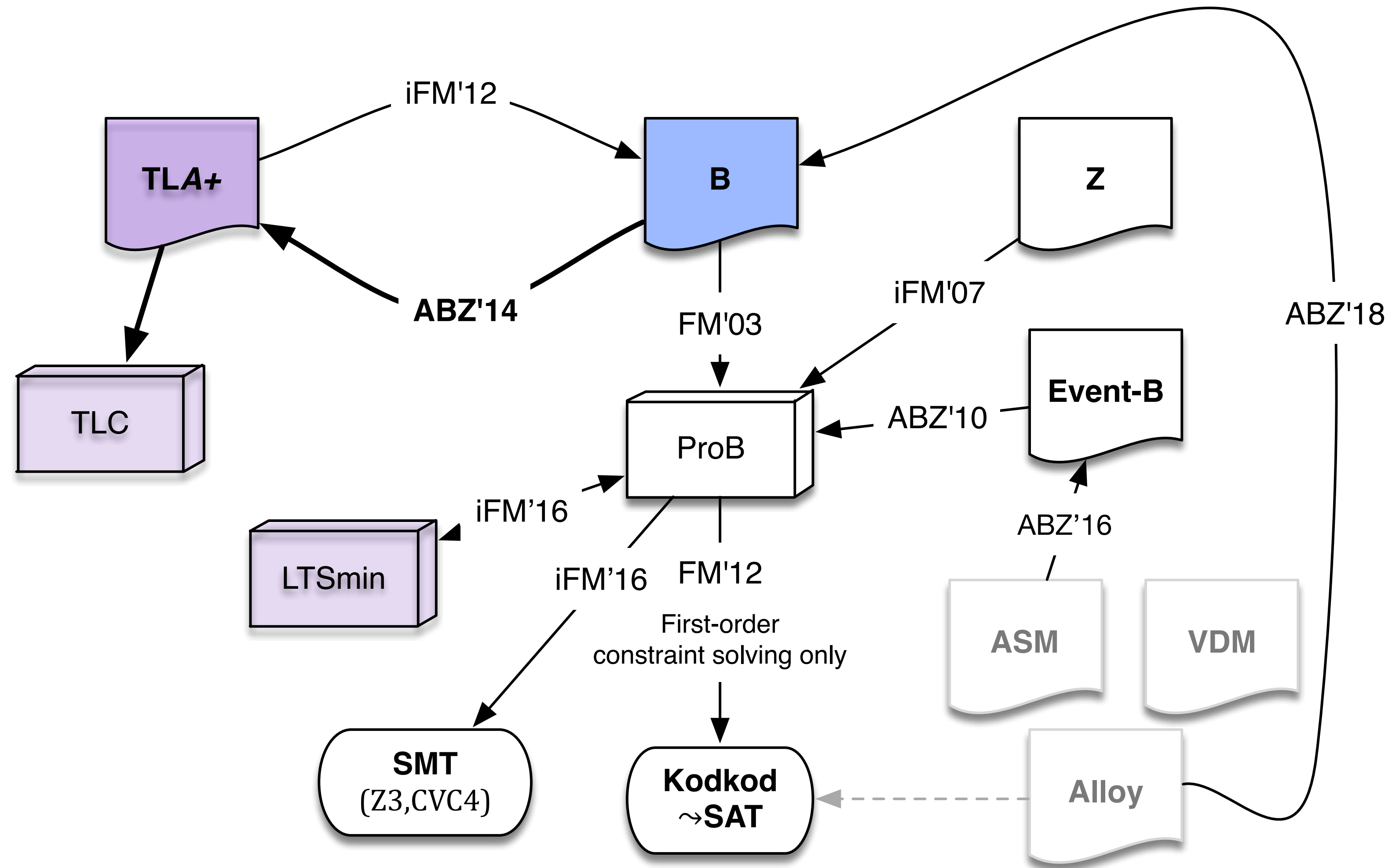
models with up to  
**10 million** lines of B



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Certification as T2 tool

# Languages and Backends

supported by ProB



# ProB's User Interfaces

```

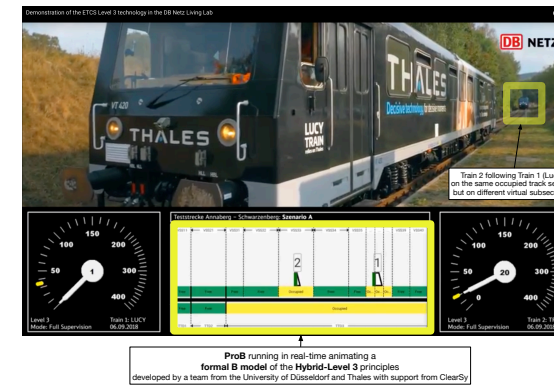
-> /* {ScalTheoryTest1:asm6} */ x + - 1.0 = 1.0
TRUE (2 ms - 0 ns = 2 ms)

-> /* {ScalTheoryTest1:asm7} */ x * 1.0 = x
TRUE (0 ms - 0 ns = 0 ms)

-> /* {ScalTheoryTest1:asm8} */ x * x = x + x
TRUE (0 ms - 0 ns = 0 ms)

-> /* {ScalTheoryTest1:asm9} */ RTNV(1.0) = 1.0
TRUE (1 ms - 0 ns = 1 ms)
    
```

procli  
(Command-Line Interface)



ProB embedded @ runtime

```

KISS PASSION Puzzle
A slightly more complicated puzzle (involving multiplication) is the KISS - PASSION problem.

In [3]:
1 [K, P, S, I, A, N]
2 [I, S, A, O, N]
3 [1000*K+100*I+10*S+5]
4 [1000*K+100*I+10*S+5]
5 = 1000*O+P+100*S+A+1000*S+1000+S+100*I+10*O+N
6 card([K, I, S, P, A, O, N]) = ?

Out [3]: TRUE

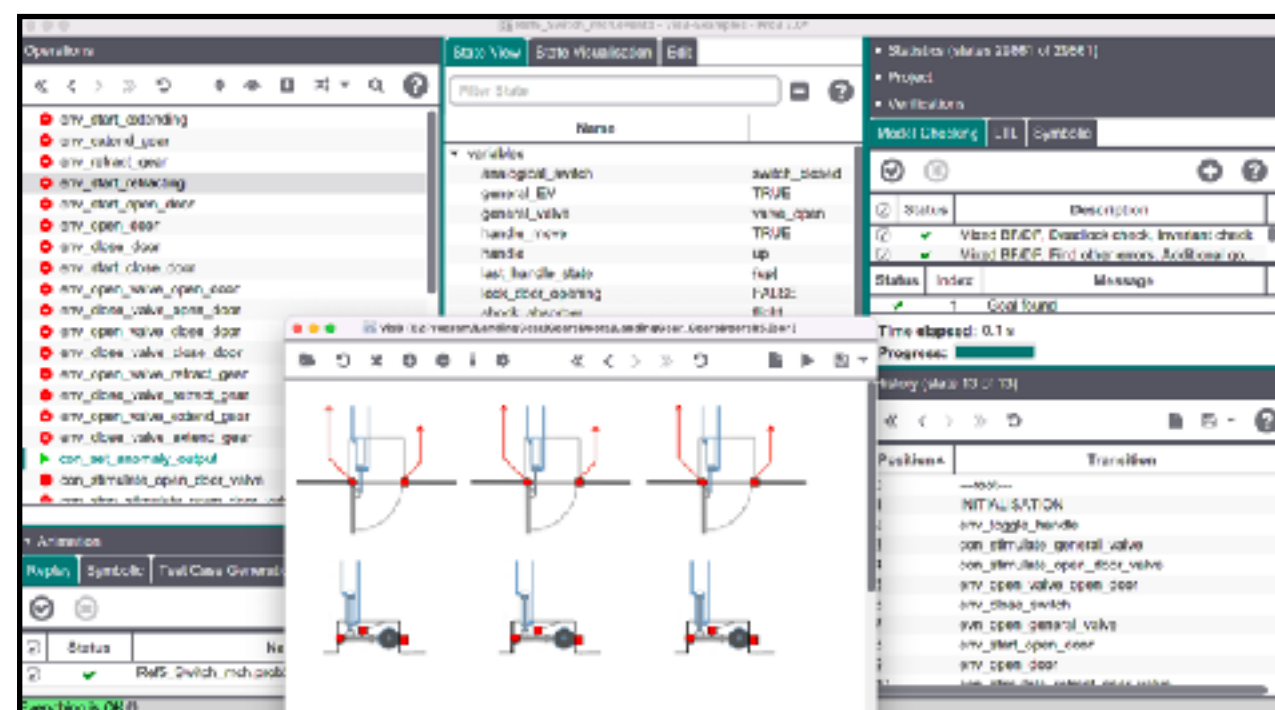
Solutions:
• P = 4
• A = 1
• S = 3
• I = 0
• K = 2
• N = 9
• O = 8
    
```

ProB Jupyter Kernel  
(Notebook interface)

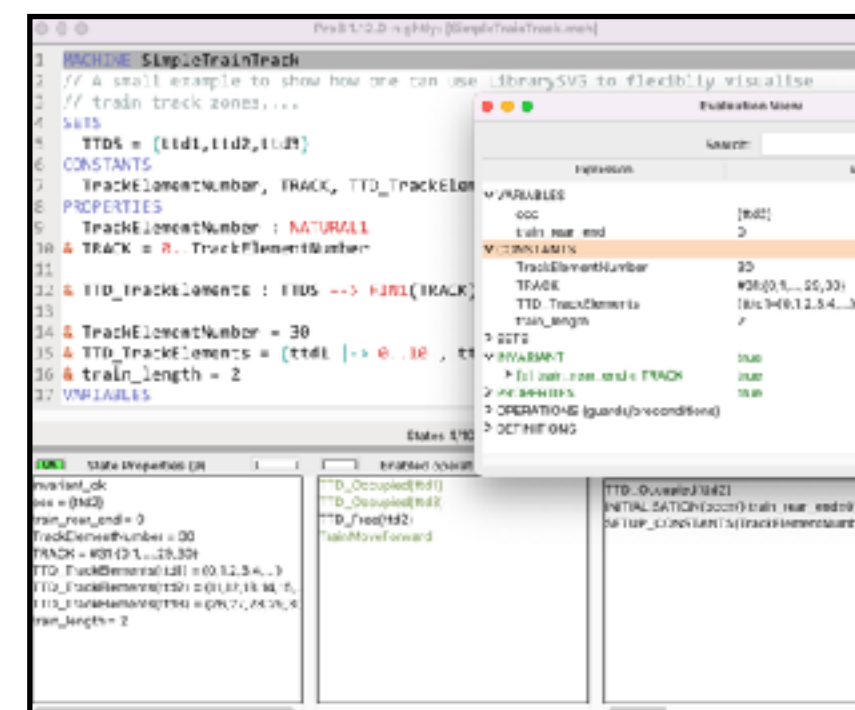
all share the same Prolog core



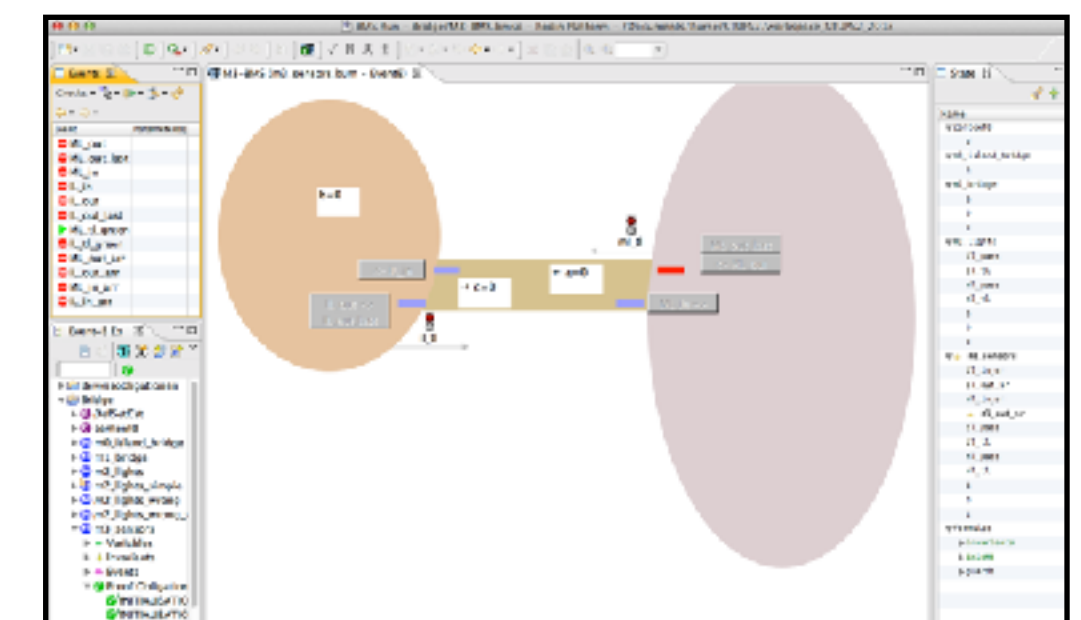
ProB2-UI



ProB Tcl/Tk

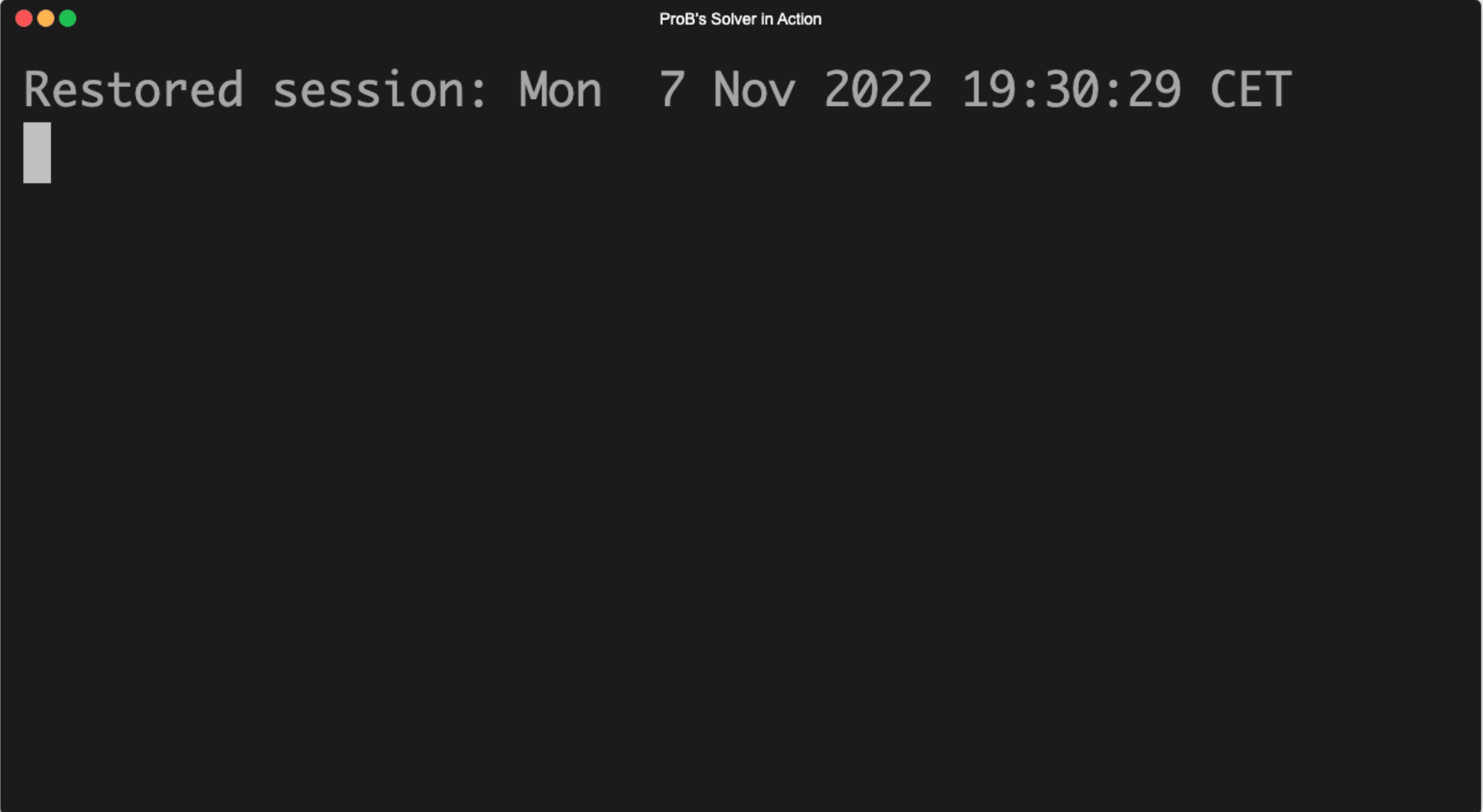


ProB Rodin (Eclipse) Plugin



including Disprover

# ProB's Solver in Action



```
ProB's Solver in Action
Restored session: Mon  7 Nov 2022 19:30:29 CET
█
```

# ProB running in SICStus Prolog in real-time executing a formal B model of the Hybrid-Level 3 principles



Train 2 following Train 1 (Lucy) on the same occupied track section, but on different virtual subsections

# B Logical Foundations



- Typed **first-order predicate logic** with equality
  - Well-Definedness Conditions to stay in two-valued logic
- **Arithmetic** over mathematical integers and implementable integers
- **Set theory**
  - Sets, Relations, Functions, Sequences
  - including **higher-order** functions
- B is simpler than its predecessor Z
- and provides structuring and refinement for proving and code generation

**related state-based formal methods:  
Z, TLA+, Alloy, VDM, ASM**

$$p \in \text{dom}(a) \rightarrow \text{dom}(a) \wedge \forall i \cdot (i \in 1..(\text{size}(a)-1) \Rightarrow p(a(i)) < p(a(i+1)))$$

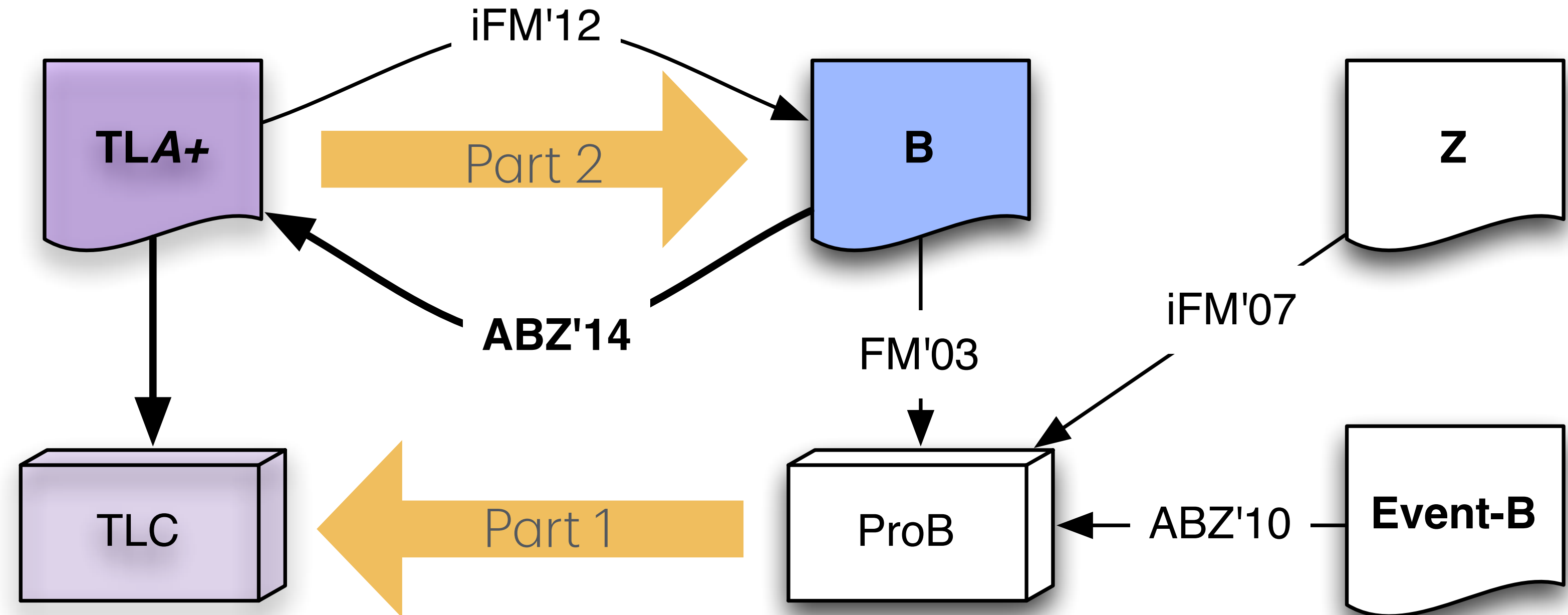


# TLA+ vs B

	TLA <sup>+</sup>	B-Method
Invented by	Leslie Lamport	J.R. Abrial
State-based	✓	✓
Typed	✗	✓
Set theory	✓	✓
Predicate logic	✓	✓
Arithmetic	✓	✓
Temporal formulas	✓	✗
State transition	Before-after predicate	Generalised substitutions
Model checker	TLC	PROB
Prover support	TLAPS	AtelierB

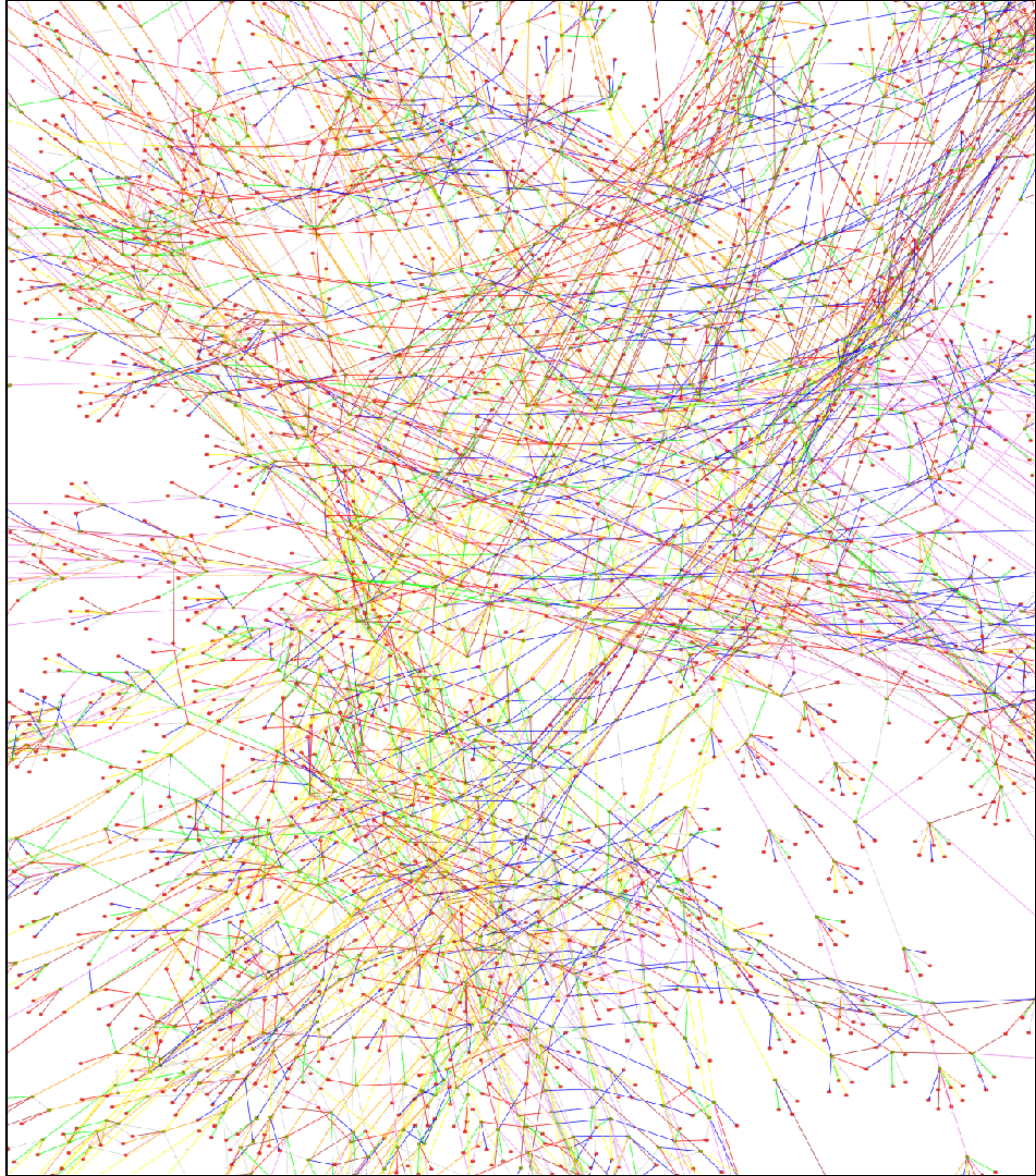
# This talk

## ProB and TLA+



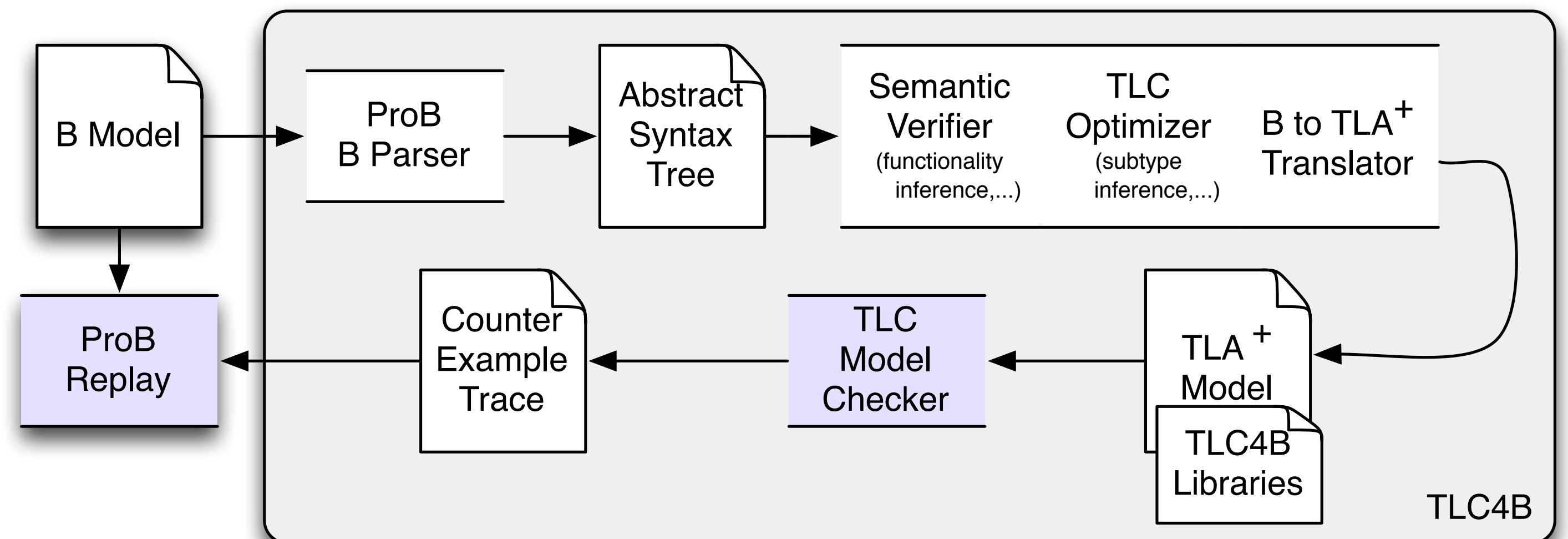
# TLC for B/ProB

Part 1 of Talk



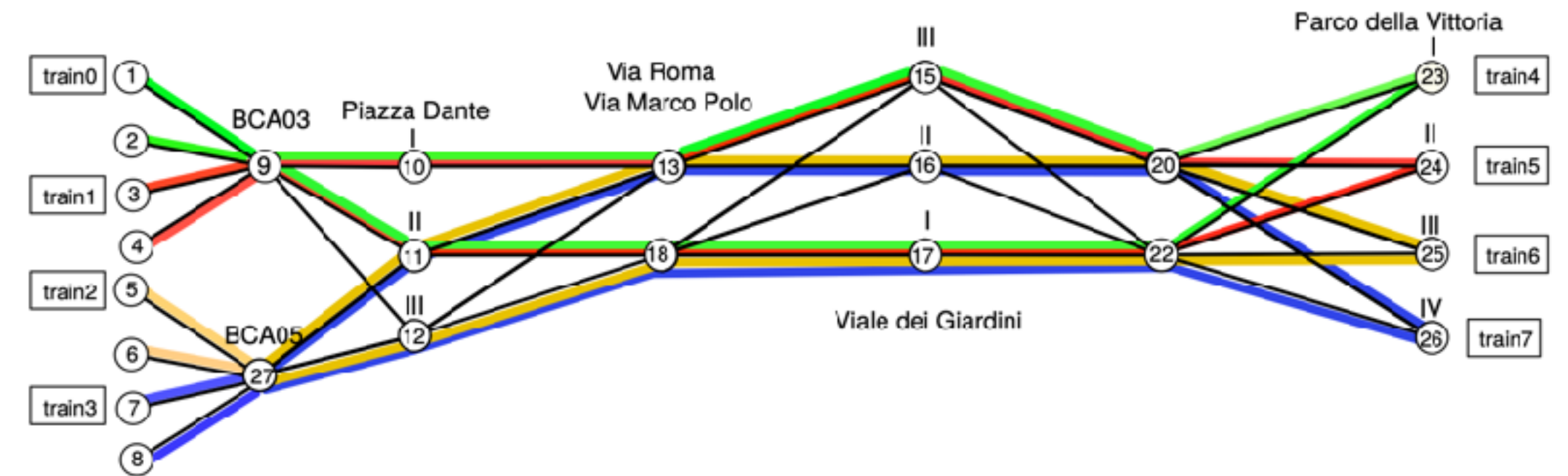
# TLC for B

- Based on a translation of B to TLA+ with some special modules for relations and functions
  - Functions in B are sets of tuples and we can apply set and relation operators on them
- Motivation of TLC4B: for low-level models TLC is much faster than ProB:
  - no constraint solving overhead
  - Java vs Prolog?
  - ignoring hash collisions in TLC
  - parallel



# Signalling Example

## Benchmark



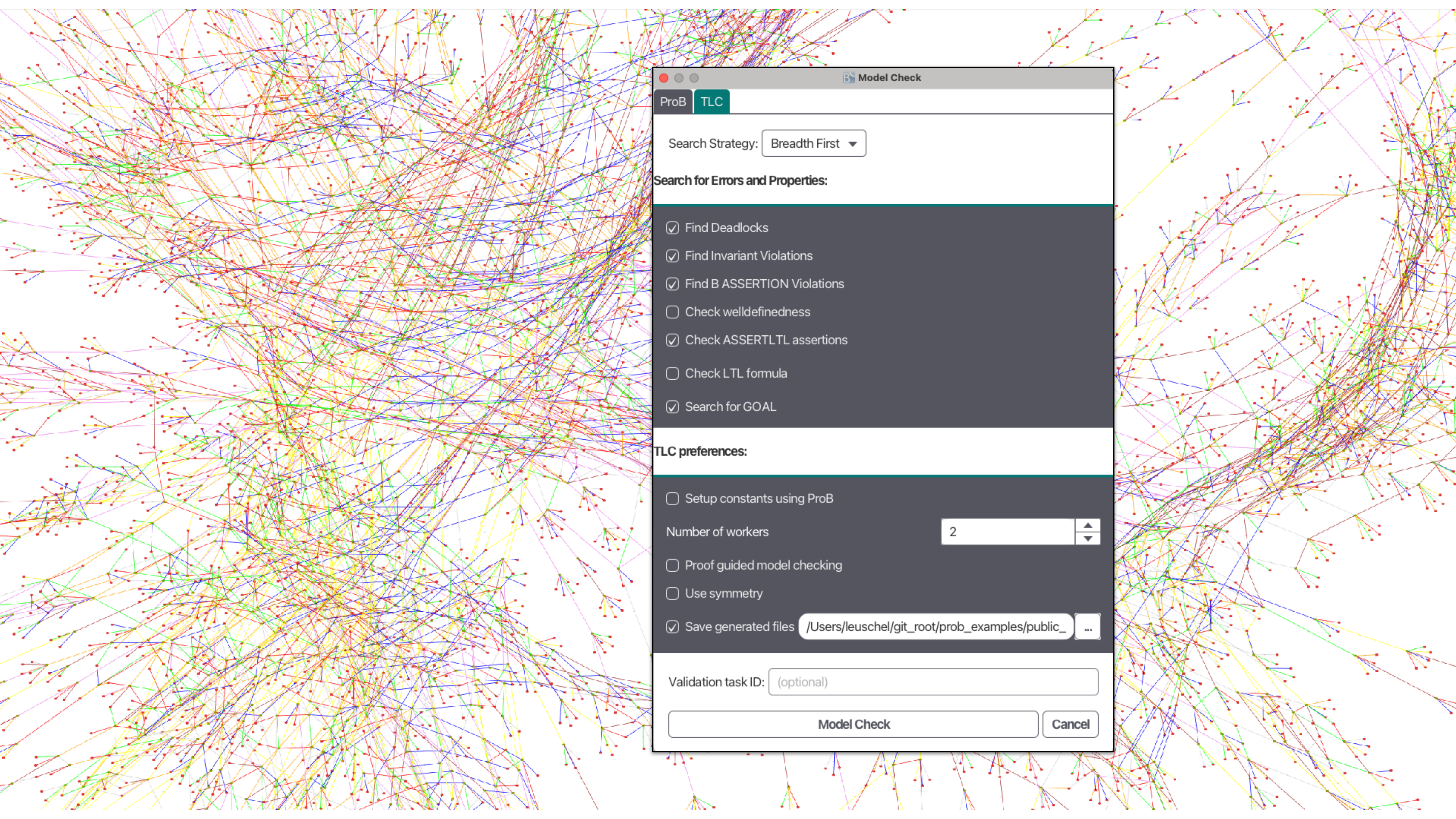
- Benchmark from Mars 2018 (Models for Formal Analysis of Real Systems)
- Using TLC4B required extension to handle limited sequential composition used

Communications-based Train Control (CBTC) systems are metro signalling platforms, which coordinate and protect the movements of trains within the tracks of a station, and between different stations. In CBTC platforms, a prominent role is played by the Automatic Train Supervision (ATS) system, which automatically dispatches and routes trains within the metro network. Among the various functions, an ATS needs to avoid deadlock situations, i.e., cases in which a group of trains block each other. In the context of a technology transfer study, we designed an algorithm for deadlock avoidance in train scheduling. In this paper, we present a case study in which the algorithm has been applied. The case study has been encoded using ten different formal verification environments, namely UMC, SPIN, NuSMV/nuXmv, mCRL2, CPN Tools, FDR4, CADP, TLA+, UPPAAL and ProB. Based on our experience, we observe commonalities and differences among the modelling languages considered, and we highlight the impact of the specific characteristics of each language on the presented models.

Table 3: Indicative Summary of Evaluation Times

Framework	Range of evaluation times
UMC	38 - 86 seconds
SPIN	13 - 47 seconds
NuSMV/nuXMV	2.9 - 43 seconds
CADP	29 seconds
UPPAAL	16 seconds
TLA+	3 minutes
ProB	32 minutes
mCRL2	2 minutes - 19 minutes
FDR4	15 seconds - 20 minutes
CPN	unable to deal with the state-space size





Model Check

ProB TLC

Search Strategy: Breadth First ▼

**Search for Errors and Properties:**

- Find Deadlocks
- Find Invariant Violations
- Find B ASSERTION Violations
- Check welldefinedness
- Check ASSERTLTL assertions
- Check LTL formula
- Search for GOAL

**TLC preferences:**

- Setup constants using ProB
- Number of workers: 2
- Proof guided model checking
- Use symmetry
- Save generated files: /Users/leuschel/git\_root/prob\_examples/public\_ ...

Validation task ID: (optional)

Model Check Cancel

prob\_oneway8seq.mch - TLA\_Examples - ProB 2.0\*

Operations

State View Edit

prob\_on.▼

```

1 /* https://www3.hhu.de/stups/prob/index.php/Summary_of_B_Syn
2
3 MACHINE Oneway
4
5 DEFINITIONS
6   SET_PREF_MAXINT == 1;
7   SET_PREF_MININT == 0
8

```

Statistics (states 35 of 130)

Verifications

Model Checking LTL/CTL Symbolic Proof Obligation

Status	Description
✓	TLC with First, 2 workers, Deadlock check, Invariant check, Asse...
✓	TLC with First, 5 workers, Deadlock check, Invariant check, Asse...

Reload Machine

- ▶ move0
- move1
- move2
- move3
- ▶ move4
- move5
- move6
- ▶ move7
- arrived

Reload Visualization

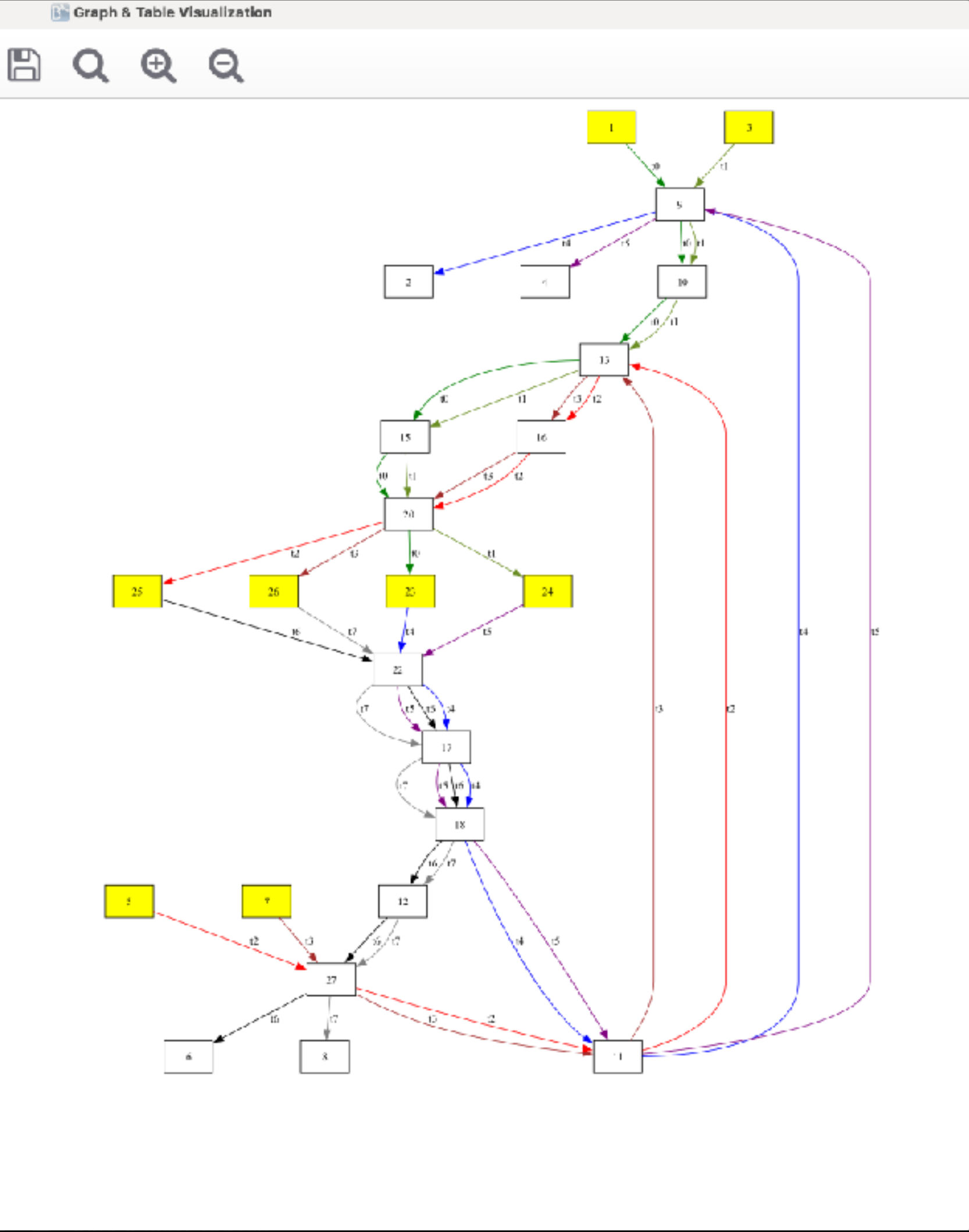
- visb\_info
  - VisB Items
  - VisB Events
  - VisB Objects
  - VisB Hovers
- state\_space\_visualisation
  - State Space
  - State Space (Fast)
  - Current State in State Space
  - Signature Merge
  - DFA Merge
  - State Space Expression Projection...
- trace\_visualisation
  - Path to Current State
  - UML Sequence Chart
- data\_flow\_info
  - Event Enable Graph
  - Event Dependence Graph
  - Variable Read/Write Graph
- state\_visualisation
  - Current State as Graph
  - Customized Current State as Graph

Animation

Replay Symbol

Status

✓



Model Checking complete. No error nodes found.

Time elapsed: 11.0 s

Progress:

Processed States: 1,636,545/1,636,545 (100%)

Total Transitions: 7134234

Memory Usage: -

Project

History (state 35 of 35)

Position	Transition
0	--root--
1	SETUP_CONSTANTS
2	INITIALISATION
3	move0
4	move5
5	move5
6	move2
7	move4
8	move5
9	move2
10	move3
11	move4
12	move2
13	move0
14	move3
15	move2
16	move7

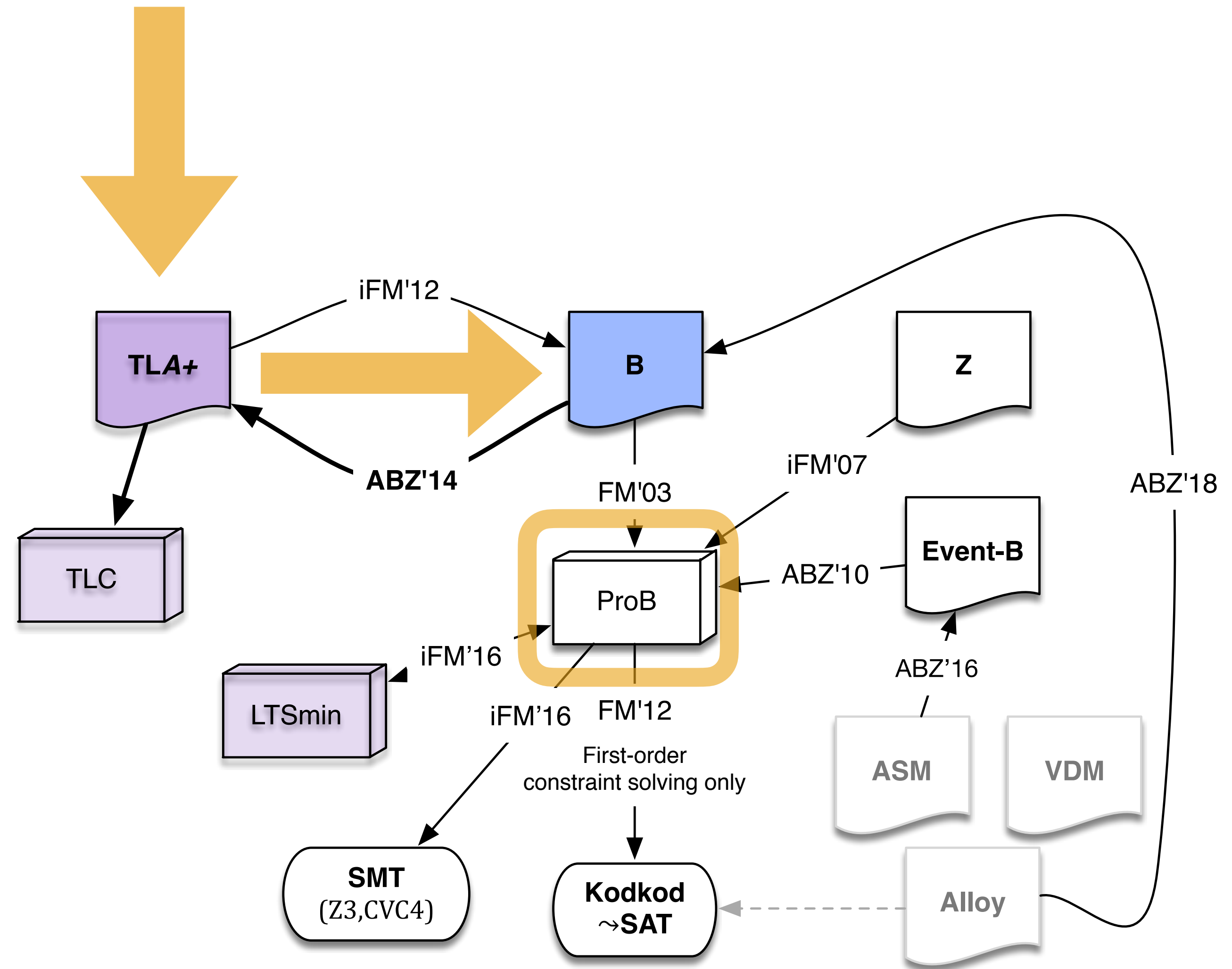
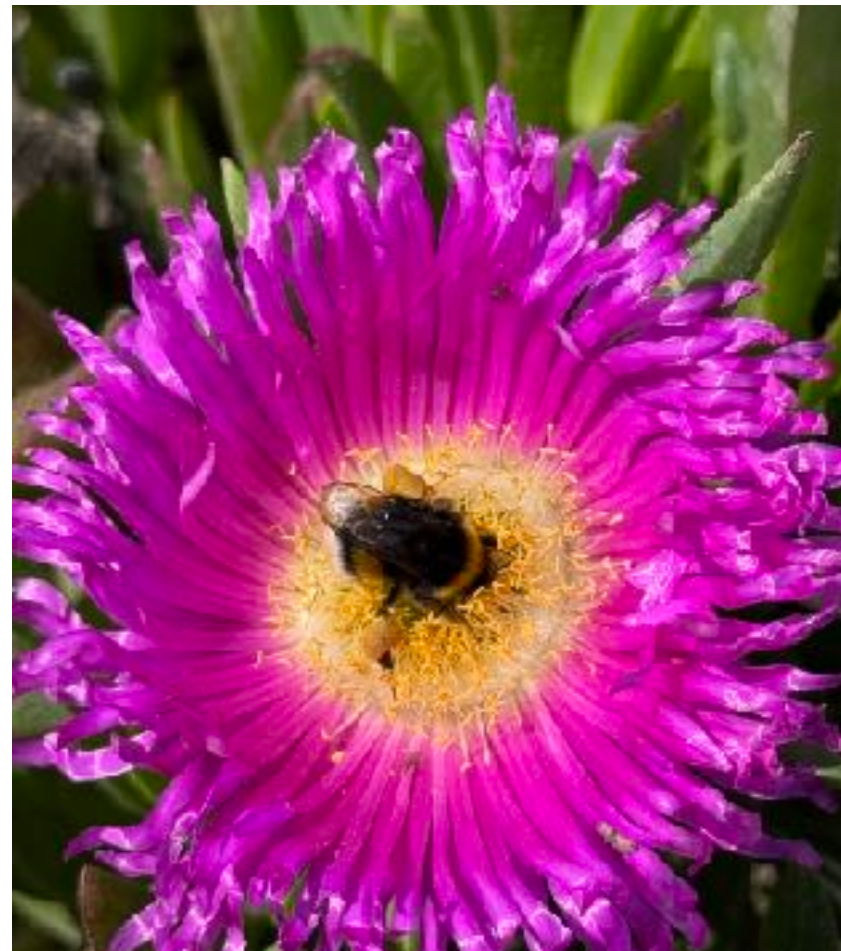
# Recap: TLC for B

- Improved TLC support for B models
  - Latest version of TLC
  - More options (disable coverage, inspect TLA+ translation), support in ProB2-UI
  - Limited support for sequential composition (but not full support, no refinement support, no WHILE, ...)
- For MARS 18 model: combined ProB+TLC faster than either alone
  - ProB generates solutions for constants / initial state (via solver)
  - TLC checks large state space of simple B operations
  - Performance similar to Spin!



# ProB for TLA+

Part 2 of Talk



# ProB for TLA+

## Translation of TLA+ to B AST

- Several values exist in both B and TLA+: strings, integers, records, sets, sequences,...
- B is typed (with type inference)
- Some slight differences (modulo, division)

```
MODULE HourClock
EXTENDS Naturals
CONSTANTS start
VARIABLES hr
ASSUME start ∈ 0 .. 12

Inv ≜ hr ∈ 0 .. 12
Init ≜ hr = start
Inc ≜ hr < 12 ∧ hr' = hr + 1
Reset ≜ hr = 12 ∧ hr' = 1
Next ≜ Inc ∨ Reset
```

```
MACHINE HourClock
CONSTANTS start
VARIABLES hr
PROPERTIES start ∈ 0 .. 12
INVARIANT hr ∈ 0 .. 12
INITIALISATION hr : (hr = start)
OPERATIONS
  Inc_Op = ANY hr_n
    WHERE hr < 12 ∧ hr_n = hr + 1
    THEN hr := hr_n END

  Reset_Op = ANY hr_n
    WHERE hr = 12 ∧ hr_n = 1
    THEN hr := hr_n END
END
```

# Why ProB for TLA+

- Interactive animation
- Constraint solving capabilities
- Visualisation: state space projection, individual states using GraphViz, SVG-based interactive visualisation
- Storing & replaying traces, VO manager
- Model checking: other algorithms available: symmetry, operation caching, POR, ...

# Why not ProB for TLA+

- Model checking can be much slower
- Only typed specifications are accepted
- Not all features of TLA+ supported
- Tool may show B formulas (even though use of Unicode overcomes part of the hurdle)

▼ INVARIANT	true
▶ [€] small € 0 .. 3	true
▶ [€] big € 0 .. 5	true
▶ [≠] big ≠ 4	true

# ProB2-UI

<https://prob.hhu.de>

The screenshot displays the ProB2-UI interface for the 'SimpleTrainTrack.mch' model. The interface is divided into several panels:

- Operations View:** Located on the top left, it shows a list of operations such as 'TTD\_Occupied(ttd=ttd1)', 'TTD\_Occupied(ttd=ttd2)', 'TTD\_Free(ttd=ttd3)', and 'TrainMoveForward'. It includes a 'Filter Operations' search bar and navigation controls.
- State View:** Located in the top center, it displays the current state of the model. It includes a 'Filter State' search bar and a table of variables, constants, sets, invariants, and properties. The 'train\_rear\_end' variable is highlighted in blue, and the 'INARIANT' section is highlighted in green.
- Project View:** Located on the top right, it shows a tree view of the project structure, including machines like 'MovingParticles4', 'WasserkocherEinfach\_mch', 'WasserkocherFalsch1\_mch', 'WasserkocherFalsch2\_mch', 'm0\_island\_bridge\_3cars\_mch', 'm1\_bridge\_mch', and 'Lift'.
- Replay View:** Located in the middle left, it shows the 'SimpleTrainTrack.prob2trace' file with a 'Replay' button and a 'Status' indicator.
- Console (REPL):** Located in the middle right, it shows the 'Interactive Console' with the prompt 'ProB B-Console' and the command 'B> train\_rear\_end' followed by the output '29'.
- History View:** Located on the bottom right, it shows a 'History (state 36 of 37)' table with columns for 'Position' and 'Transition'. The transitions listed are '---root---', 'SETUP\_CONSTANTS', 'INITIALISATION', and a series of 'TTD\_Occupied(ttd=ttd1)' and 'TrainMoveForward' transitions.
- VisB View:** Located at the bottom, it shows an 'SVG-based visualization of current state' of the train track, with a train icon and a track layout.

# Constraint Solving Example

## N-Queens

```
---- MODULE queens_20 ----  
EXTENDS Naturals, FiniteSets  
  
VARIABLE queens, n, solved  
----  
  
Init == /\ queens=[i \in 1..2 |-> 0]  
        /\ n=20  
        /\ solved = 0  
  
Solve == /\ solved=0  
         /\ queens' \in [1..n -> 1..n]  
         /\ \A i \in 1..n : (\A j \in 2..n : i<j => queens'[i] # queens'[j] /\  
                               queens'[i]+i-j # queens'[j] /\ queens'[i]-i+j # queens'[j])  
         /\ solved'=1  
         /\ n'=n  
Spec == Init /\ [] [Solve]_<<n,queens>>
```

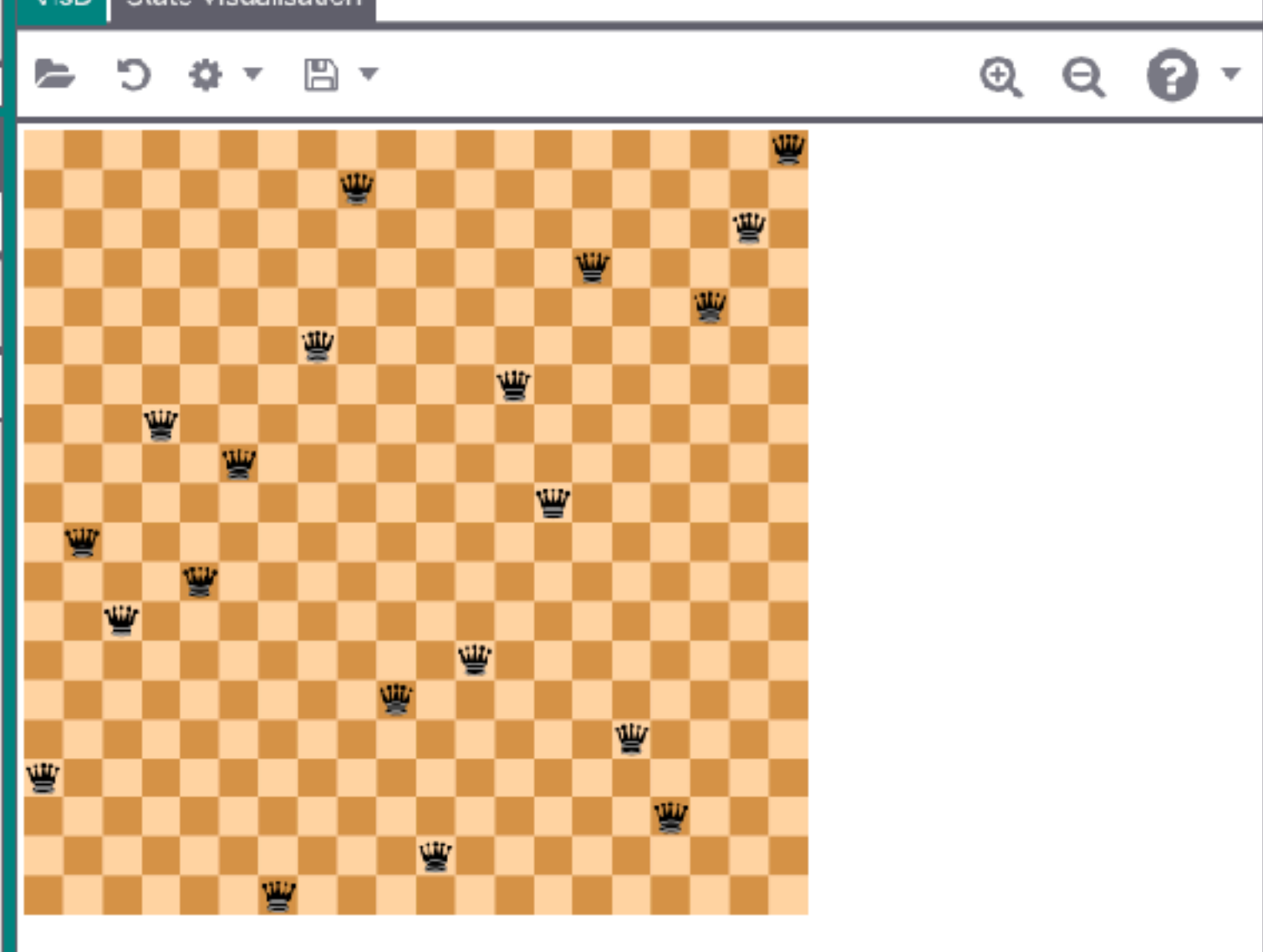
MacBook Air M2 n	ProB 1.13.1 (MC Time)	TLC 2.19 Toolbox 1.7.4 (MC Time)
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<b>7</b>	0.003	5.953
<b>8</b>	0.003	77.590
<b>9</b>	0.004	35min 23 sec
<b>20</b>	0.018	?

Operations panel with various icons and a "Solve" button.

```

1 ---- MODULE queens_20 ----
2
3 EXTENDS Naturals, FiniteSets
4
5 VARIABLE queens, n, solved
6 ----
7
8 Init == /\ queens=[i \in 1..2 | -> 0]
9         /\ n=20
10        /\ solved = 0
11
12 Solve == /\ solved=0
13           /\ queens' \in [1..n -> 1..n]
14           /\ /\ i \in 1..n : (\A j \in 2..n : i<j => queens'[i] #
15           /\ solved'=1
16           /\ n'=n
17 Spec == Init /\ [] [Solve]_<<n,queens>>
18
19 VISB_JSON_FILE == "queens_20_tla.json"
20
21 =====
22 \* Generated at Tue Jun 22 21:06:17 CEST 2010
23 \* TLC takes 2 seconds for n=6, 12 seconds to solve for n=7
24 \* and 4 minutes 9 seconds for n=8, 1h45min47sec for n=9
25 \* ProB takes 0.01 seconds for n=8, both on MacBook Pro 3.06 GHz
26

```



- DomSetLeaves3
IceCream\_Generic\_cst
prob\_oneway8seq
prob\_oneway8seq\_tlc
tictactoe\_v2
Einstein
Demo01\_no\_tlaps
DieHard
queens\_20

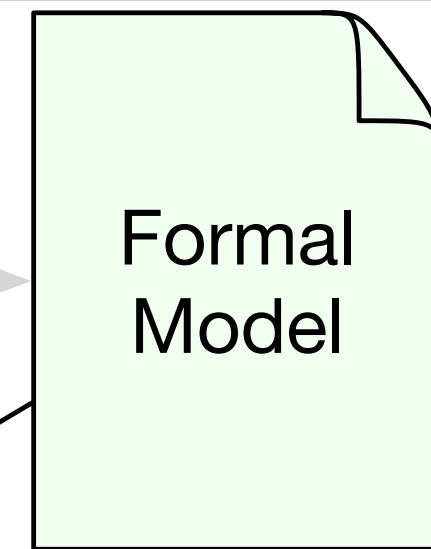
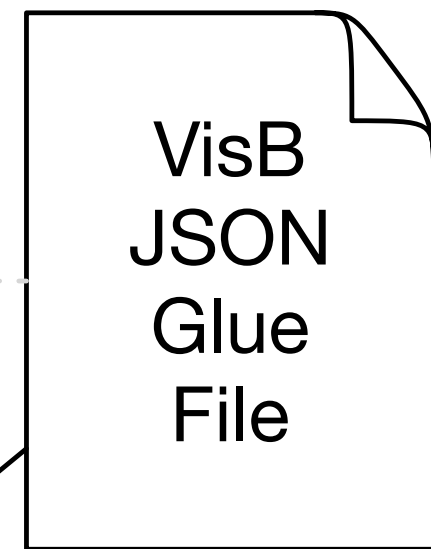
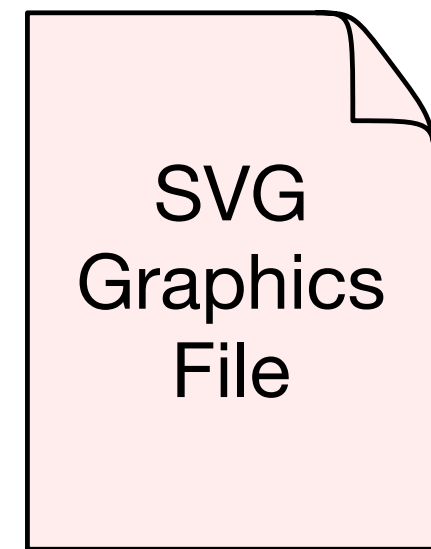
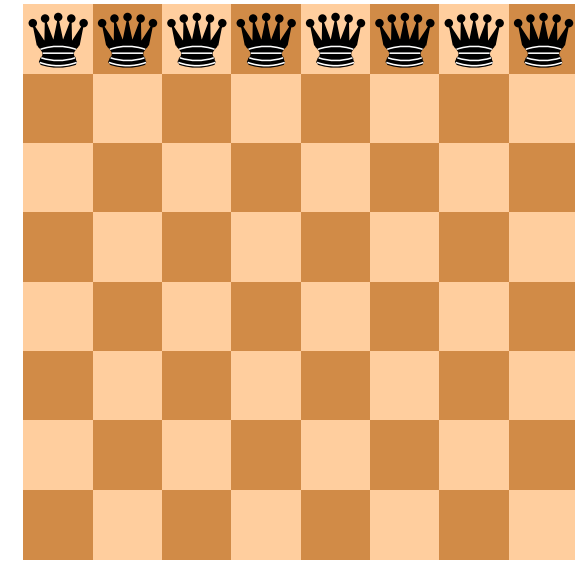
Position	Transition
0	---root---
1	INITIALISATION
2	Solve

Table with 3 columns: Status, Name, Steps. The content is empty, displaying "No Traces".

# VisB Architecture

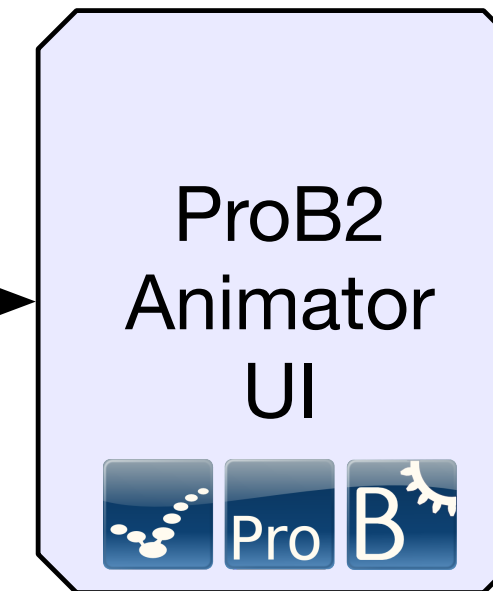
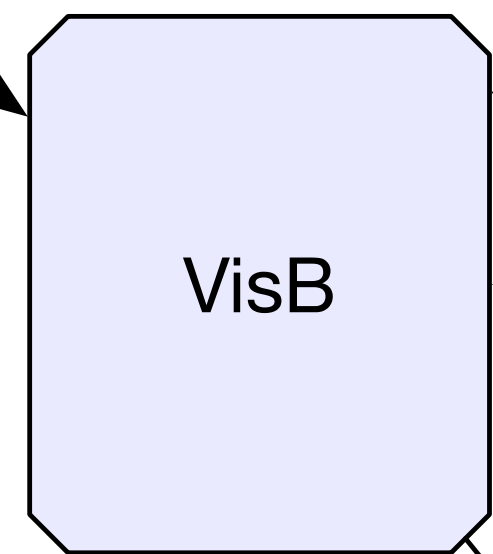
How to visualise formal models

```
---- MODULE queens_20 ----  
EXTENDS Naturals, FiniteSets  
VARIABLE queens, n, solved  
----  
Init ==  $\wedge$  queens=[i \in 1..2 |-> 0]  
        $\wedge$  n=20  
        $\wedge$  solved = 0  
Solve ==  $\wedge$  solved=0  
         $\wedge$  queens' \in [1..n -> 1..n]  
         $\wedge$   $\forall$  i \in 1..n : ( $\forall$  j \in 2..n : i < j => queens'[i] #  
queens'[j])  $\wedge$   
        queens'[i]+i-j # queens'[j]  $\wedge$   
queens'[i]-i+j # queens'[j])  
        $\wedge$  solved'=1  
        $\wedge$  n'=n  
Spec == Init  $\wedge$  [] [Solve]_<<n,queens>>
```



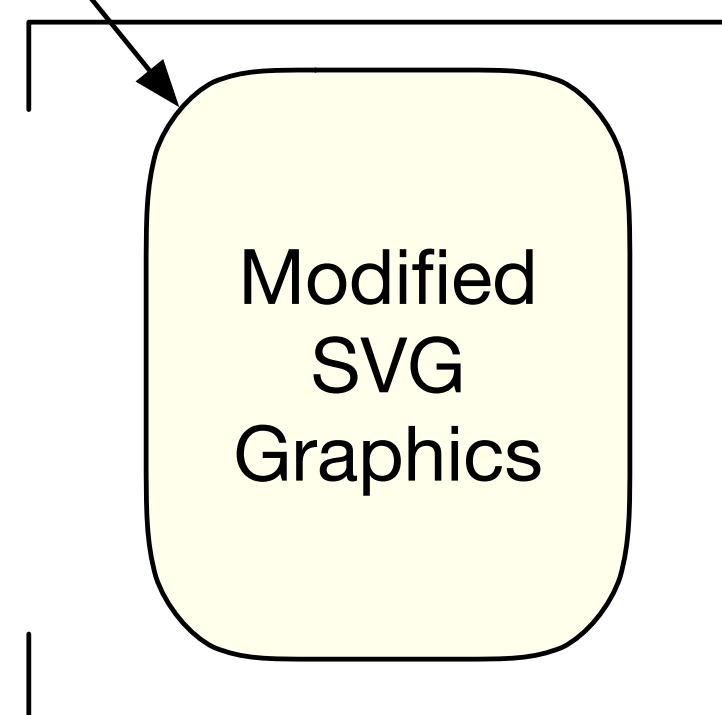
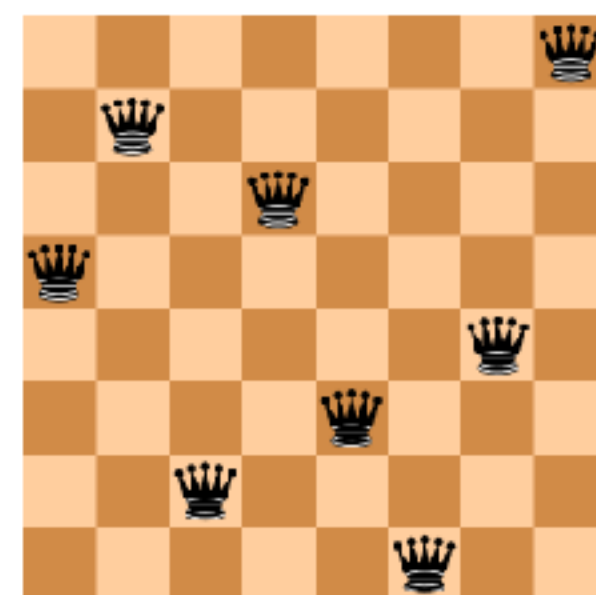
object ids  
and attributes

expressions over  
variables, constants  
and events



Evaluation  
of Formulas  
from Glue  
File

Setting Attributes  
and On-click Callbacks + add new objects





# Another Example

## Die Hard Jugs Puzzle

- Interactive visualisation
- Note: instead of putting VisB infos in JSON file, one can now also provide definitions in TLA+ syntax in the .tla file
  - VISB\_SVG\_OBJECTS == ...

```
----- MODULE DieHard -----
(* File from TLC distribution; minor changes for ProB and VisB *)
(*****)
(* In the movie Die Hard 3, the heroes must obtain exactly 4 gallons of*)
(* water using a 5 gallon jug, a 3 gallon jug, and a water faucet. Our *)
(* goal: to get TLC to solve the problem for us. *)
(* *)
(* First, we write a spec that describes all allowable behaviors of our *)
(* heros. *)
(*****)
...
TypeOK == /\ small \in 0..3
          /\ big \in 0..5
...
(*****)
Next == \V FillSmallJug
        \V FillBigJug
        \V EmptySmallJug
        \V EmptyBigJug
        \V SmallToBig
        \V BigToSmall
...
```

```
VISB_JSON_FILE == "DieHard_tla.json" \* addition for ProB-VisB
GOAL == (big=4) \* for ProB; not really required; config file has invariant
```

Operations

Navigation icons: back, forward, search, help.

- ▶ FillSmallJug
- FillBigJug
- ▶ EmptySmallJug
- ▶ EmptyBigJug
- SmallToBig
- ▶ BigToSmall

Animation

Replay | Symbolic | Test Case Generation

Checkmark icon and help icon.

✓	Status	Name	Steps
✓	✓	DieHard	7

State View Edit

File, share, refresh, search, help icons.

```

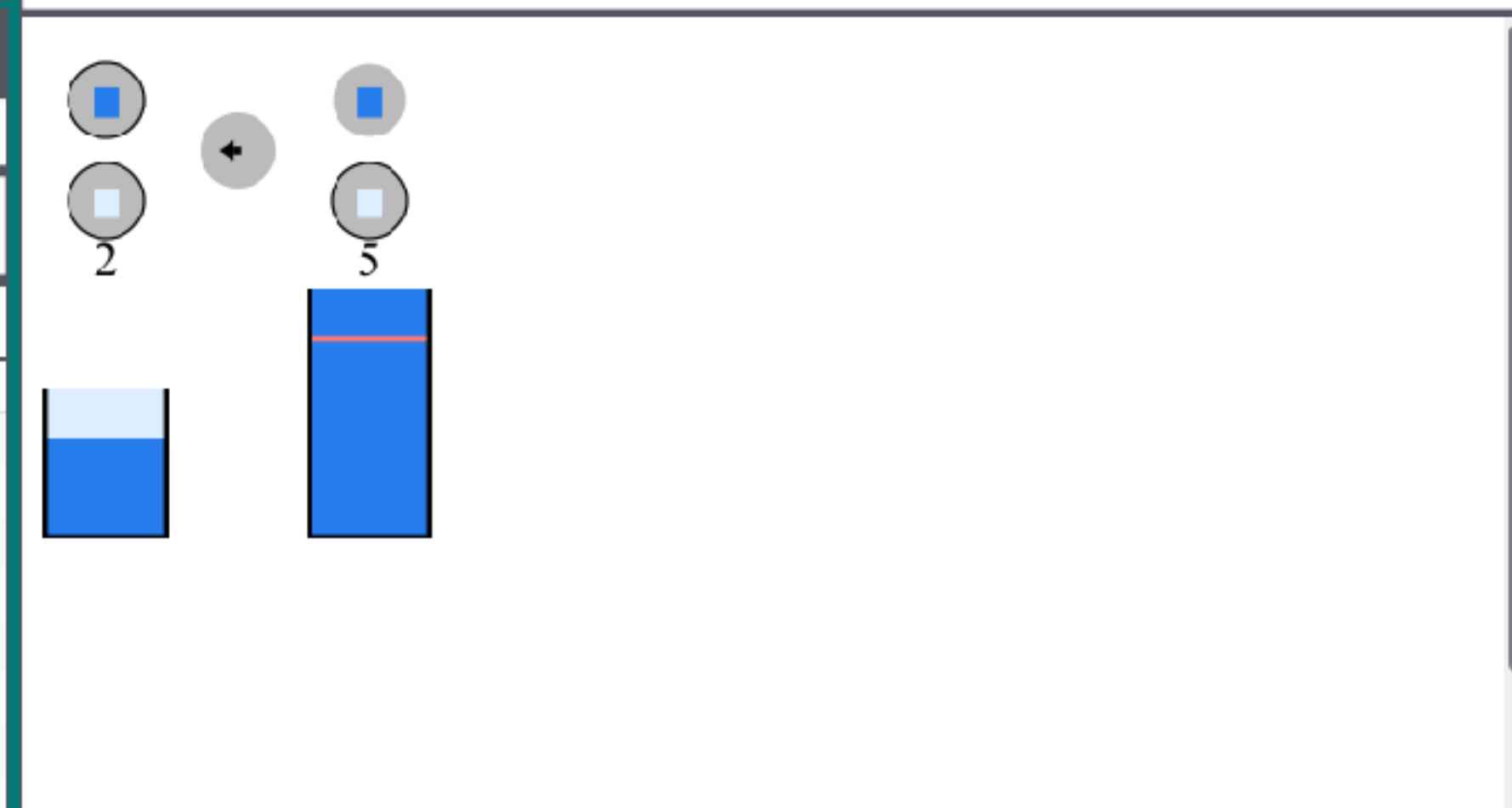
1 ----- MODULE DieHard -----
2 (* File from TLC distribution; minor change for ProB and VisB *)
3 (*****:
4 (* In the movie Die Hard 3, the heros must obtain exactly 4 gallons
5 (* water using a 5 gallon jug, a 3 gallon jug, and a water faucet.
6 (* goal: to get TLC to solve the problem for us.
7 (*
8 (* First, we write a spec that describes all allowable behaviors of
9 (* heros.
10 (*****:
11 EXTENDS Integers
12 (*****:
13 (* This statement imports the definitions of the ordinary operators
14 (* natural numbers, such as +.
15 (*****:
16
17
18 (*****:
19 (* We next declare the specification's variables.
20 (*****:
21 VARIABLES big,    \* The number of gallons of water in the 5 gallon
22                small \* The number of gallons of water in the 3 gallon
23

```

Visualisation

VisB | State Visualisation

Navigation icons: back, forward, search, help.



Interactive Console

Statistics (states 11 of 13)

Verifications

Model Checking | LTL/CTL | Symbolic | Proof Obligation

Checkmark icon, plus icon, help icon.

✓	Status	Description
✓	ⓘ	Mixed BF/DF, Deadlock check, Invariant check, Find other err...

Status	Message
	No model checking step executed yet

Start Model Checking | Continue Model Checking

Project

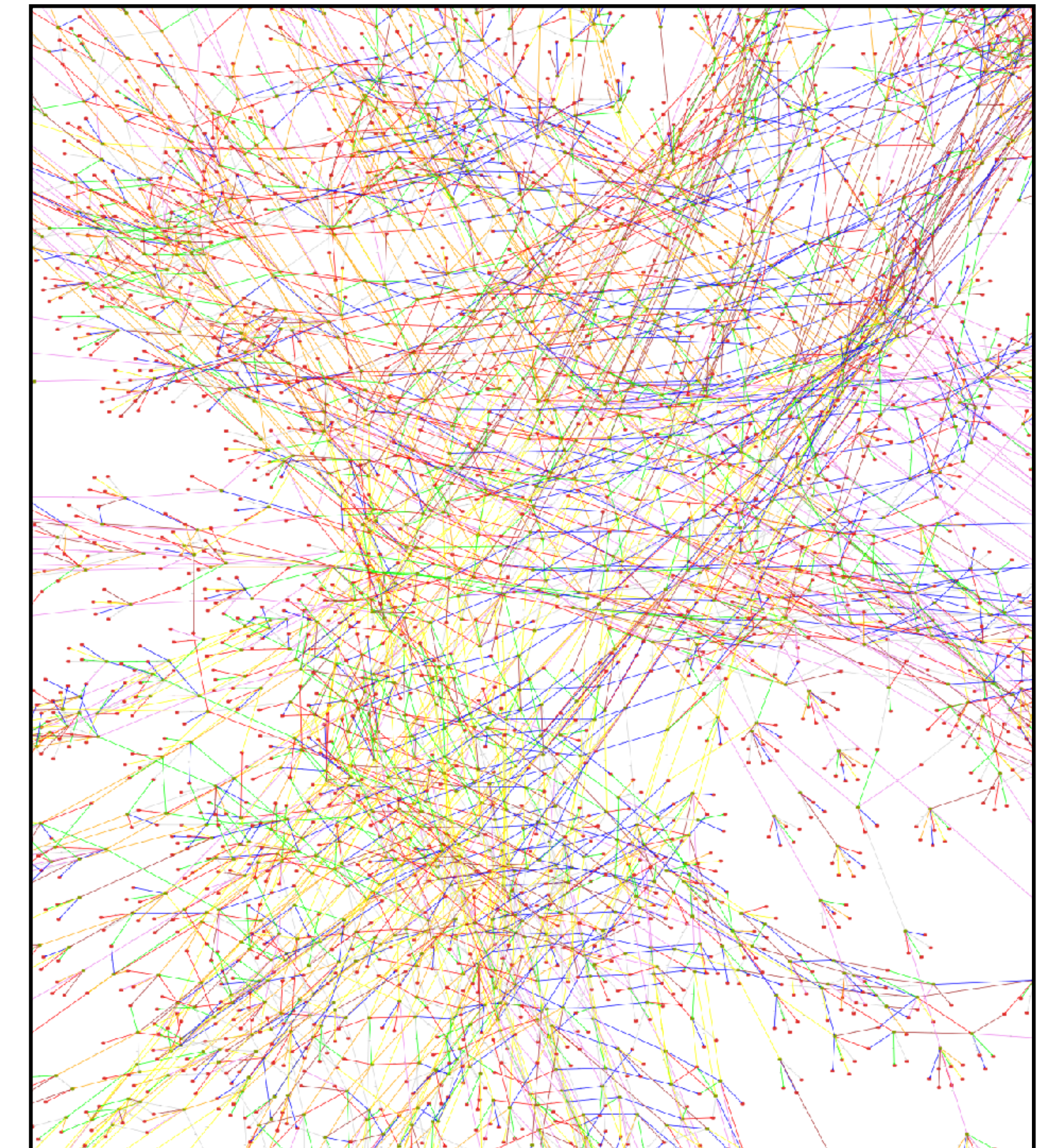
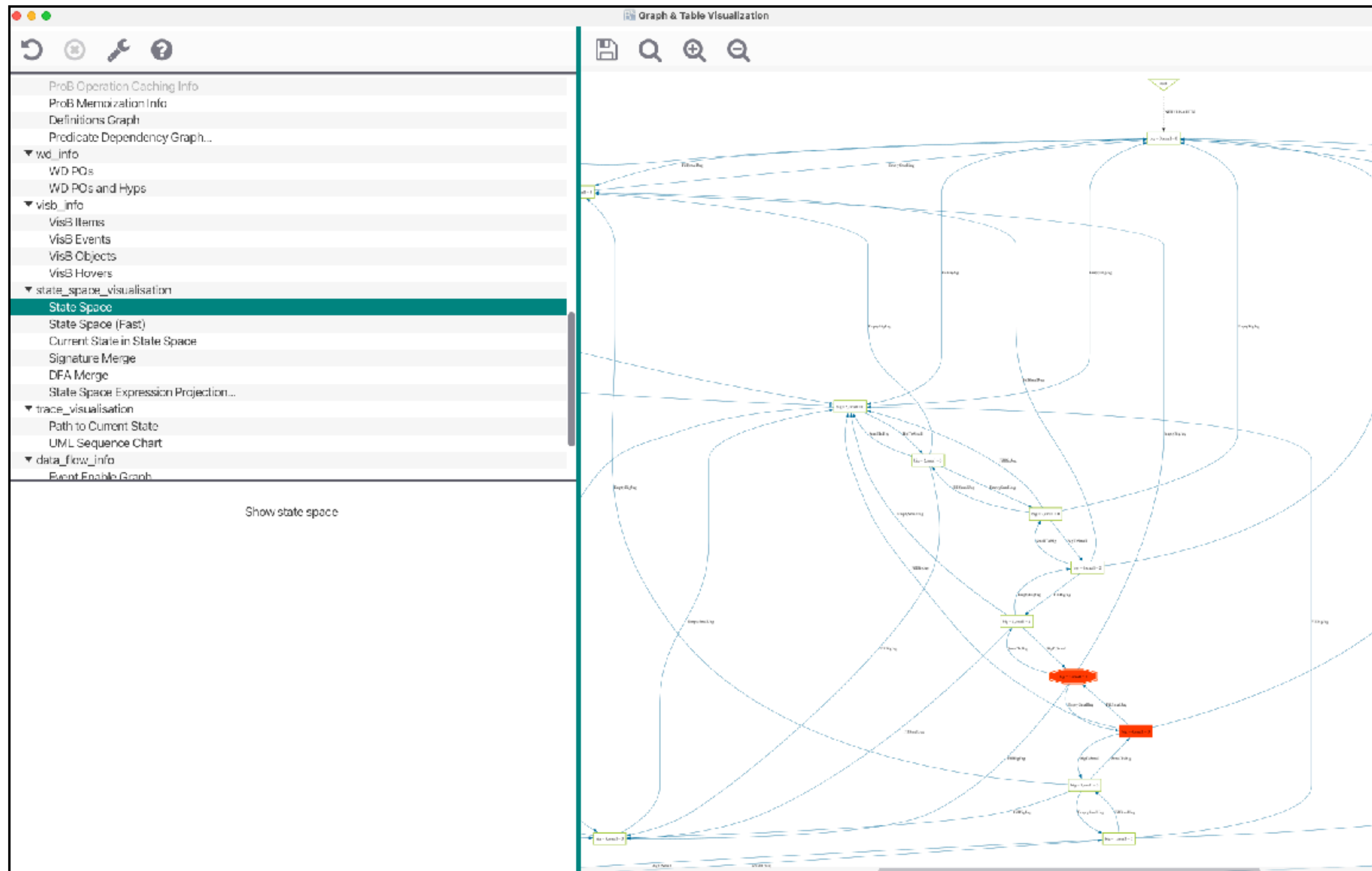
History (state 6 of 7)

Navigation icons: back, forward, search, help.

Position ▲	Transition
0	---root---
1	INITIALISATION
2	FillBigJug
3	BigToSmall
4	EmptySmallJug
5	BigToSmall
6	<b>FillBigJug</b>
7	BigToSmall

# Full State Space Visualisation

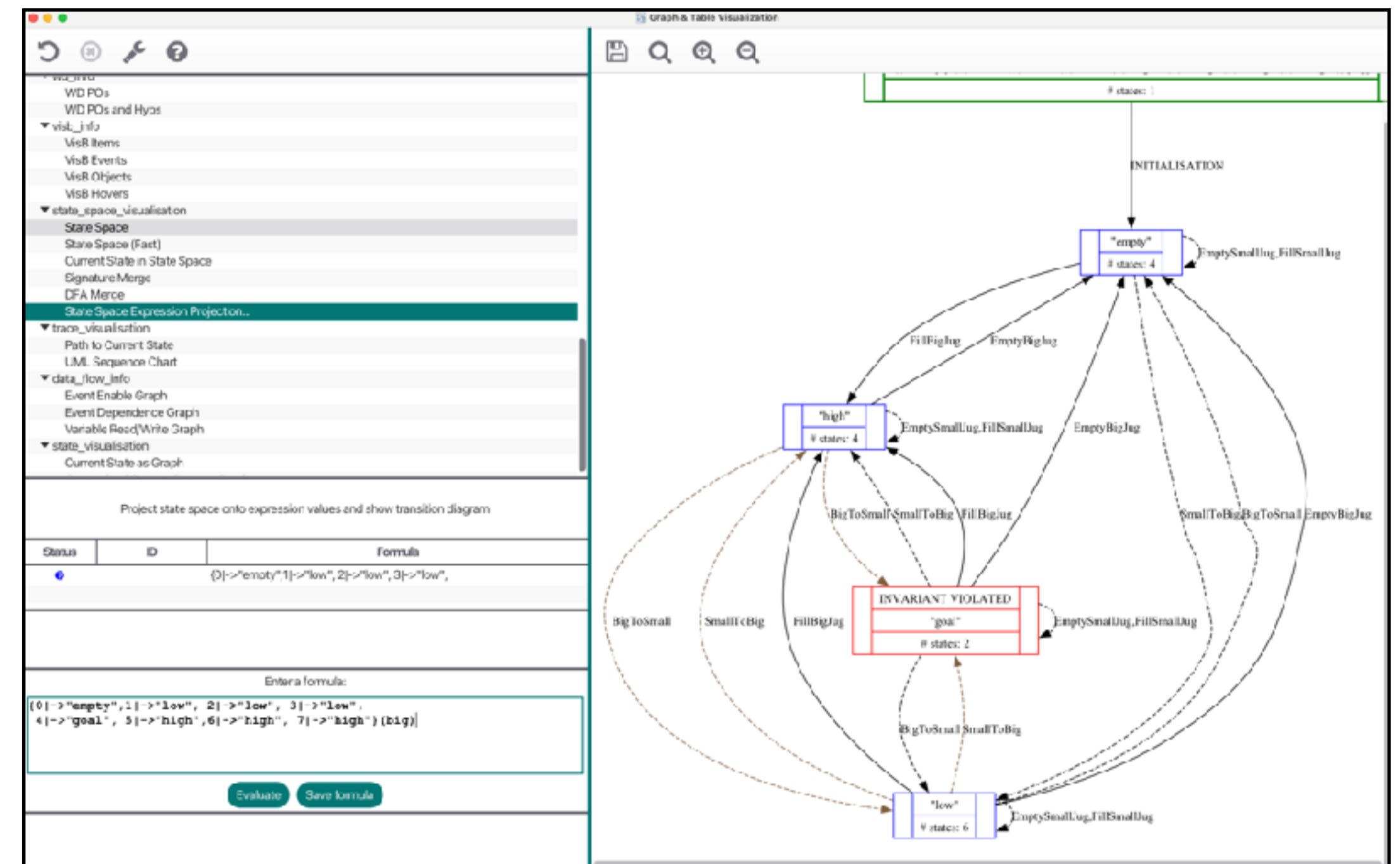
sometimes beautiful, but seldom informative



# State Space Visualisation

## Projection Diagrams

- Provide an expression, like
  - big
  - (big mod 2, small mod 2)
  - {0|->"empty",1|->"low", 2|->"low", 3|->"low", 4|->"goal", 5|->"high",6|->"high", 7|->"high"}(big)
- and state space will be projected onto possible values of the expression



wd\_info

- WD POs
- WD POs and Hyps
- visb\_info
  - VisB Items
  - VisB Events
  - VisB Objects
  - VisB Hovers
- state\_space\_visualisation
  - State Space
  - State Space (Fast)
  - Current State in State Space
  - Signature Merge
  - DFA Merge
  - State Space Expression Projection...
- trace\_visualisation
  - Path to Current State
  - UML Sequence Chart
- data\_flow\_info
  - Event Enable Graph
  - Event Dependence Graph
  - Variable Read/Write Graph
- state\_visualisation
  - Current State as Graph

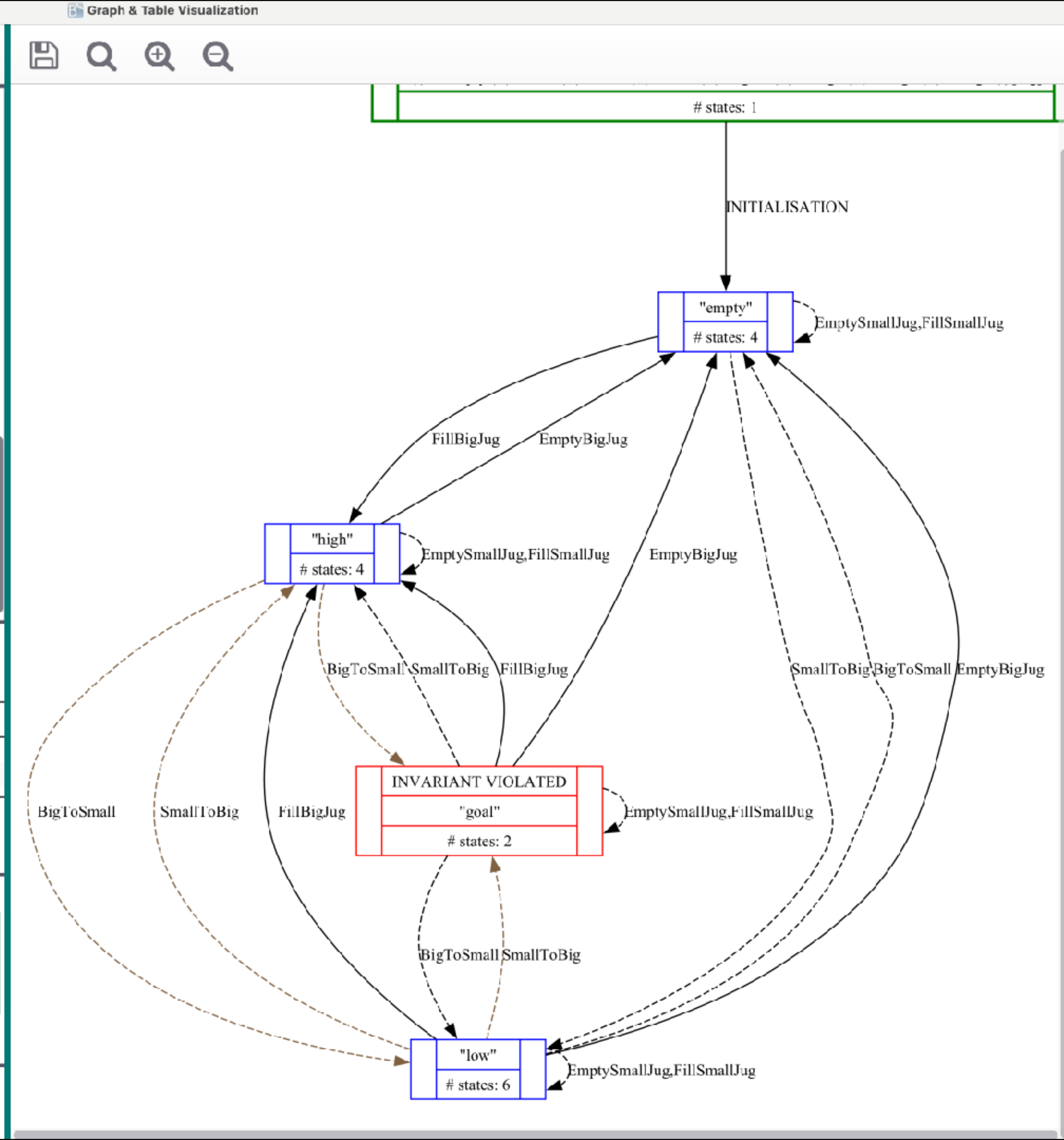
Project state space onto expression values and show transition diagram

Status	ID	Formula
		{0 ->"empty",1 ->"low",2 ->"low",3 ->"low",

Enter a formula:

```
{0|->"empty",1|->"low",2|->"low",3|->"low",4|->"goal",5|->"high",6|->"high",7|->"high"}(big)
```

Evaluate Save formula



# New B2SAT backend of ProB

cf talk at FM'24 tomorrow

- ProB has various constraint solvers
  - default Prolog solver based on CLP(FD) solver and custom boolean, set, relation solvers
  - Kodkod: translation to SAT via Kodkod relational logic API (cf Alloy)
  - SMT: CVC4/Z3 translations (axiomatic and constructive)
  - new B2SAT direct translation to SAT
- All solvers also in principle available for TLA+ models

State View Edit

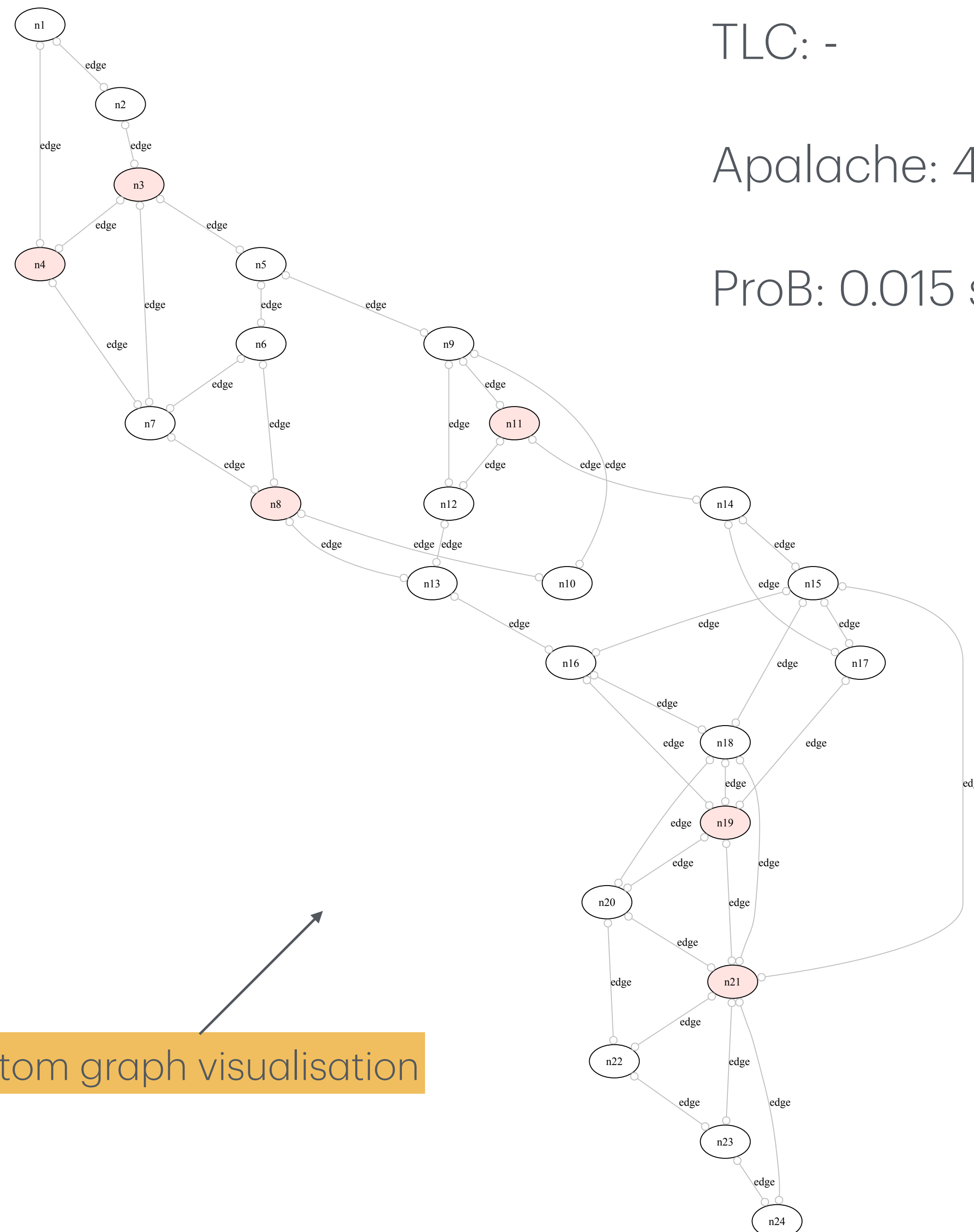


IceCream\_...

```

1 ---- MODULE IceCream_Generic_cst ----
2 \* Dominating set puzzle:
3 \* place ice cream vans so that every house (node) is
4 \* at most one block away from a van
5 EXTENDS Naturals, FiniteSets
6 CONSTANTS n1, n2, n3, n4, n5, n6, n7, n8, n9, n10,
7           n11, n12, n13, n14, n15, n16, n17, n18, n19, n20,
8           n21, n22, n23, n24,
9           ice
10 VARIABLES vans
11 NODES == {n1, n2, n3, n4, n5, n6, n7, n8, n9, n10,
12          n11, n12, n13, n14, n15, n16, n17, n18, n19, n20,
13          n21, n22, n23, n24}
14 edge == {<<n1, n2>>, <<n1, n4>>, <<n2, n3>>,
15          <<n3, n4>>, <<n3, n5>>, <<n3, n7>>,
16          <<n4, n7>>, <<n5, n6>>, <<n5, n9>>,
17          <<n6, n7>>, <<n6, n8>>, <<n7, n8>>,
18          <<n8, n10>>, <<n8, n13>>,
19          <<n9, n10>>, <<n9, n11>>, <<n9, n12>>,
20          <<n11, n12>>, <<n11, n14>>, <<n12, n13>>,
21          <<n13, n16>>, <<n14, n15>>, <<n14, n17>>,
22          <<n15, n16>>, <<n15, n17>>, <<n15, n18>>, <<n15, n21>>,
23          <<n16, n18>>, <<n16, n19>>, <<n17, n19>>,
24          <<n18, n19>>, <<n18, n20>>, <<n18, n21>>,
25          <<n19, n20>>, <<n19, n21>>, <<n20, n21>>, <<n20, n22>>,
26          <<n21, n22>>, <<n21, n23>>, <<n21, n24>>,
27          <<n22, n23>>, <<n21, n24>>, <<n23, n24>>}|
28 DomSet == (\A x \in NODES :
29           (ice[x] = TRUE
30            /\ (\E nbour \in NODES :
31              (<<nbour,x>> \in edge
32               /\ <<x,nbour>> \in edge)
33              /\ ice[nbour] = TRUE)))
34 ASSUME ice \in [NODES -> BOOLEAN]
35 /\ DomSet /\ Cardinality({x \in (NODES): ice[x] = TRUE}) =< 6
36 Init ==
37   vans = Cardinality({x \in NODES : ice[x]=TRUE})
38 Invariant ==
39   vans \in (0 .. 10)
40 Next == UNCHANGED <<ice, vans>>
41
42 SET_PREF_TIME_OUT == 1500
43 SET_PREF_SOLVER_FOR_PROPERTIES == "sat"
44 CUSTOM_GRAPH == [layout |-> "dot", rankdir |-> "TB",
45                  nodes |-> {[value |-> j, style |-> "filled",
46                             fillcolor |-> (IF ice[j] = TRUE THEN "mistyrose" ELSE "white")]: j \in NODES},
47                  edges |-> [color |-> "gray", arrowhead |-> "odot",
48                             arrowtail |-> "odot", dir |-> "both",
49                             label |-> "edge",
50                             edges |-> edge]]
51 =====
52
53

```



Custom graph visualisation

TLC: -

Apalache: 47 secs

ProB: 0.015 secs

# Playing Games

## Tic-Tac-Toe TLA+ model

- VisB interactive visualisation
- MCTS Auto-Play

```
\* additions for ProB:
VISB_JSON_FILE == "tictactoe_visb.json"
GOAL == Won("O")
\* the following Invariant is violated by this model
INVARIANT == ~Won("O") \/\ ~Won("X")
\* additions for ProB so that we can apply MCTS auto play:
GAME_MCTS_RUNS == 400
GAME_PLAYER == IF nextTurn = "X" THEN "max" ELSE "min"
GAME_OVER == IF Won("X") \/\ Won("O") THEN TRUE ELSE FALSE
GAME_VALUE == IF Won("X") THEN 1 ELSE 0
```

From:

<https://elliotswart.github.io/pragmaticformalmodeling/>

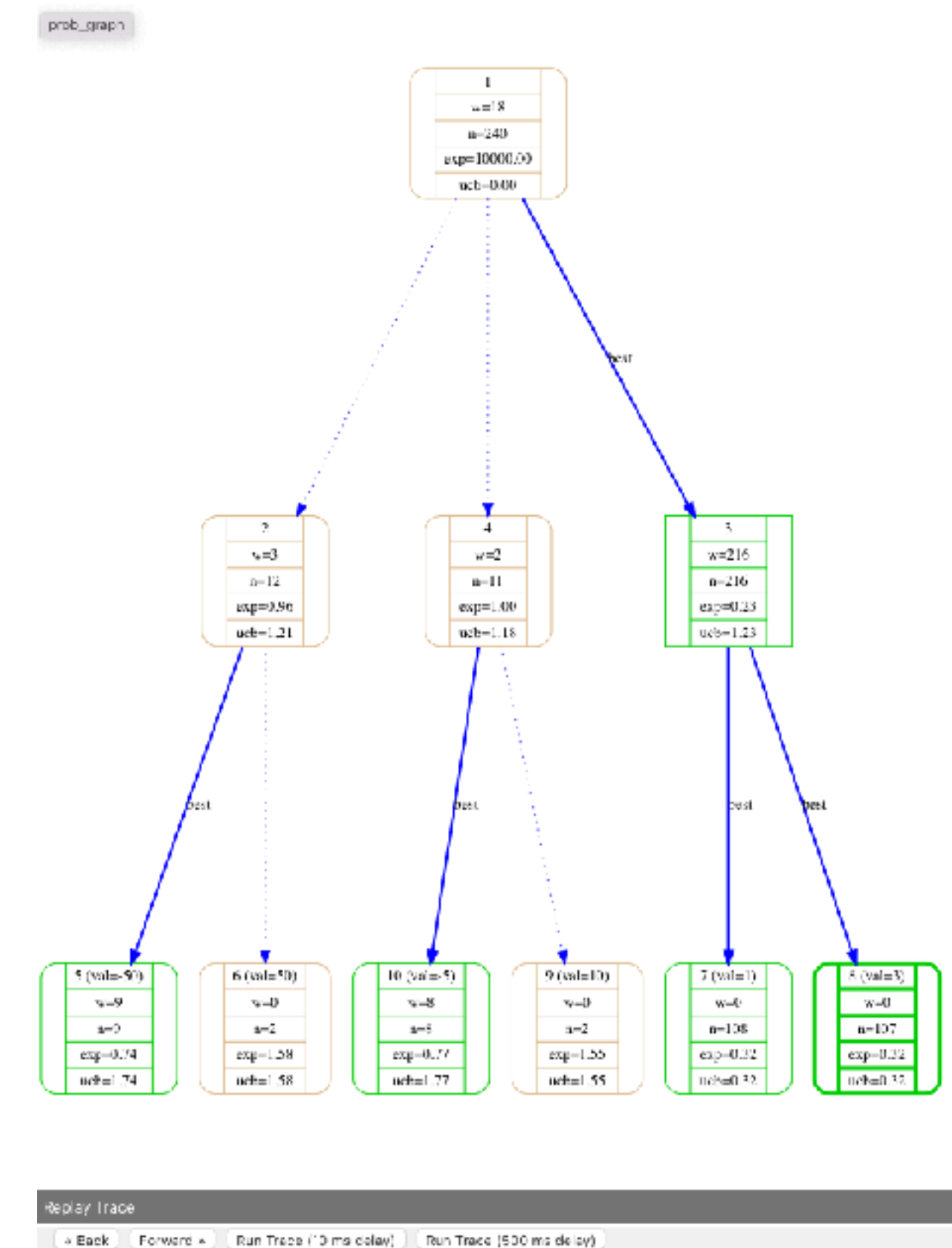
```
...
VARIABLES
  board, \* board[1..3][1..3] A 3x3 tic-tac-toe board
  nextTurn \* who goes next
Pieces == {"X", "O", "_"} \* "_" represents a blank square
Init ==
  /\ nextTurn = "X" \* X always goes first
  \* Every space in the board states blank
  /\ board = [i \in 1..3 |-> [j \in 1..3 |-> "_"]]
MoveO ==
  \E i \in 1..3: \E j \in 1..3: \* There exists a position on the board
  /\ nextTurn = "O" \* Only enabled on player's turn
  /\ nextTurn' = "X" \* The future state of next turn is other player
  /\ board[i][j] = "_" \* Where the board is currently empty
  (*****
  (* The future state of board is the same, except a piece is in that *)
  (* spot *)
  (*****)
  /\ board' = [board EXCEPT
    ![i][j] = "O"]
  ...
```



# MCTS Game Play

## Monte-Carlo Tree Search

- You can ask ProB to choose next action based on MCTS
  - `GAME_MCTS_RUNS == 100`
  - `GAME_PLAYER == IF nextTurn = "X" THEN "max" ELSE "min"`
  - `GAME_OVER == IF Won("X") ∨ Won("O") THEN TRUE ELSE FALSE`
  - `GAME_VALUE == IF Won("X") THEN 1 ELSE 0`



Operations

Navigation icons: back, forward, search, refresh, help

Operations list:

- MoveX(i,j) (with "Reload Machine" tooltip)
- MoveO(i=1,j=1)
- MoveO(i=1,j=3)

State View Edit

Navigation icons: save, share, refresh, search, help

```

1 ----- MODULE tictactoe_v2 -----
2 (* taken from https://elliotswart.github.io/pragmaticformalmodeling,
3 (* version adapted for TLA2B so that we can have B-style operations
4 (* also contains GAME state definitions for ProB so that we can use
5 EXTENDS Naturals
6
7 VARIABLES
8   board, \* board[1..3][1..3] A 3x3 tic-tac-toe board
9   nextTurn \* who goes next
10
11 Pieces == {"X", "O", "_"} \* "_" represents a blank square
12
13 Init ==
14   /\ nextTurn = "X" \* X always goes first
15   /\ \* Every space in the board states blank
16   /\ board = [i \in 1..3 |-> [j \in 1..3 |-> "_"]]
17
18 MoveO ==
19   \E i \in 1..3: \E j \in 1..3: \* There exists a position on the
20   /\ nextTurn = "O" \* Only enabled on player's turn
21   /\ nextTurn' = "X" \* The future state of next turn is othe.
22   /\ board[i][j] = "_" \* Where the board is currently empty
23   (*****
24   \* The future state of board is the same, except a piece is
25   \* spot

```

TLA+ model

Statistics (states 8 of 4.4)

Verifications

Project

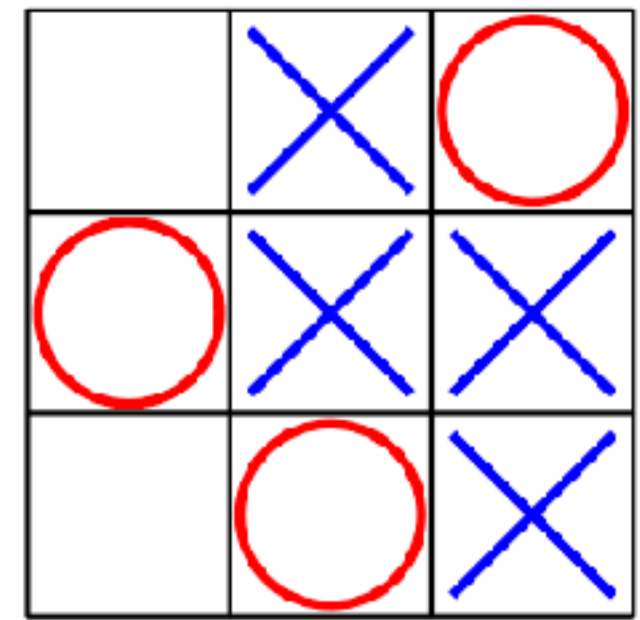
Machines Status Preferences Project

- IceCream\_Generic\_cst
- prob\_oneway8seq
- prob\_oneway8seq\_tlc
- tictactoe\_v2**
- Einstein
- Demo01\_no\_tlaps
- DieHard
- queens\_20

Visualisation

VisB State Visualisation

Navigation icons: save, refresh, search, help



Winner:

MCTS

History (state 8 of 8)

Navigation icons: back, forward, search, help

Position	Transition
0	--root--
1	INITIALISATION
2	MoveX(i=2, j=2)
3	MoveO(i=3, j=1)
4	MoveX(i=3, j=2)
5	MoveO(i=1, j=2)
6	MoveX(i=2, j=1)
7	MoveO(i=2, j=3)
8	MoveX(i=3, j=3)

Animation

Replay Symbolic Test Case Generation

Navigation icons: play, stop, search, help

Status	Name	Steps
✓	tictactoe_v2	8

# Reals/Floats in ProB

## Syntax in B

- New classical B keywords:
  - $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ : **ceiling**(.), **floor**(.)
  - $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ : **real**(.)
  - and real literals
- Existing B operators work for  $\mathbb{R}$ :
  - +, -, \*, /, **max**, **min**,  $\Sigma$ ,  $\Pi$
- LibraryReals.def provides many functions:
  - RADD, RMINUS, ..., RSIN, RCOS, ....., RSQRT, RPOW, RLOG,
  - RPI, REULER, RONE, RZERO

```
>>>> SIGMA(x).(x:1..100|1.0/real(x))  
5.187377517639621  
>>>> RSIN(RADIANS(90.0))  
1.0
```

# ProB Float Support

- Currently internally only floats supported
- Useful for VisB, Simulation, Controllers with floats and for “approximate” validation of models with reals
- preference REAL\_SOLVER:
  - aggressive\_float\_solver,float\_solver,none,**precise\_float\_solver**
  - precise\_float\_solver: default, tries to find exact solutions for 64-bit floats
  - aggressive\_float\_solver: does not check that solution is exact or the only one (similar to how CLP(Real) works in Prolog)
- Future: CLP(Q), Z3 support, real interval solver, ...

**Jupyter  
Notebook  
Demo**

# TLA+ Example with Reals

- From NFM'24 article "Real Arithmetic in TLAPM" by Gunasekera et al.

```
...
VARIABLES x, y
vars == << x, y >>

TypeInvariant ==  $\wedge x \in \text{Real}$ 
                $\wedge y \in \text{Real}$ 

 $\wedge$ * Initialise variables:  $x(0)^2 + y(0)^2 \leq 1$ 
Init ==  $\wedge x = 0.0$ 
        $\wedge y = 1.0$ 

Next ==  $\wedge x' = (2.0 / 3.0) * x + 0.5 * y$ 
        $\wedge y' = 0.5 * x - (1.0 / 3.0) * y$ 

Spec == Init  $\wedge$   $\square$ [Next]_vars  $\wedge$  WF_vars(Next)
...
```

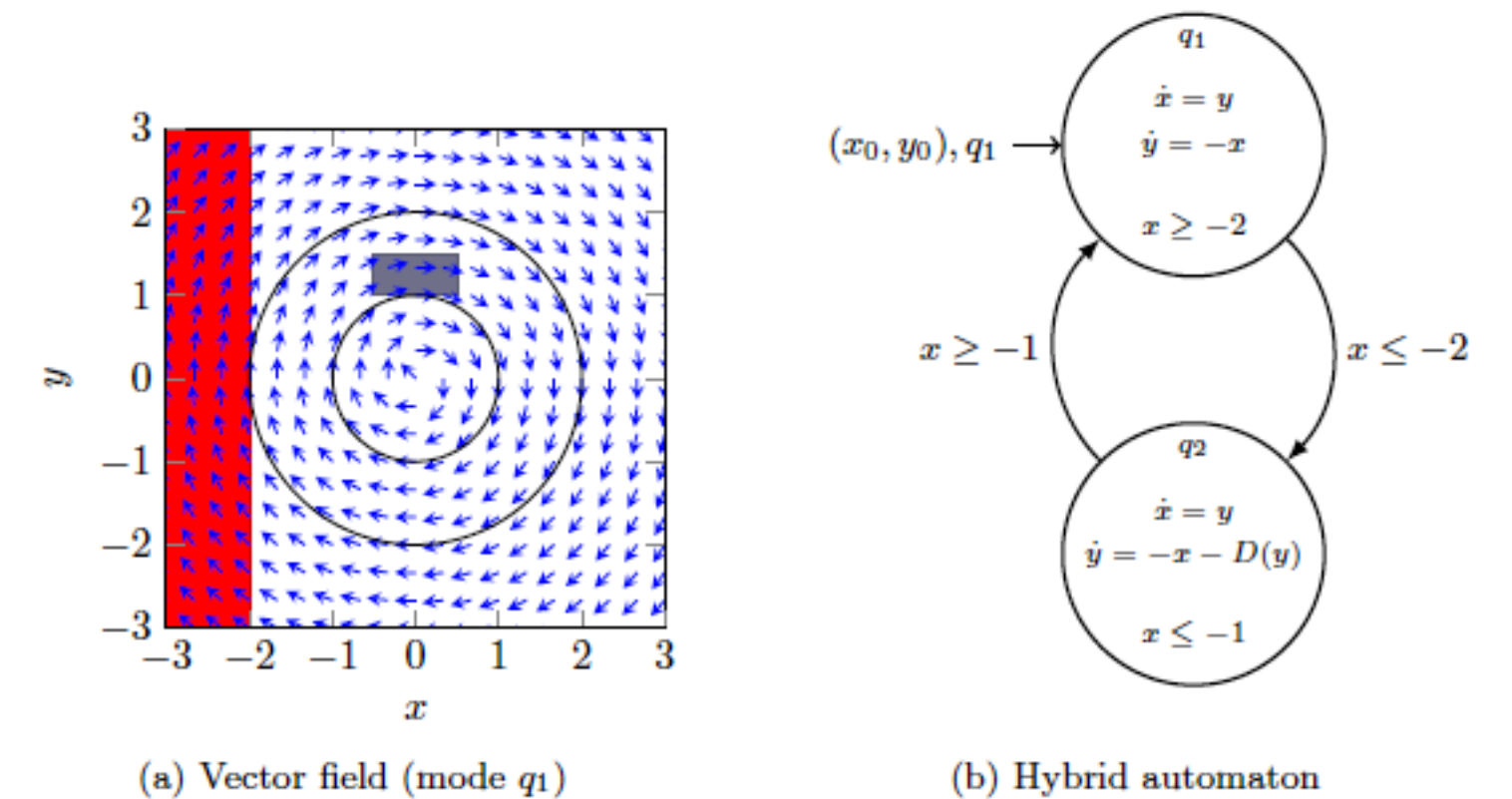


Fig. 2: Hybrid system model of an oscillator

Demo01\_no\_tlaps.tla - ProB2Tests - ProB 2.0

Operations

State View Edit

Filter State

Name	Value
VARIABLES	
x	0.05339710417728537
y	0.02229913324742777
CONSTANTS	
INARIANT	
[ $\leq$ ] $x*x + y*y \leq 1.0$	true
ACTIONS (guards)	
DEFINITIONS	

Visualisation

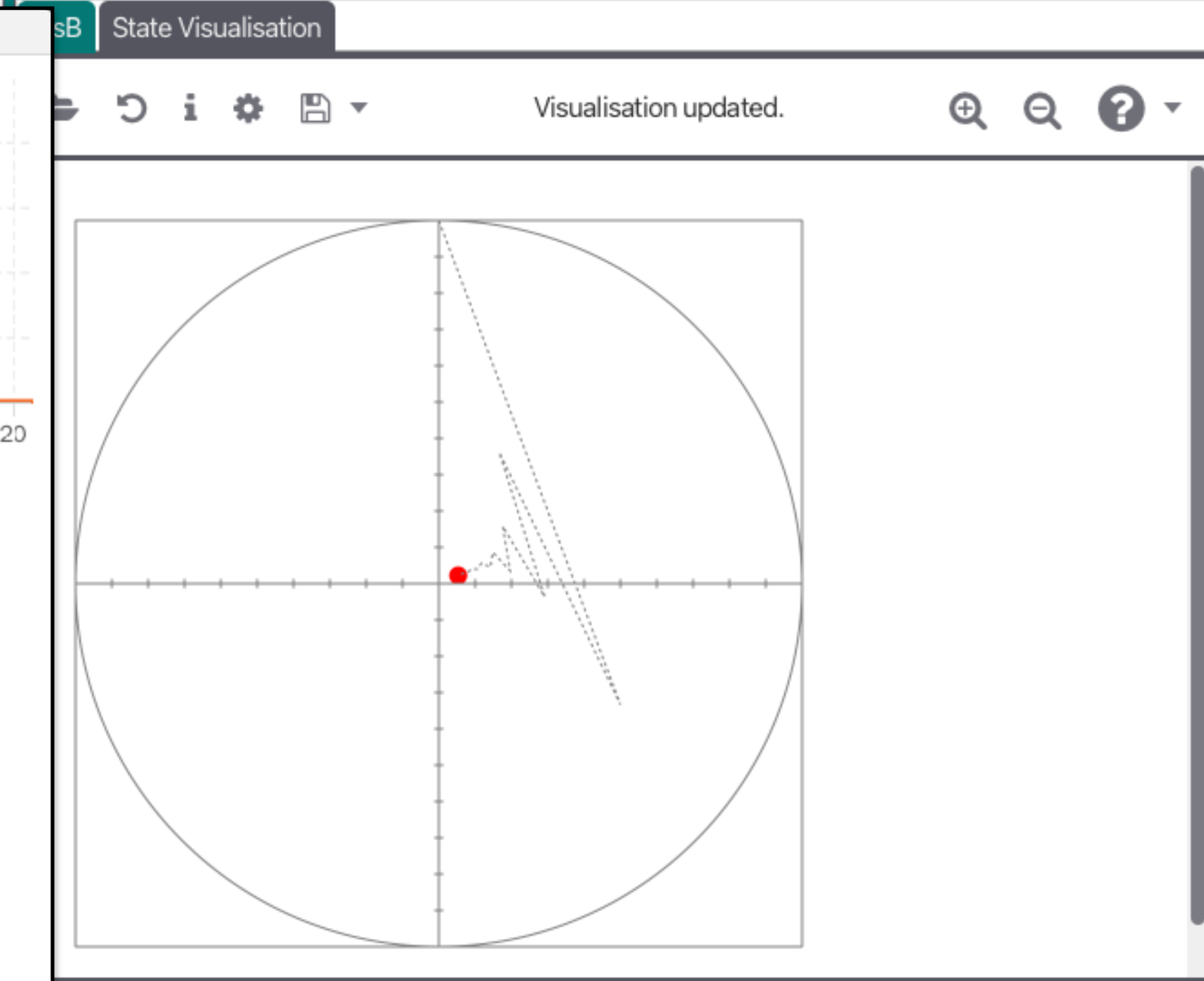
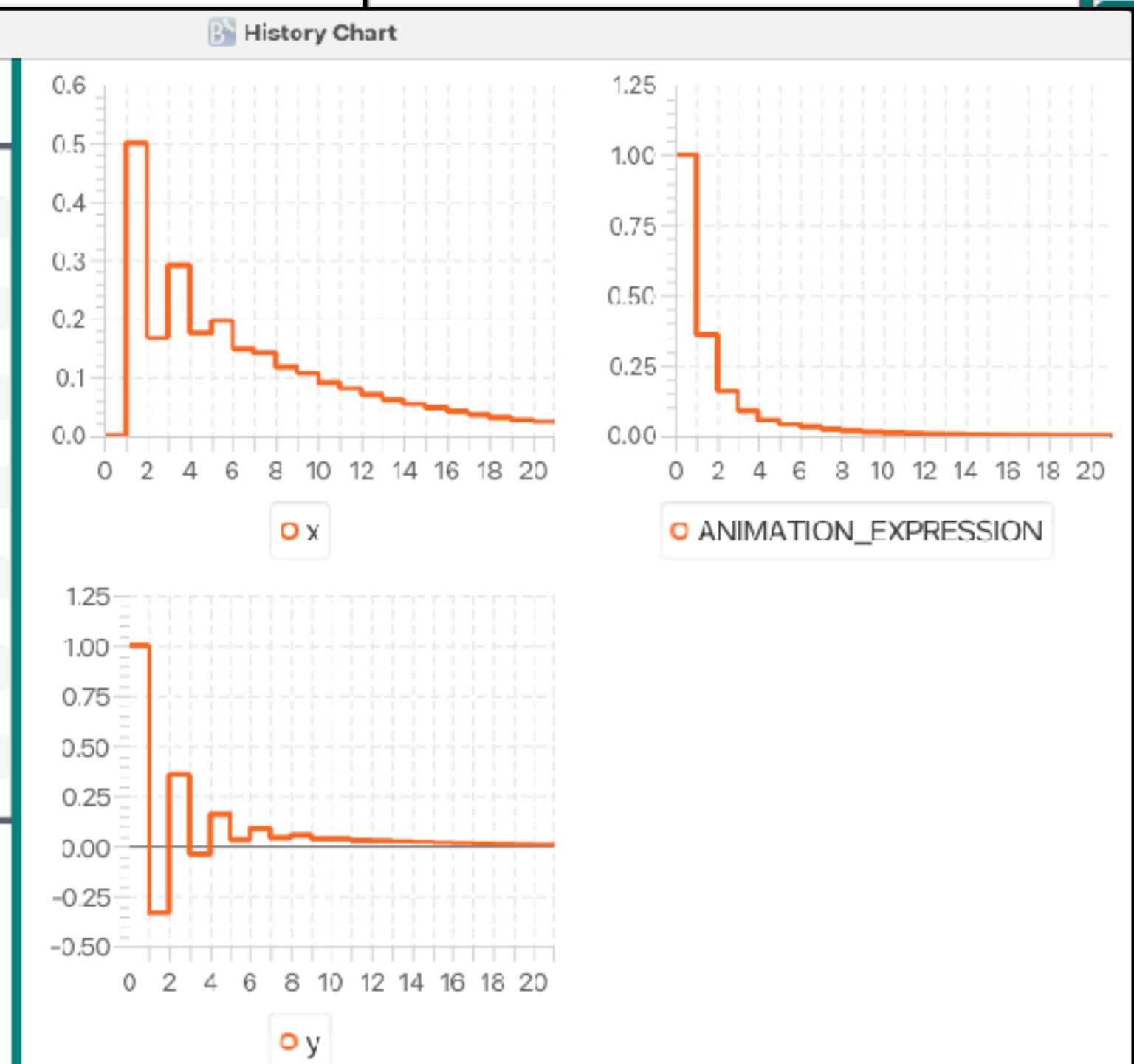
Statistics (states 1 of 2)

Verifications

Project

Machines Status Preferences Project

- public\_examples/B/NewSyntax/FreetypeIntList.mch
- BaumTest2**  
../Documents/Documents/Kurse/STUPS2/workspace\_STUPS2\_2015/BaumTheorie/
- M1**  
../workspaces/Rodin/workspace\_mammar2/STTT\_AMAN\_Corr\_1\_v19/M1.bum
- DominatingEdges\_3hop\_OSLO**  
public\_examples/B/B2SAT/graphs/DominatingEdges\_3hop\_OSLO.mch
- CrowdedChessBoard\_BV**  
public\_examples/B/B2SAT/crowded/CrowdedChessBoard\_BV.mch
- Pigeon\_30\_bv**  
public\_examples/B/B2SAT/pigeon/Pigeon\_30\_bv.mch
- queens\_24\_idp\_v2**  
public\_examples/B/B2SAT/queens/queens\_24\_idp\_v2.mch
- Demo01\_generated**  
public\_examples/TLA/Reals/Demo01\_generated.mch
- Demo01\_no\_tlaps**  
public\_examples/TLA/Reals/Demo01\_no\_tlaps.tla



History (state 15 of 15)

Position	Transition
4	Next
5	Next
6	Next
7	Next
8	Next
9	Next
10	Next
11	Next
12	Next
13	Next
14	Next
15	Next

# Another Example

## Adapted Water Tank

- Using reals instead of integers
- With inlined VisB visualisation (no JSON file)

```
lft == 10.0 \* left offset
wid == 30.0 \* width of water tank
bot == 120.0 \* bottom of water tank display
maxw == high_threshold+inflow \* maximum capacity
Invariant == level > 0.0 /\ level <= maxw
convy(lvl) == bot-lvl
VISB_SVG_BOX == [width |-> wid+4.0*lft, height |-> bot+lft]
VISB_SVG_OBJECTS0 == [svg_class |-> "rect", x|->lft,
    y |-> convy(level), height |-> level, width |-> wid,
    fill |-> "lightsteelblue"]
...
```

```
----- MODULE WaterTankReals -----
EXTENDS Naturals, Reals
CONSTANTS
  low_threshold,
  high_threshold,
  (*@ unit s *) step_size,
  (*@ unit m**3 / s *) outflow,
  inflow
ASSUME
  /\ low_threshold = 20.0
  /\ high_threshold = 60.0
  /\ outflow = 10.0
  /\ inflow = 15.0
  /\ step_size = 0.5
VARIABLES
  pump,
  level
Init == level \in {50.0} /\ pump=FALSE
SwitchPump == pump' = IF level < low_threshold THEN TRUE ELSE
    IF level > high_threshold THEN FALSE ELSE pump
UpdateLevel == level' = IF pump THEN level + inflow * step_size - outflow * step_size
    ELSE level - outflow * step_size
Next == SwitchPump /\ UpdateLevel
WaterTank == Init /\ [][Next]_{pump}
```

Operations

Navigation icons: back, forward, search, refresh, help.

Next

State View Edit

Navigation icons: back, forward, search, refresh, help.

```

19 SwitchPump == pump' = IF level < low_threshold THEN TRUE ELSE IF 1
20 UpdateLevel == level' = IF pump THEN level + inflow * step_size -
21 Next == SwitchPump /\ UpdateLevel
22 WaterTank == Init /\ [][Next]_(pump)
23
24
25 lft == 10.0 /* left offset
26 wid == 30.0 /* width of water tank
27 bot == 120.0 /* bottom of water tank display
28 maxw == high_threshold+inflow /* maximum capacity as shown
29 Invariant == level > 0.0 /\ level <= maxw
30 convy(lvl) == bot-lvl
31 VISB_SVG_BOX == [width |-> wid+4.0*lft, height |-> bot+lft]
32 VISB_SVG_OBJECTS0 == [svg_class |-> "rect", x|->lft, y |-> convy(l
33 fill |-> "lightsteelblue"]
34 VISB_SVG_OBJECTS1 == [svg_class |-> "rect", x|->lft, y |-> convy(m
35 fill |-> "none", stroke |-> "black", stroke w
36 VISB_SVG_OBJECTS2 == [svg_class |-> "line", x1|->lft-0.5, x2|->lft
37 y1|->convy(low_threshold), y2|->convy(low_th
38 stroke |-> "red", stroke_width|->1.0] /* lin
39 VISB_SVG_OBJECTS3 == [svg_class |-> "line", x1|->lft-0.5, x2|->lft
40 y1|->convy(high_threshold), y2|->convy(high_
41 stroke |-> "red", stroke_width|->1.0] /* lin
42 VISB_SVG_OBJECTS4 == [svg_class |-> "rect", x|->lft, y |-> 2.0*lft
43 fill |-> IF pump THEN "mediumseagreen" ELSE

```

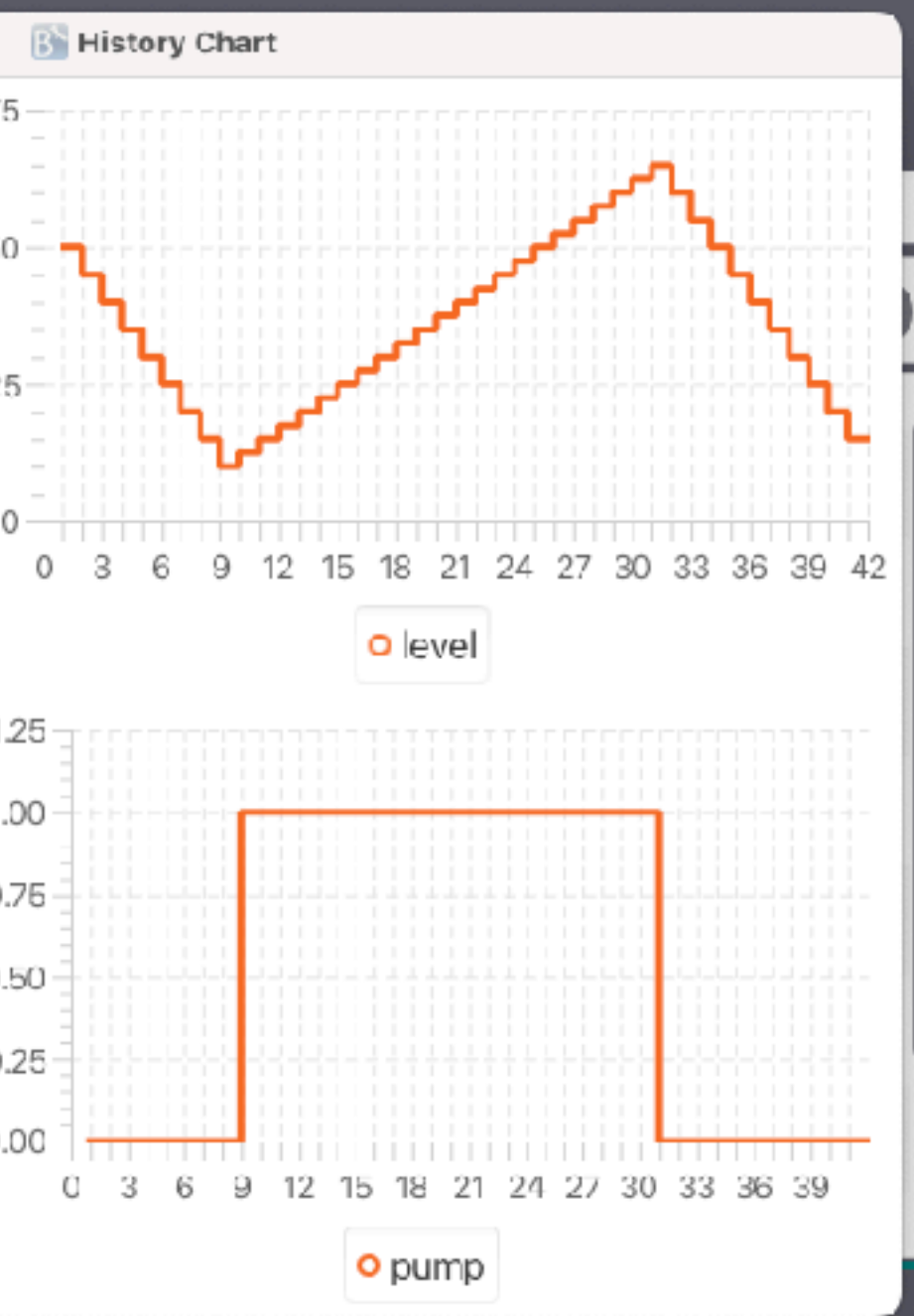
Statistics (states 1 of 2)

Navigation icons: back, forward, search, refresh, help.

level  
pump

Separate Charts  
 Rectangular Line

Start at position:  
0



Visualisation

VisB State Visualisation

Navigation icons: back, forward, search, refresh, help.

Pump: off

Navigation icons: back, forward, search, refresh, help.

Position	Transition
0	--root--
1	SETUP_CONSTANTS
2	INITIALISATION
3	Next
4	Next
5	Next
6	Next
7	Next
8	Next
9	Next
10	Next
11	Next
12	Next
13	Next
14	Next
15	Next
16	Next
17	Next
18	Next

Animation

Replay | Symbolic | Test Case Generation

Navigation icons: back, forward, search, refresh, help.

Status	Name	Steps
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WaterTankReals	42

Interactive Console



# HTML Export of Trace

stand-alone HTML file, can be opened without ProB in browser

The screenshot displays a web-based visualization interface for a system. At the top, the title bar reads "SV3 Visualisation". Below this, the text "Pump:" is centered. Underneath, there is a yellow button with the text "off". Below the button is a vertical rectangular tank. The tank is divided into three sections by two horizontal red lines. The bottom section is filled with blue liquid, while the middle and top sections are empty.

At the bottom of the window, there is a "Replay Trace" section with several buttons: "Back", "Forward", "Run Trace (10 ms delay)", and "Run Trace (500 ms delay)". Below these buttons, the text "Step 42/42, State ID: 8, Event: Next" is displayed.

Below the replay section, there is a "Variables (2)" section containing a table with the following data:

Nr	Name	Value	Previous Value
1	level	15.0	20.0
2	pump	FALSE	FALSE

Below the variables section, there are sections for "Constants (5)", "Actions (1)", and "Trace (length=42)".

# Conclusion

## ProB and TLA+

- TLC available as improved backend for B models
- TLA+ support in ProB
  - improvements: new SANY version, REAL, add CUSTOM\_GRAPH/VISB definitions
  - Interactive Animation
  - Visualisation
  - Constraint Solving
  - Looking for ways to extend support for larger subset of TLA+

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