Systeme Hoher Qualität und Sicherheit Vorlesung 12 vom 20.01.2014: NuSMV and Spin

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#### Organisatorisches

- ► Fachgesprächstermine über Stud.IP (2./3. Februar).
- Für eine Modulprüfung: bitte zwei aufeinanderfolgende Termine buchen.
- Fachgespräche in der Gruppe, Prüfung alleine.
- ► Helft uns, die Veranstaltung zu verbessern: Nehmt an der Evaluation unter Stud.IP teil!

## NuSMV

- NuSMV2 originated with SMV model checker (Edmund Clarke, Ken McMillan). SMV was the first m/c to use BDDs (binary decision diagrams) to represent the transition relation, allowing for much more compact state representation (around 1990). As a result, it could represent up to 10<sup>20</sup> states.
- NuSMV2 is currently maintained by CMU, FBK-irst (Trentino, Italy), University of Genoa and University of Trentino.
- It allows simulation, tracing, and supports both LTL and CTL specifications.
- Web Site: http://nusmv.fbk.eu/



#### Where are we?

- ▶ Lecture 1: Concepts of Quality
- ► Lecture 2: Concepts of Safety and Security, Norms and Standards
- Lecture 3: Quality of the Software Development Process
- Lecture 4: Requirements Analysis
- Lecture 5: High-Level Design & Formal Modelling
- Lecture 6: Detailed Specification, Refinement & Implementation
- Lecture 7: Testing
- Lecture 8: Program Analysis
- Lecture 9: Verification with Floyd-Hoare Logic
- Lecture 10: Verification Condition Generation
- ► Lecture 11: Model-Checking with LTL and CTL
- ► Lecture 12: NuSMV and Spin
- Lecture 13: Conclusions

### Introduction

- In the last lecture, we saw how to model systems as finite-state machines, and how to specify properties about these in temporal logic — namely, linear temporal logic (LTL) and computational tree logic (CTL).
- The idea was to allow automatic verification or disproving of the properties by model-checkers which enumerate the system states.
- ► Today, we look at two prominent model-checkers: NuSMV2 and Spin. If time permits, we might also look at an interactive theorem prover.

## Spin

- Spin was written by Gerard Holzman. It originated with a protocol analyser (PAN) in 1980, which became Spin in 1989.
- Spin uses the language Promela for modelling. As opposed to NuSMV, it allows to model processes and communication between them via channels. The key difference is that Spin is asynchronous, whereas NuSMV is synchronous.
- Spin generates a program representing the model, which does the actual model-checking. Besides higher speed, it allows a much more flexible approach to modelling (e.g. one can inject C code into the Promela model).
- Web Site: http://spinroot.com/



# Summary

- NuSMV vs. Spin:
  - ► Spin (Promela) is more **concrete**, closer to a programming language.
  - NuSMV supports CTL as well as LTL.
- Model-checking:
  - Can we trust the results? If it finds errors, we get counter-examples, but how reliable are positive results?

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And just how good is our model?