SOS: Safe, Optimal* and Small Strategies for Hybrid Markov Decision Processes

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2. Safe strategies
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4. Our proposal: Stratego+
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What is Stratego?

Generate, optimize, evaluate, compare strategies

Hybrid Markov Decision Process
costs, time, data variables ...

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The tool allows for efficient and flexible “strategy-space” exploration before adaptation in a final implementation by maintaining strategies as first class objects in the model-checking query language.

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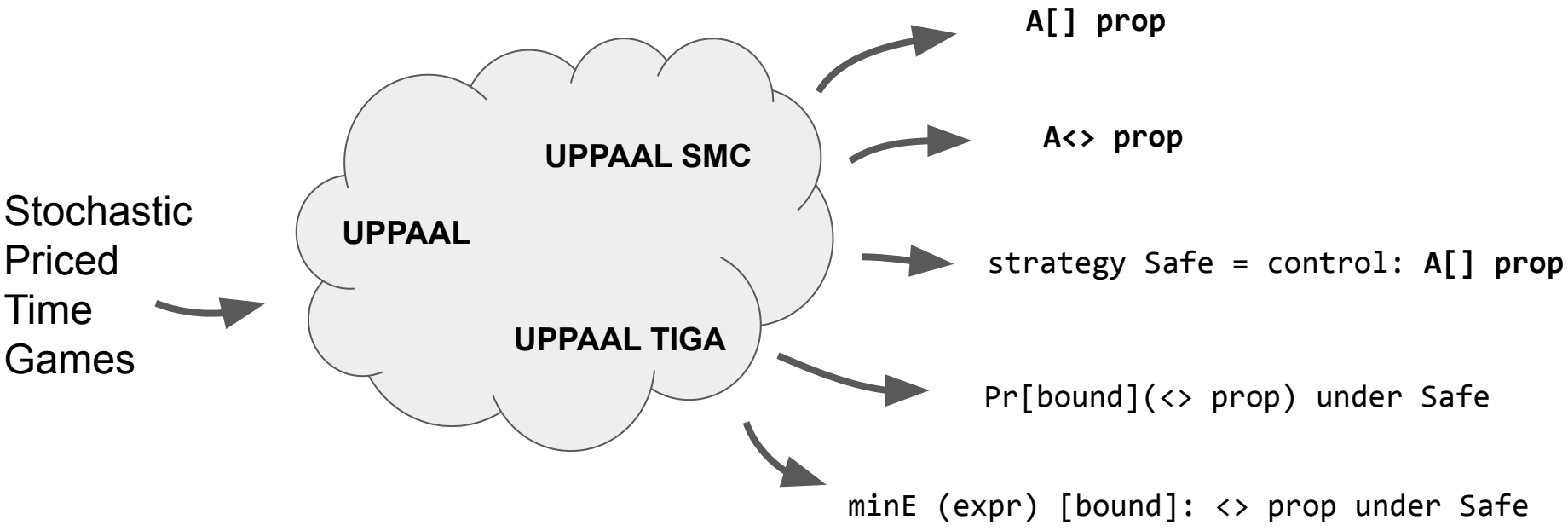
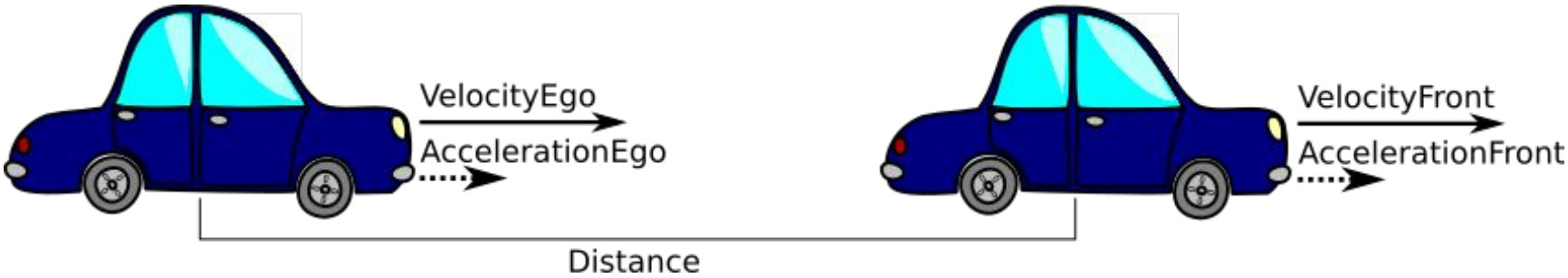


Strategies from UPPAAL Stratego are **huge** and **incomprehensible**



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optimality: minimize aggregate distance

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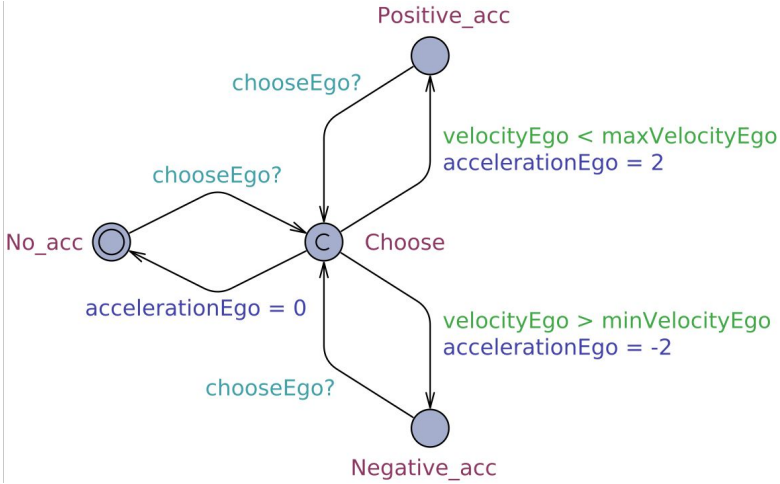

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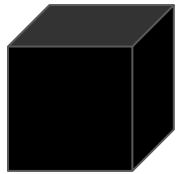

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Sample safe strategy

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accelerationFront=0
Wait.

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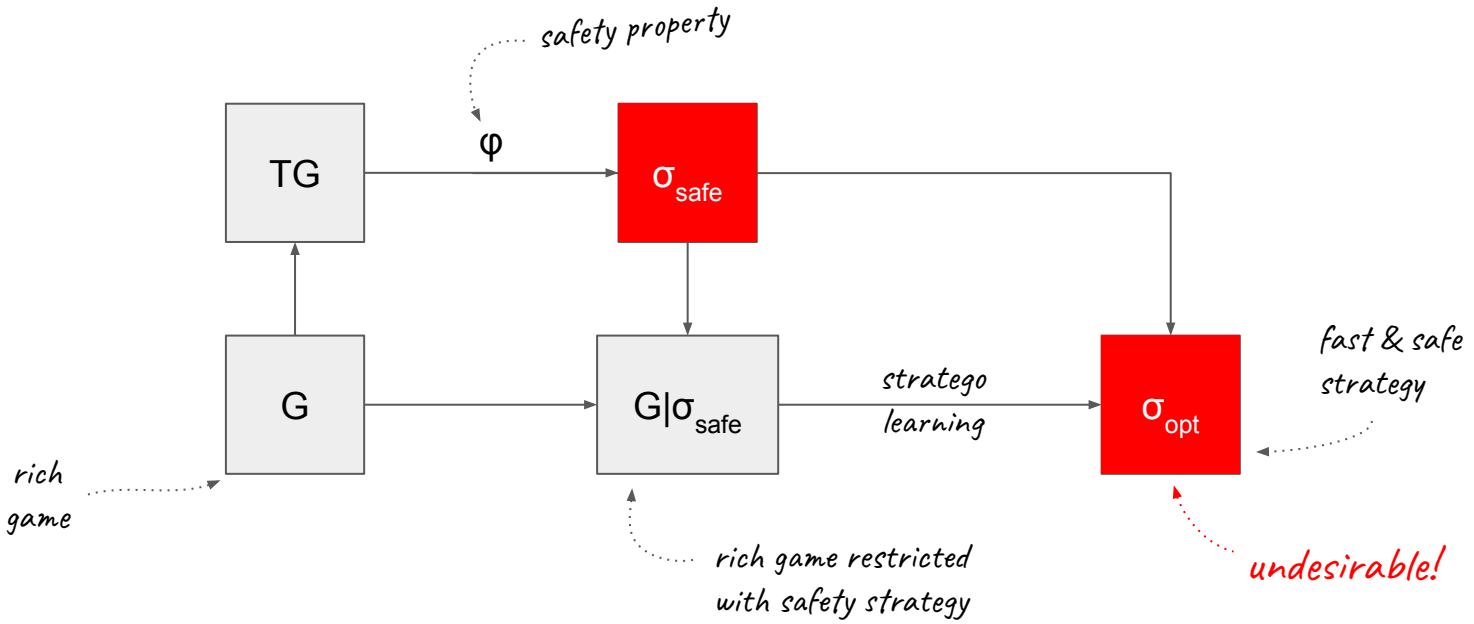
Stratego Internals

Generating a safe and optimal controller for cruise control



Problems

- 900k state action pairs, 300k controllable
- Incomprehensible for humans
- Lookup table too big for microcontrollers
- Executing inside Stratego takes too long

Would there exist a **small and safe** strategy?

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Binary Decision Diagrams?

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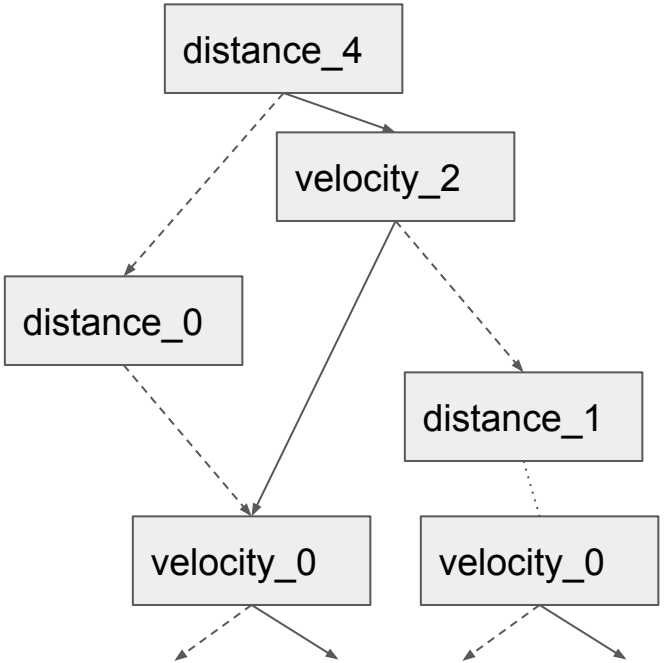

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Nearby points behave same?

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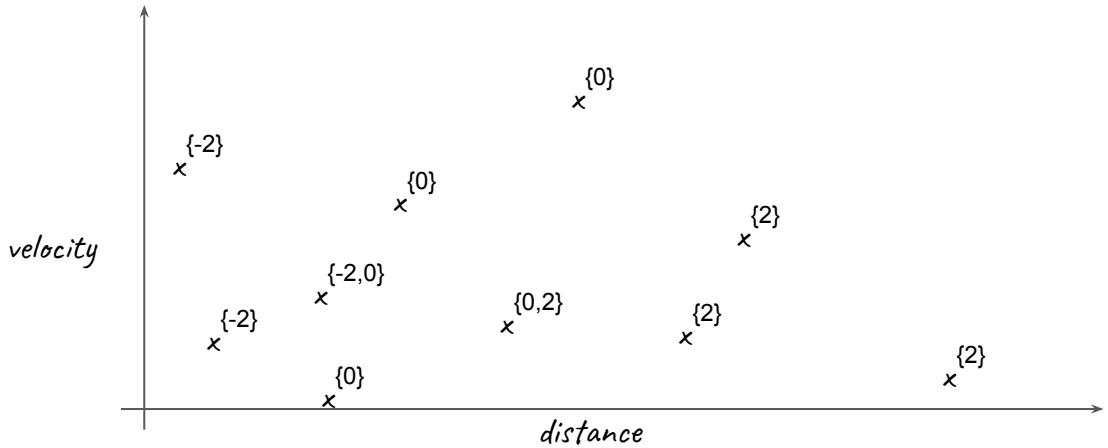

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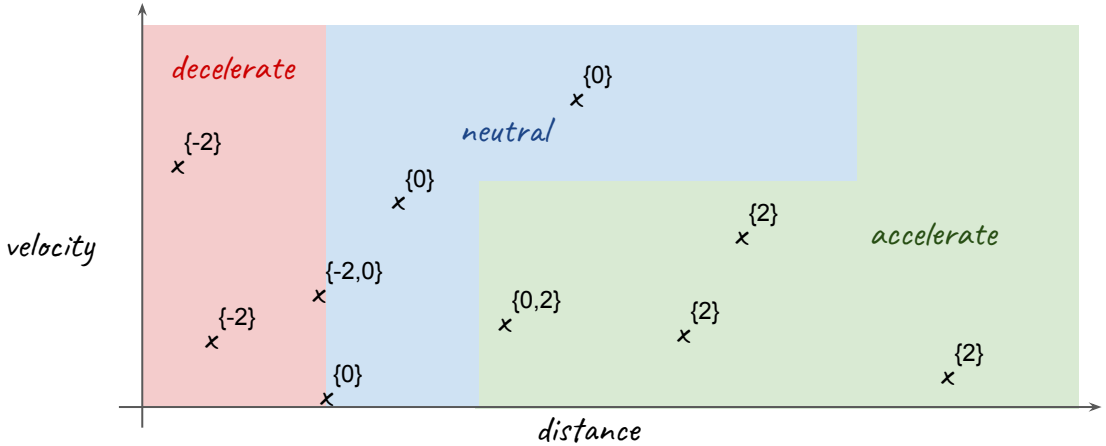
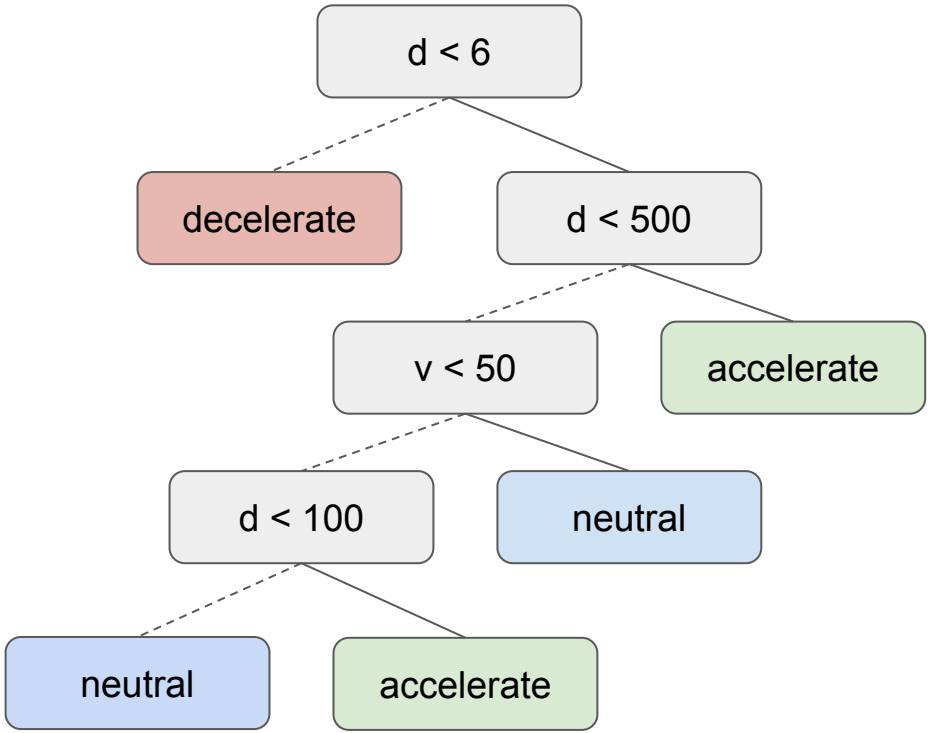


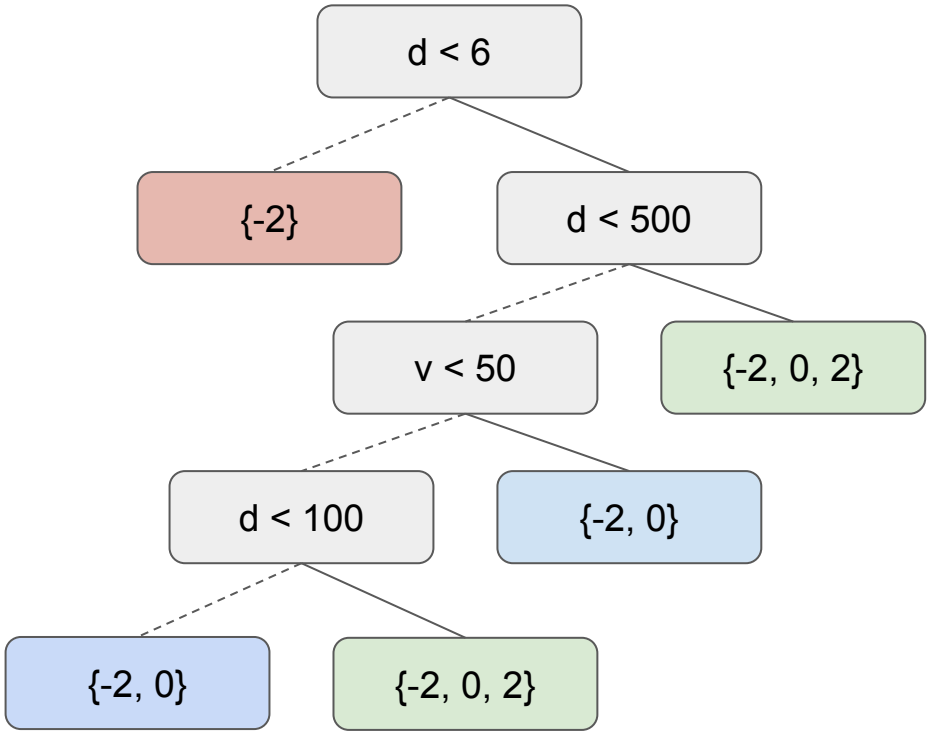
Decision Trees

- No magic inside, unlike many other ML techniques
- Simple to interpret
- Good with features which have inherent ordering
- Can be converted into executable code easily



Construction of DTs

1. Multi-label classification
2. All leaves homogeneous
3. Size-permissiveness tradeoff



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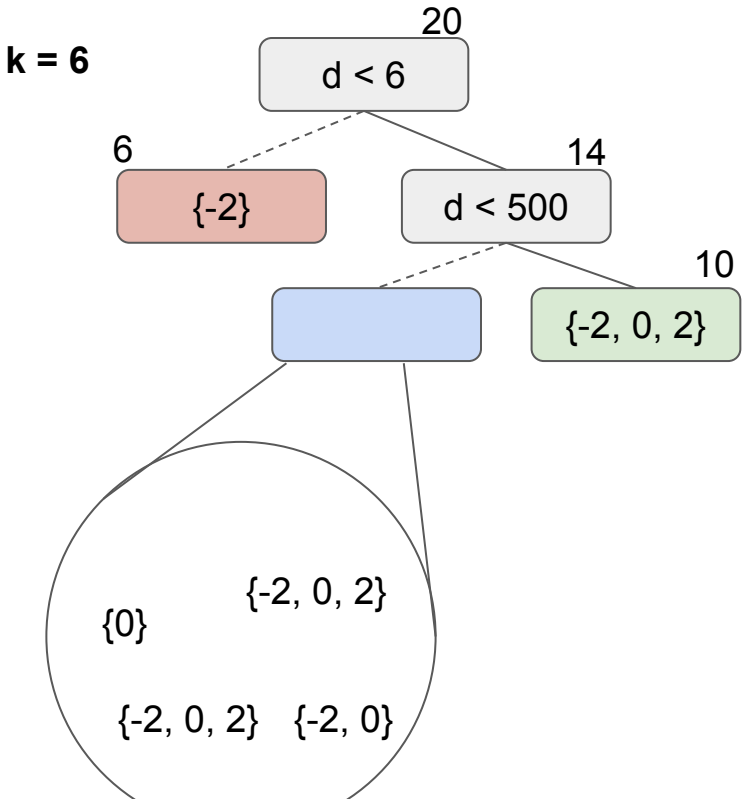

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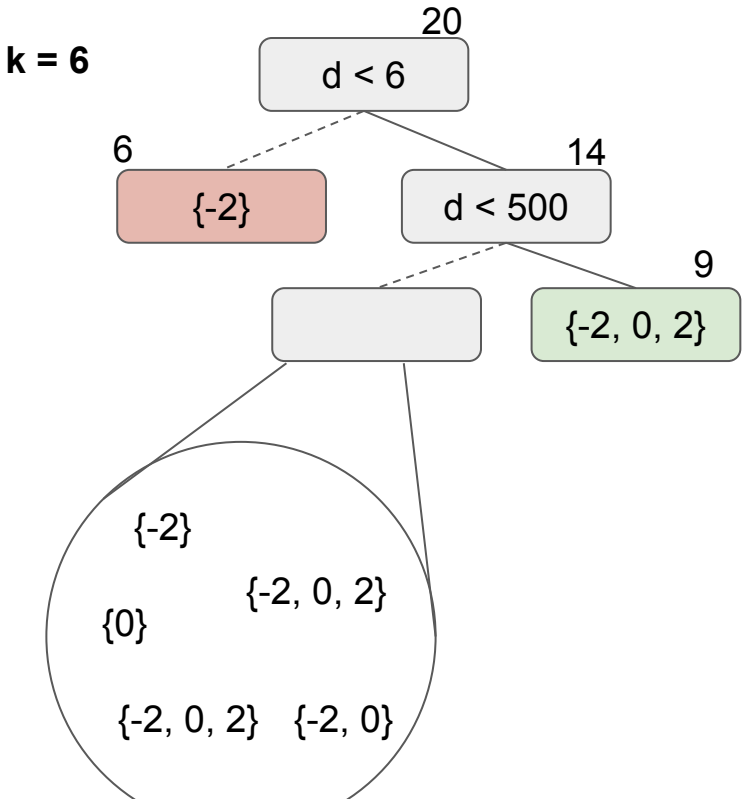

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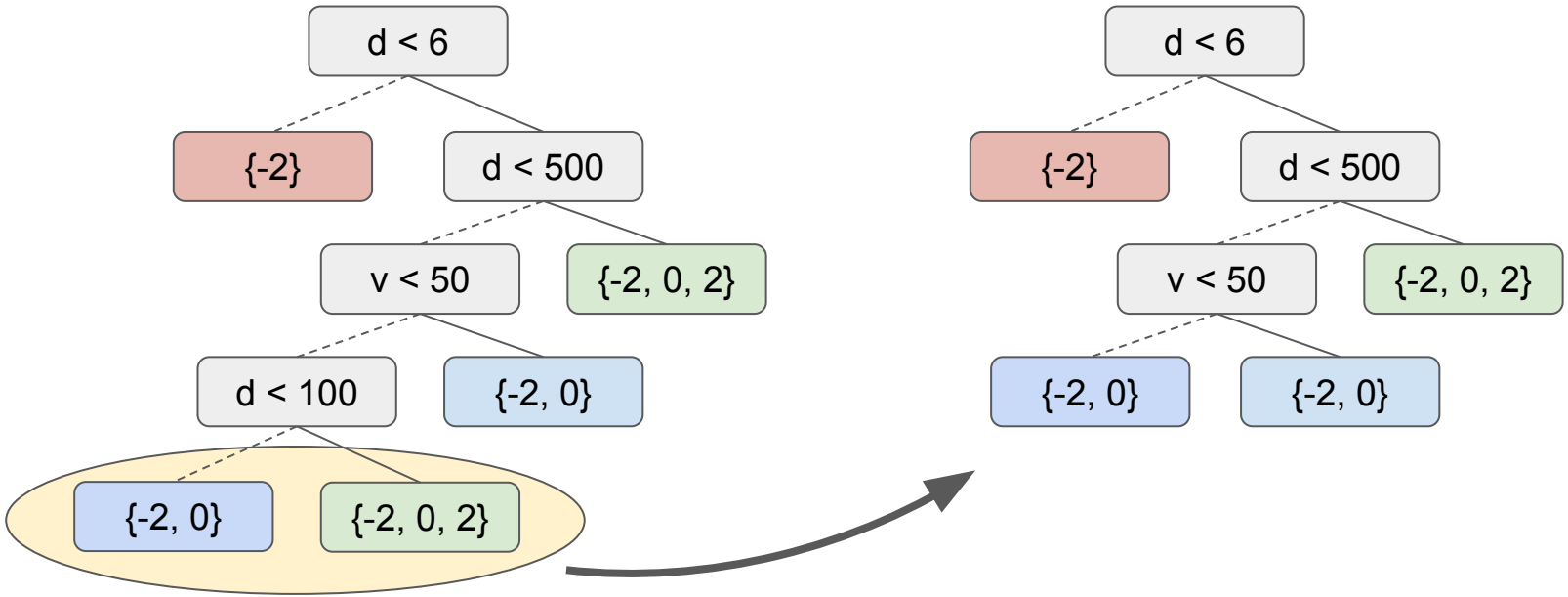
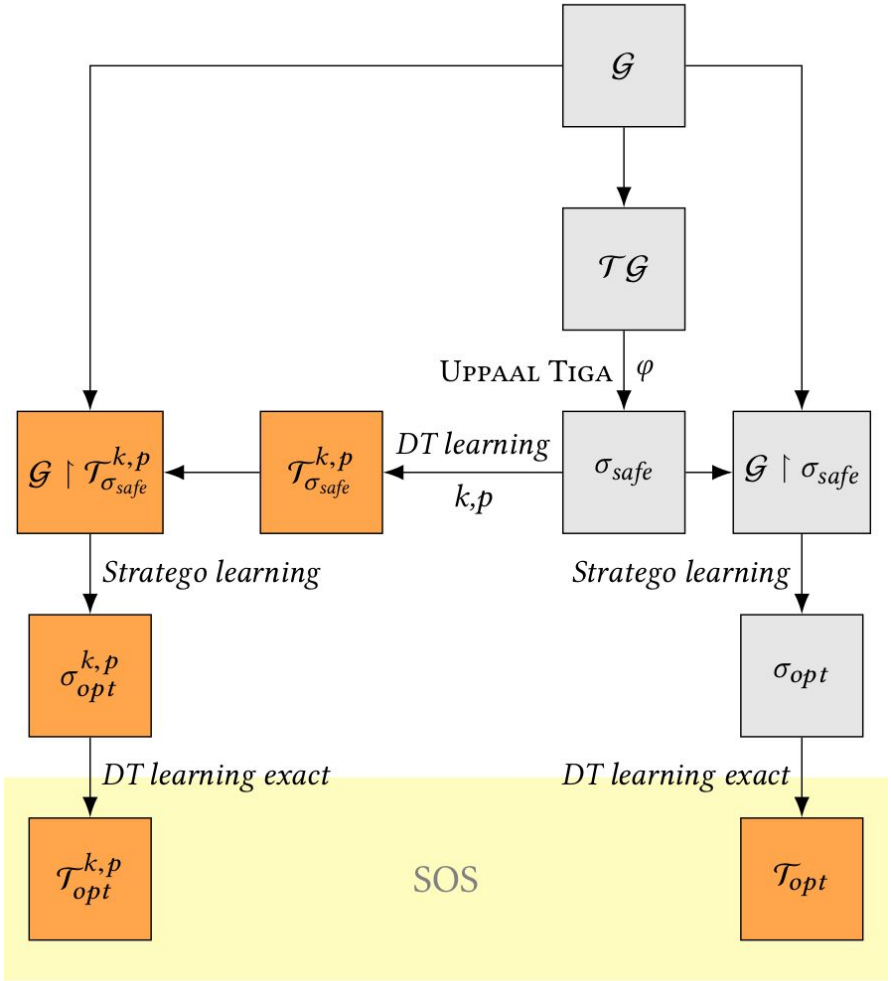
Safe Pruning

Merge leaves if intersection non-empty



Stratego+ Framework



Experiments

cruise

strategy guarantees safety only at integer points

cruise-euler

enriched cruise

strategy guarantees safety at all points

tworooms-euler

automatic climate control

interaction between two rooms, env. and heaters

Experimental Results

Model	State-action pairs	Controllable	BDD (reordered)	DT T_{opt}
~~cruise~~	~~1,790,034~~	~~308,216~~	~~5066~~	~~2,899~~
~~cruise-euler~~	~~5,931,154~~	~~304,752~~	~~4728~~	~~2,713~~
cruise	817,278	295,970	2,730	1,005
cruise-euler	1,140,756	414,899	2,667	1,025
two-rooms	1,924,708	509,715	20,214	487

Min split size (k)	Rounds of pruning (p)		
	0	1	2
2	2,713	1,725	1,267
10	2,705	1,733	1,249
20	2,667	1,733	1,131
30	2,657	1,695	993
40	2,627	1,669	1,015
50	2,557	1,695	1,003
60	2,635	1,489	963
70	2,613	1,441	955
80	2,519	1,537	915
90	2,455	1,323	923
100	1,929	1,023	877

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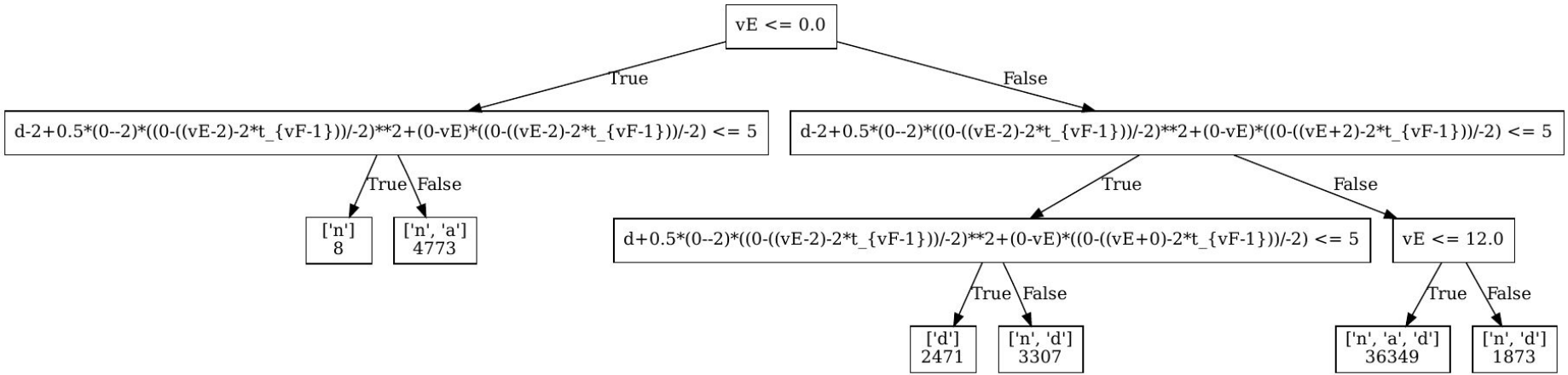
	0	1	2
2	2,627	3,618	4,240
10	2,696	3,596	4,210
20	2,778	3,625	14,039
30	2,778	3,589	14,108
40	2,778	3,600	14,096
50	2,825	3,614	14,037
60	2,905	3,673	14,074
70	2,898	3,714	14,095
80	2,907	3,717	14,092
90	3,006	3,741	14,077
100	3,030	14,061	14,292

Experimental Results: `cruise-euler` size-optimality tradeoff

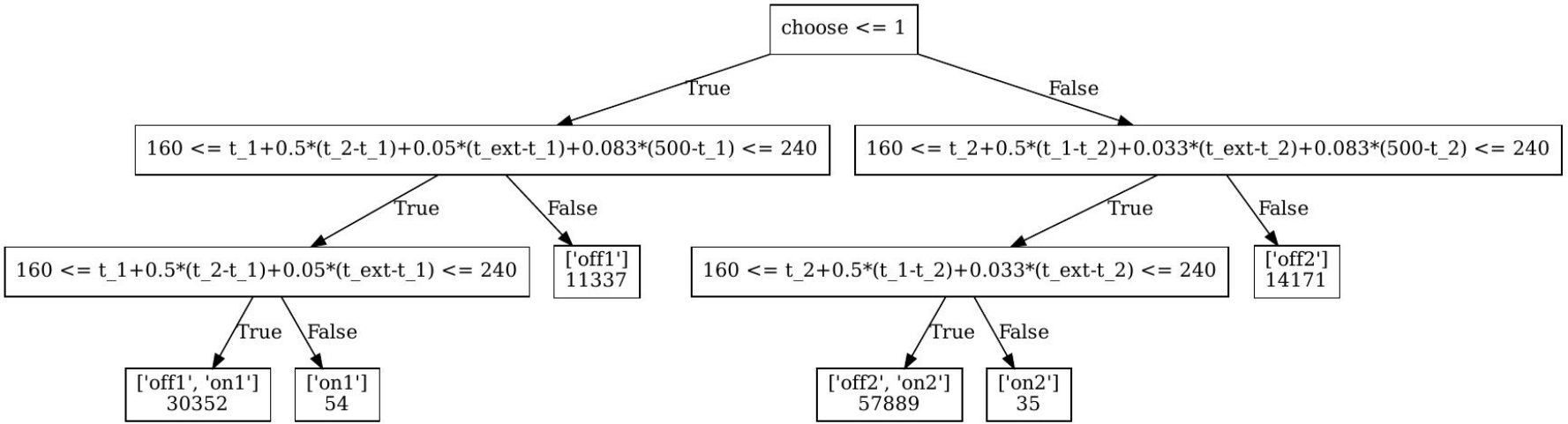
Handcrafted Strategy

```
// 0 - neutral, 1 - accelerate, 2 - decelerate
strategy(action, vE, d, vF, aF, aE) {
    if (check(d, vE, vF, 2, aF) > 5) {
        return action == 1;
    } else if (check(d, vE, vF, 0, aF) > 5) {
        return action == 0;
    } else if (check(d, vE, vF, -2, aF) > 5) {
        return action == 2;
    } else {
        return 0 == 1;
    }
}

d_t(d, vE, vF, aE, aF, t) {
    return d + 0.5*( aF - aE )*t*t + ( vF - vE )*t;
}

check(d, vE, vF, aE, aF) {
    t1 = (vF + 10)/2;
    if (t1 > 0.5) {
        d1 = d_t(d, vE, vF, aE, -2, 1);
        nvF = vF - 2;
        nvE = vE + aE;
    } else {
        d1 = d_t(d, vE, vF, aE, 0, 1);
        nvF = vF;
        nvE = vE + aE;
    }

    if (t1 > 1) {
        d2 = d_t(d1, nvE, nvF, -2, -2, t1 - 1);
        nvE = nvE - 2*(t1 - 1);
    } else {
        d2 = d1;
    }

    t2 = (nvE + 10)/2;
    if (t2 > 0) {
        d3 = d_t(d2, nvE, -10, -2, 0, t2);
    } else {
        d3 = d2;
    }

    return d3;
}
```

Strategy Preview: cruise



Strategy Preview: tworooms



Concluding Remarks

Problem: Strategies from UPPAAL Stratego are large and incomprehensible

Solution: Stratego+ framework representing safe, small, optimal strategies as DTs

Takeaways

- BDDs are insufficient (uninterpretable, not that small either)
- Great prospects from decision trees

Future work

- Linear/algebraic predicates + domain knowledge

Backup

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