

# $d/dt$ : A Tool for Reachability Analysis of Continuous and Hybrid Systems

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# Reachability Problem for Continuous Systems

## The basic problem

$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = f(\mathbf{x})$ ;  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}$ , bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$\mathbf{x}(0) \in F$ , set of initial states

- Characterizing *the set of states reachable* from the *set F*
- Representation of reachable sets that can *be tested for intersection with other sets*

- Exact symbolic computation: applicable for restricted classes  $\Rightarrow$

**Numerical approximation** of the reachable set

## Reachability operators

For a given set  $F \subseteq \mathcal{X}$  and a time interval  $I = [t_1, t_2]$

$\delta_I(F)$ : set of states reachable from  $F$  in time  $t \in I$

$\delta_t(F)$ : set of states reachable after exact amount of time  $t$

$\delta(F) = \delta_{[0, \infty)}(F)$ : reachable set

Semi-group property:  $\delta_{[0, t_1+t_2]}(F) = \delta_{[0, t_2]}(\delta_{[0, t_1]}(F))$

## Abstract Algorithm for Computing $\delta(F)$

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 $P^0 := F; \quad k := 0;$   
repeat  
   $k := k + 1;$   
   $P^k := P^{k-1} \cup \delta_{[0,t]}(P^{k-1});$   
until ( $P^k = P^{k-1}$ )
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### Problems

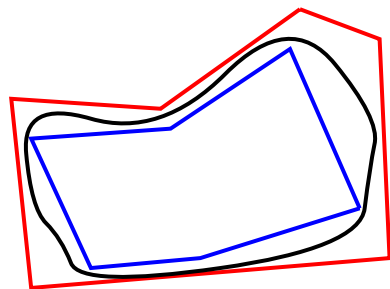
- Compute  $\delta_{[0,t]}$  of a set
- Perform set *union*, *equivalence testing*

## Approximation by Orthogonal Polyhedra

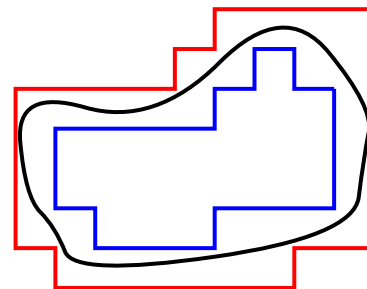
- Reachable sets are often *non-convex*  $\Rightarrow$  difficulty in representing and manipulating arbitrary non-convex polyhedra

$\Rightarrow$  *Orthogonal Polyhedra*

- Canonical representation, relatively efficient manipulation
- Easy termination checking
- *Over*-approximation (*verification*), *under*-approximation (*synthesis*)



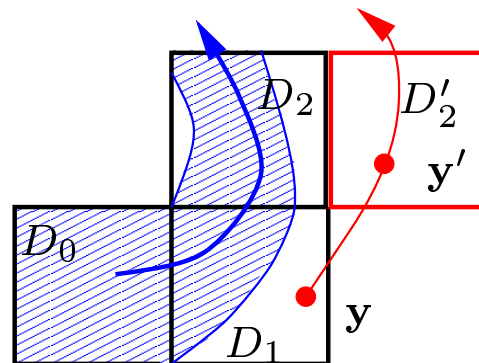
Arbitrary polyhedra



Orthogonal polyhedra

## Approximation by Orthogonal Polyhedra (cont'd)

Accumulation of **over-approximation errors** *errors*

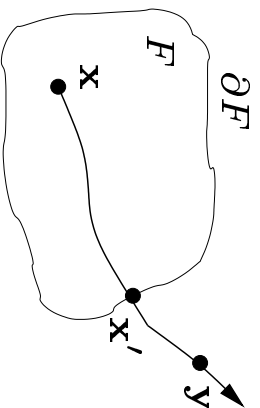


# Reachability Technique for Non-Linear Continuous Systems

A non-linear continuous system:  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = f(\mathbf{x})$ ;  $F$  is the set of initial states

**Face-lifting** technique, inspired by [Greenstreet 96]

- Continuity of trajectories  $\Rightarrow$  *computing from the boundary*



The set  $F$  is *polyhedral*  $\Rightarrow$  boundary of  $F$  is the union of its *faces*

- Consider the evolution in the *outward normal direction of each face* of  $F$

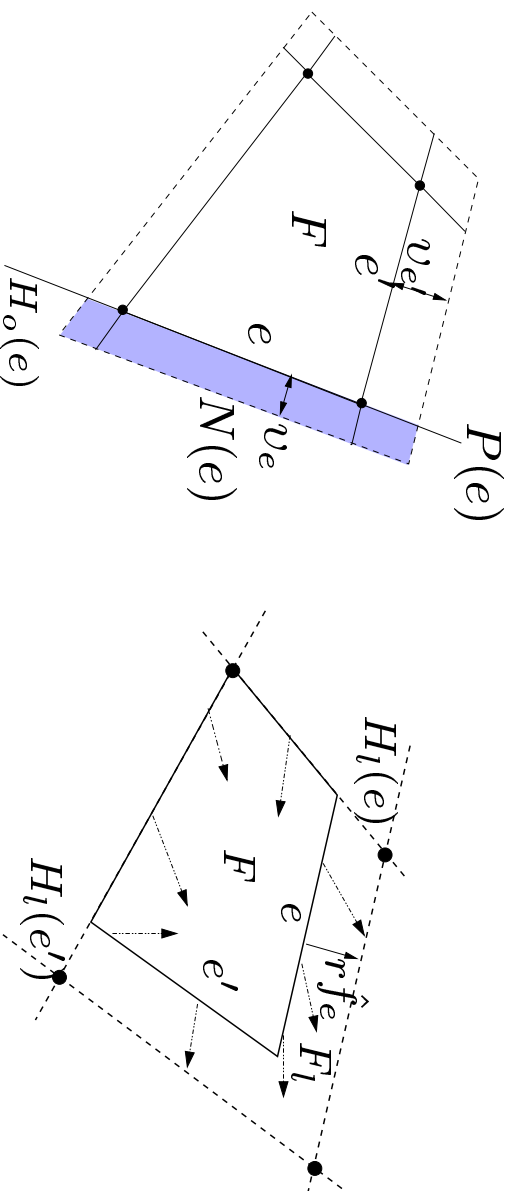
# Face Lifting Technique

Step 1 - Rough approximation: neighborhood  $N(F)$  such that all trajectories starting from  $F$  stay in  $N(F)$  for at least  $r$  time.

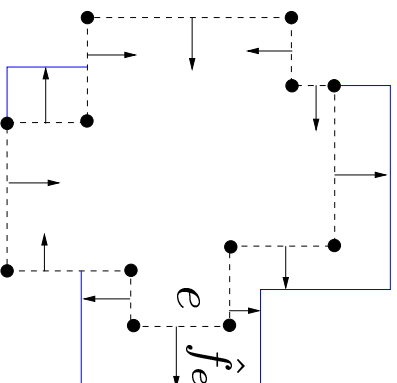
Step 2 - More precise approximation

$f_e(\mathbf{x})$ : projection of  $f(\mathbf{x})$  on the outward normal vector  $\mathbf{n}(e)$  of face  $e$

$\hat{f}_e$ : maximum of  $f_e$  over  $N(e)$



## Face Lifting using Orthogonal Polyhedra



Using orthogonal polyhedra:

- Faces can be systematically enumerated
- Orthogonal polyhedra are closed under the lifting operation

# Reachability of Linear Continuous Systems

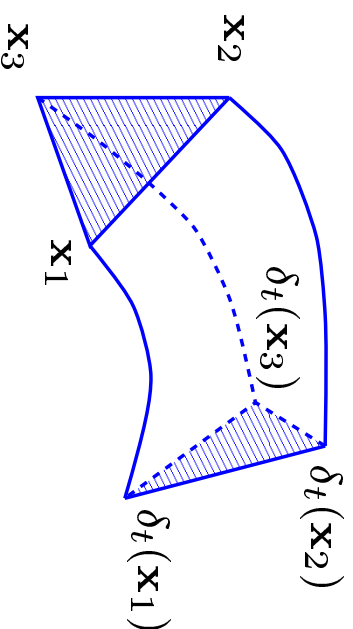
A linear continuous system:  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = A\mathbf{x}$ ,  $F$  is the set of initial states

$$\delta_t(F) = e^{At}F$$

**Property:** *Convexity is preserved*

$F = \text{conv}\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_m\}$ ;  $\mathbf{x}_i$  are vertices of  $F$

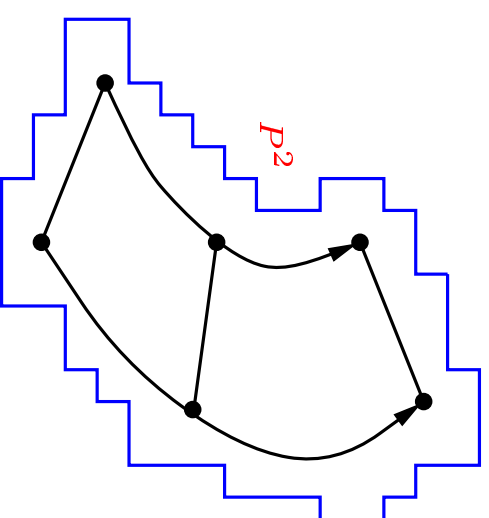
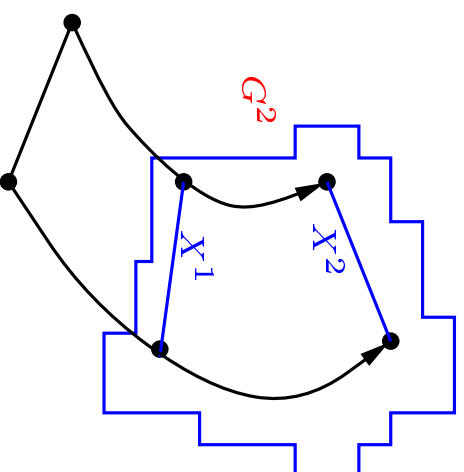
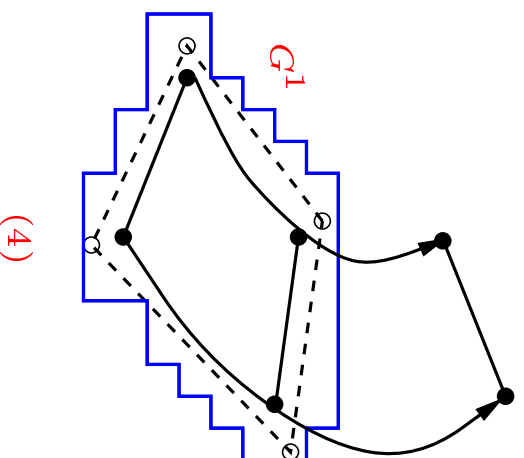
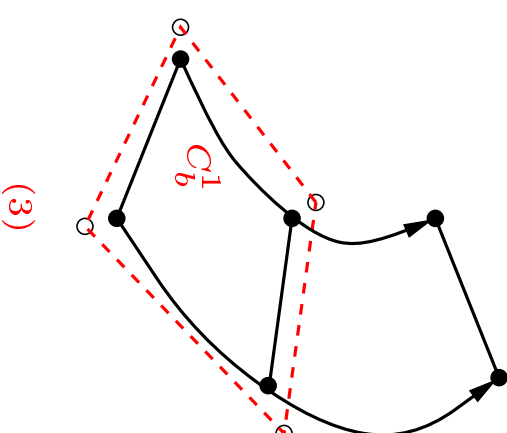
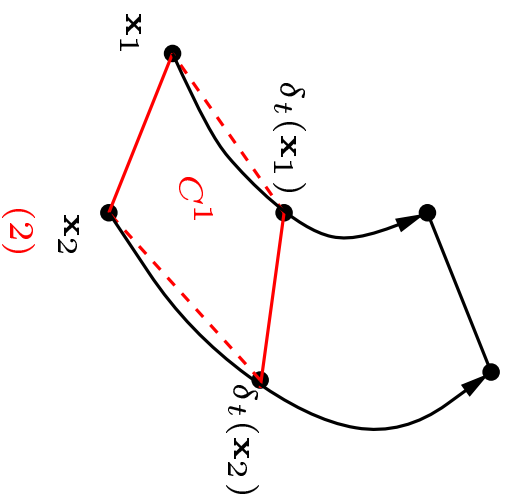
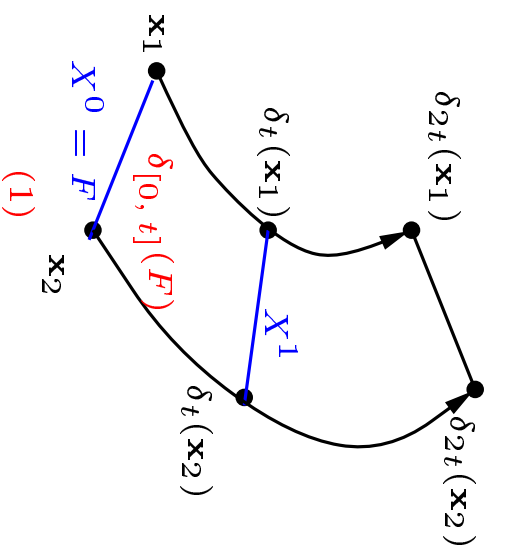
$\delta_t(F) = \text{conv}\{\delta_t(\mathbf{x}_1), \dots, \delta_t(\mathbf{x}_m)\}$  with  $\delta_t(\mathbf{x}_i) = e^{At}\mathbf{x}_i$



$\delta_t(F)$  can be computed by a finite number of integrations.

$\Rightarrow$  We exploit this property to approximate  $\delta(F)$

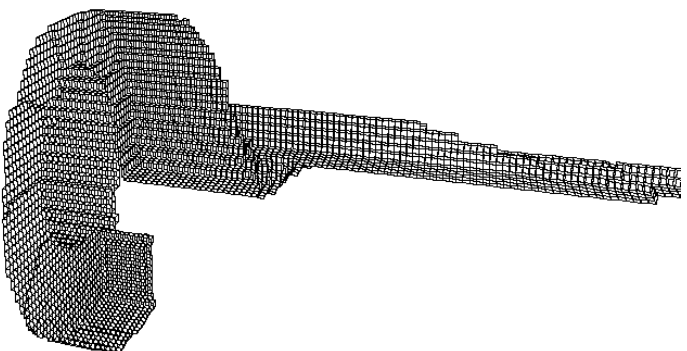
# Approximate Computation of $\delta(F)$



## Example

$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = A\mathbf{x}$ , initial set  $F = [0.025, 0.05] \times [0.1, 0.15] \times [0.05, 0.1]$

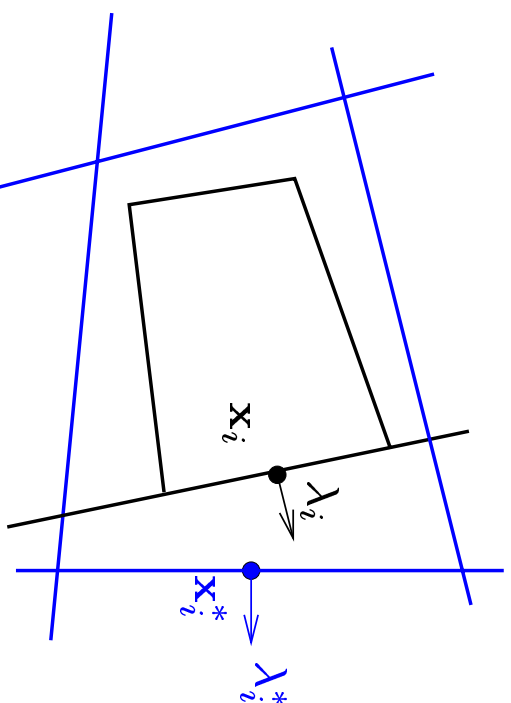
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1.0 & -4.0 & 0.0 \\ 4.0 & -1.0 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}$$



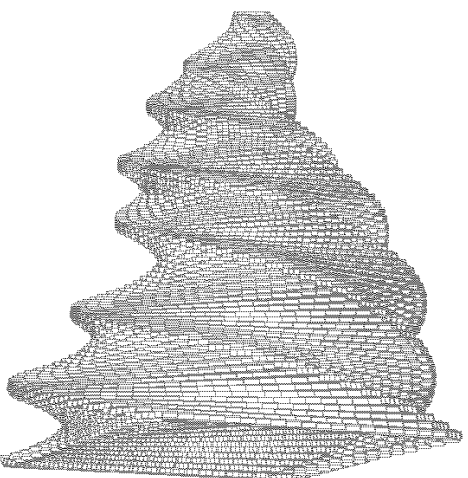
# Linear Systems with Uncertain Input

$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = A\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}$ , where  $\mathbf{u} \in U$  (convex set)

**Approach:** inspired by [Varaiya 98] using the Maximum Principle  
Convex polyhedron  $F = \bigcap \{ \langle \lambda_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle \leq \gamma_i \}$  (*intersection of halfspaces*)  
Face  $i$ :  $\langle \lambda_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle = \gamma_i$     $\mathbf{u}_i^* = \operatorname{argmax} \{ \langle \lambda_i, A\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u} \rangle \mid \mathbf{u} \in U \}$



## Example of Linear Continuous Systems with Input



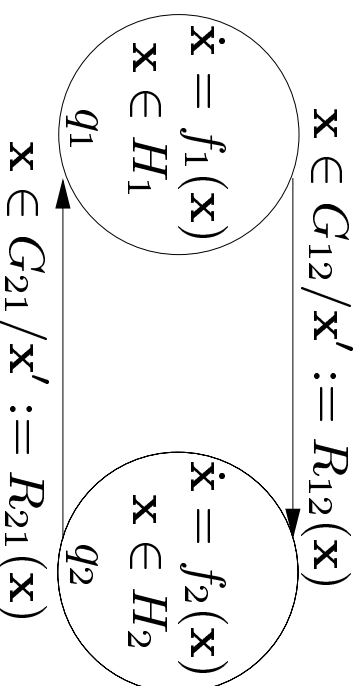
$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = A\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}, \quad \mathbf{u} \in U; \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -8 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Input set  $U = [-0.5, 0.5] \times [-0.005, 0.005] \times [-0.5, 0.5] \times [-0.005, 0.005]$ ;

Initial set  $F = [0, 2] \times [-1, 1] \times [0, 2] \times [-1, 1]$ ; [Kurzanski and Valyi 97]

# Hybrid Dynamical Systems

- several *modes* (*discrete states, locations*)
- continuous dynamics of the modes are defined by *differential equations*
- *staying* conditions (*‘invariants’*) of each mode: convex polyhedra
- *switching* conditions (*‘guards’*): convex polyhedra
- *reset functions* associated with transitions: affine of the form  $R_{qq'}(\mathbf{x}) = D_{qq'}\mathbf{x} + J_{qq'}$



# Reachability Analysis of Hybrid Systems

The state  $(q, \mathbf{x})$  of the system can change in two ways:

- by **continuous dynamics**: location  $q$  remains constant, and  $\mathbf{x}$  changes continuously according to the differential equation of location  $q$
- by **discrete transitions**: location  $q$  changes, and  $\mathbf{x}$  can be changed according to the reset function

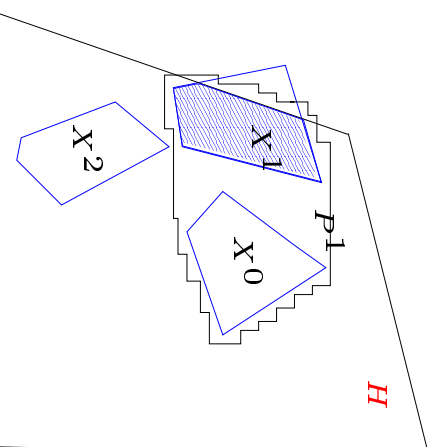
**Reachability procedure** requires the computation of

- ★ reachable sets by continuous dynamics (**continuous-successors**)
- ★ reachable sets by discrete transitions (**discrete-successors**)

# Reachability Technique for Hybrid Systems

## Computation of continuous-successors

- based on the computation of *reachable sets of continuous systems*
- takes into account the *staying condition* of the current location



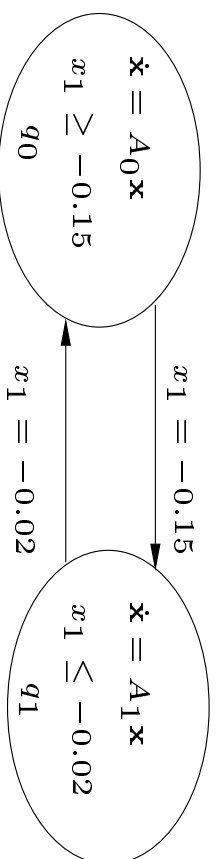
## Computation of discrete-successors

- Set of discrete-successors of set  $F$  by transition from  $q$  to  $q'$ :

$$R_{qq'}(F \cap G_{qq'} \cap H_{q'})$$

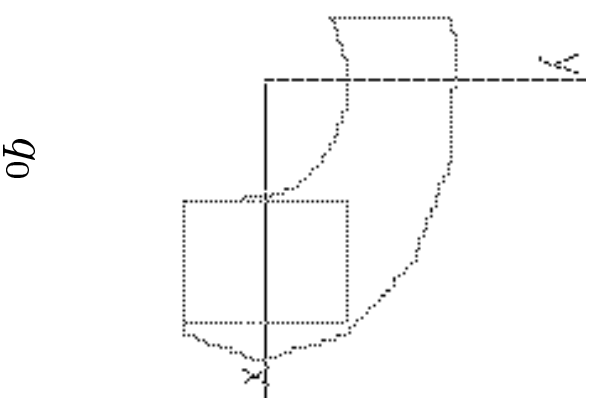
- *Boolean* and *geometric* operations on polyhedra

# Example

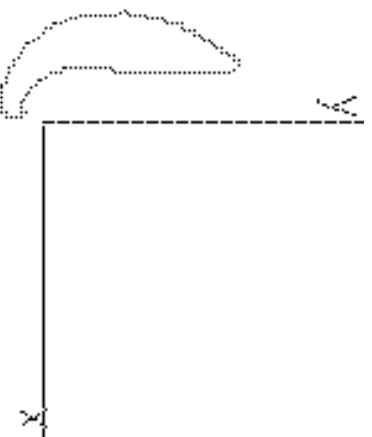


$$A_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -0.6 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

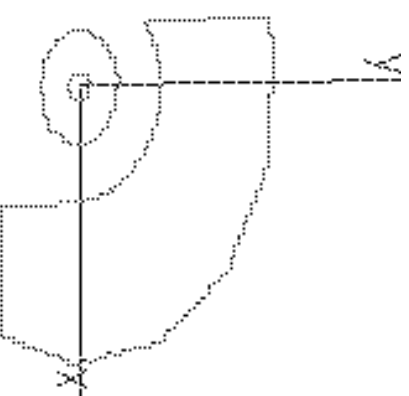
$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -3 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$



$q_0$



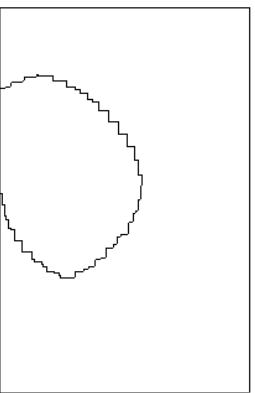
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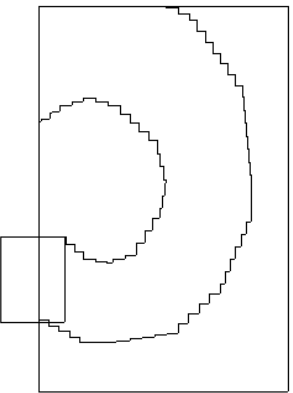
$q_0$

## Example: $F$ Until $G$

Given two subsets  $F$  and  $G$ . Calculate  $F$  Until  $G$ ?



The states which can **stay** in  $F$  forever



The states which can **stay** in  $F$  and **reach**  $G$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -0.5 & 4.0 \\ -3.0 & -0.5 \end{pmatrix}; \quad F = [-0.1, 0.1] \times [-0.03, 0.1];$$

$$G = [0.02, 0.06] \times [-0.05, -0.02]$$

# The tool d/dt

Three functionalities

- **Reachability Analysis**
  - Linear continuous systems
  - Non-linear continuous systems
  - Hybrid systems
- **Safety verification of hybrid systems**
- **Safety switching controller synthesis** for hybrid systems with linear continuous dynamics

## Future work

- ★ More efficient polyhedral approximation algorithms
- ★ Verification and controller synthesis for more general properties

## Some Related Works

- Integrating Projection [[Greenstreet 96](#)]
- Ellipsoidal Techniques [[Kurzanski and Valyi 97](#); [Kurzanski and Varaiya 00](#)]
- Flow-pipe Approximation [[Chutinan and Krogh 99](#)]
- Symbolic Method [[Pappas, Lafferier and Yovine 99](#); [Anai and Weipsfenning 01](#)]
- Verification via mathematical programming [[Bemporad and Morari 99](#)]