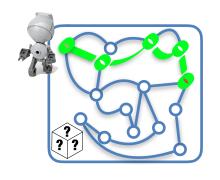
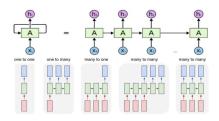
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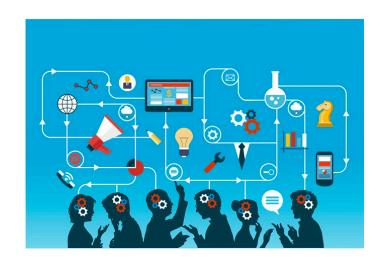








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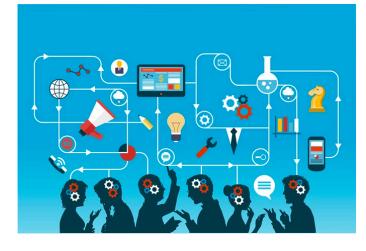
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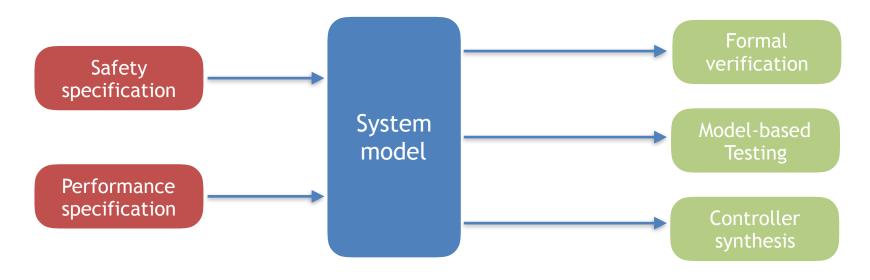
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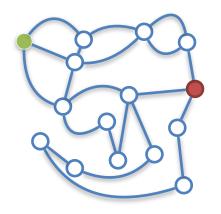
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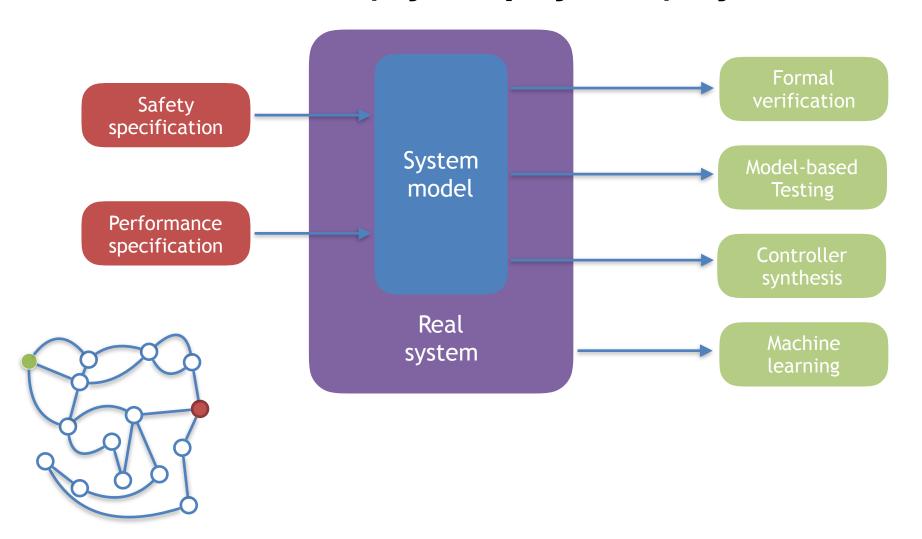


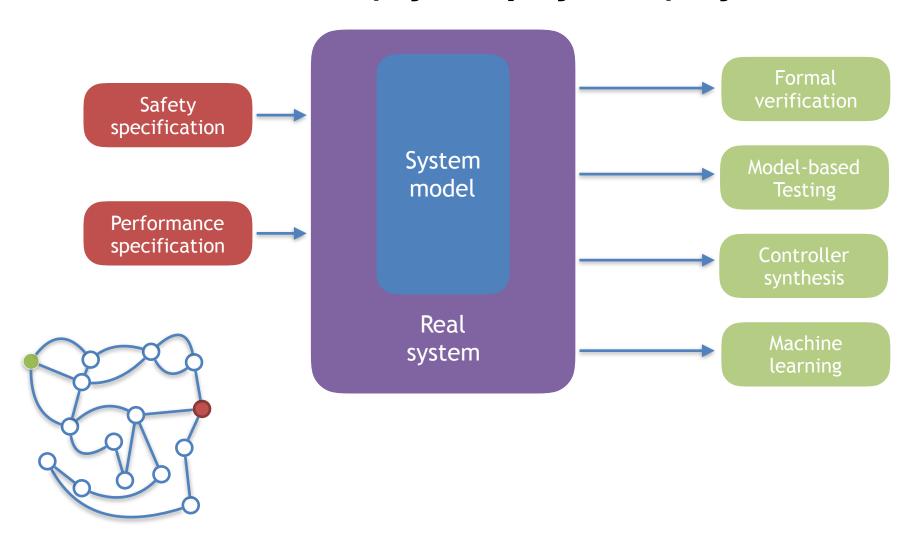


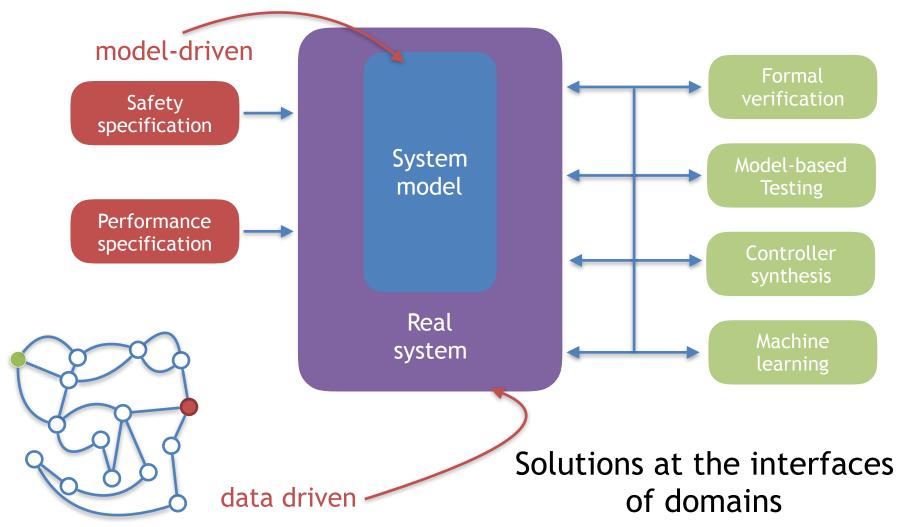




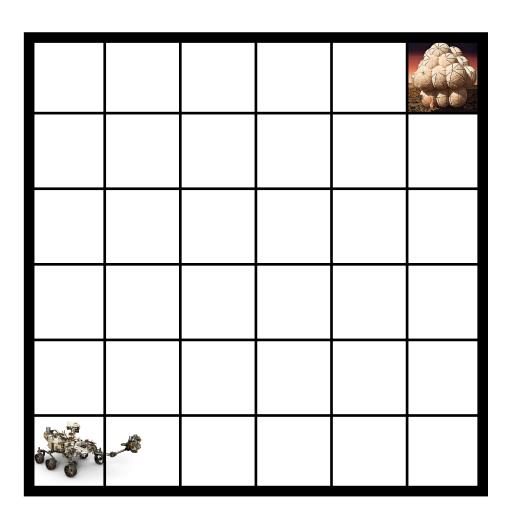




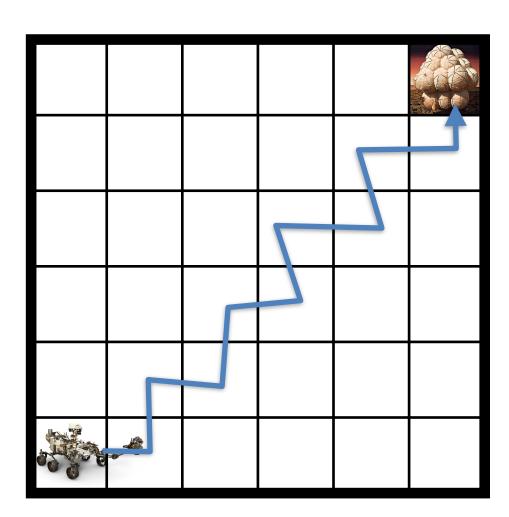




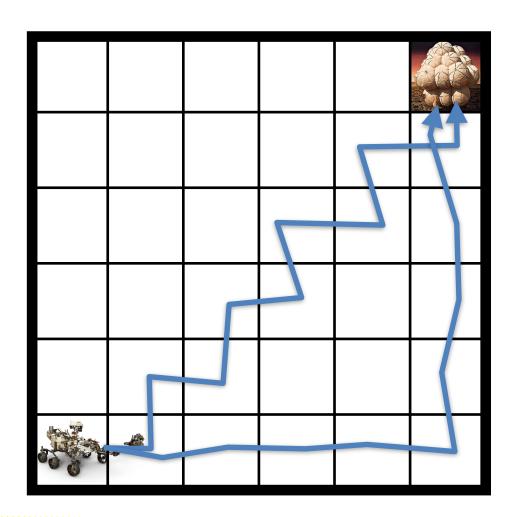
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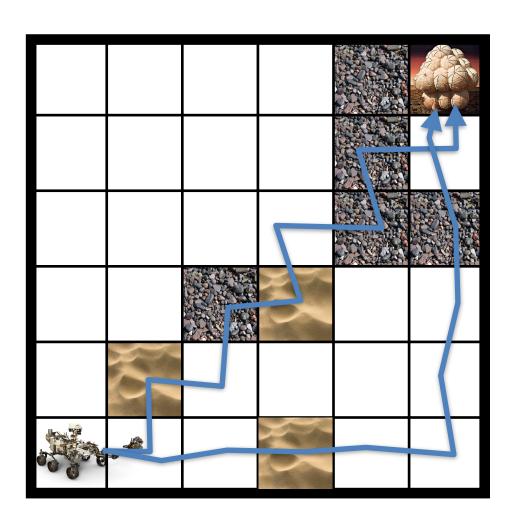


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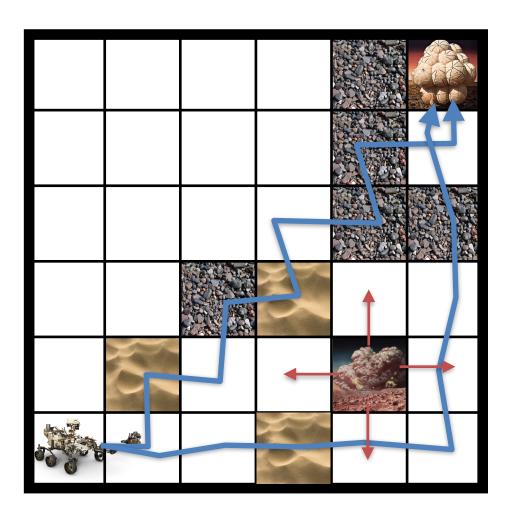
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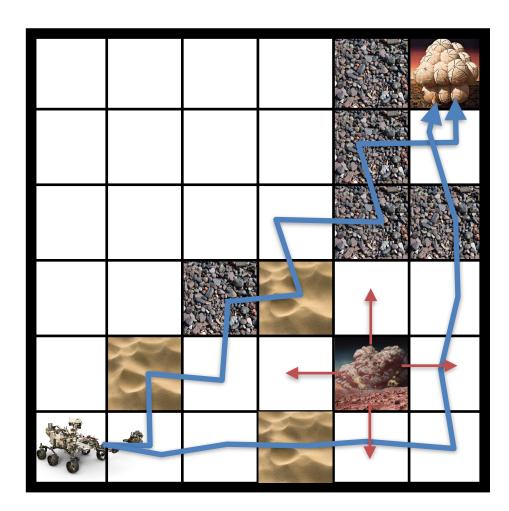
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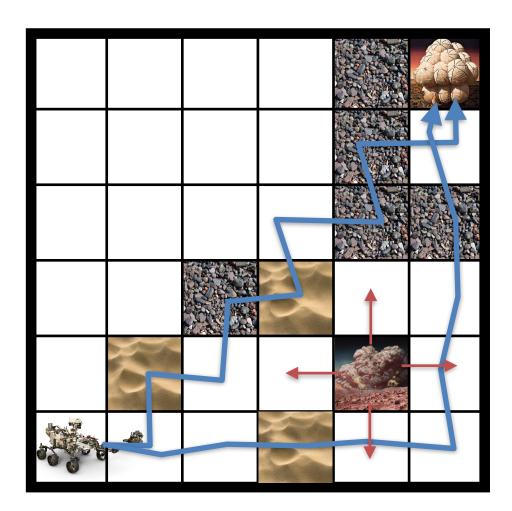


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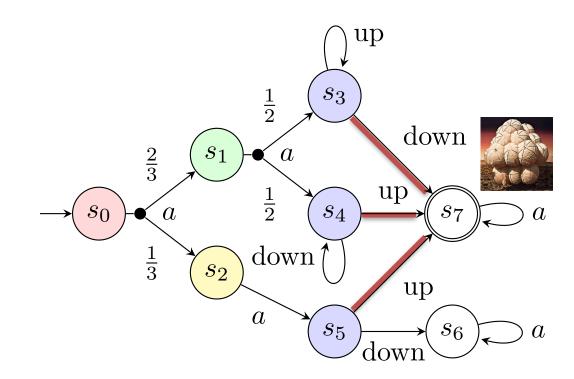
Underlying Model: Markov Decision Process

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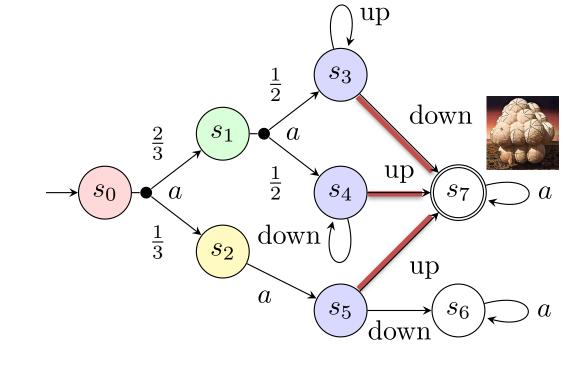
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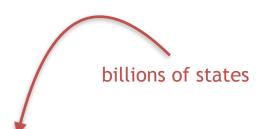
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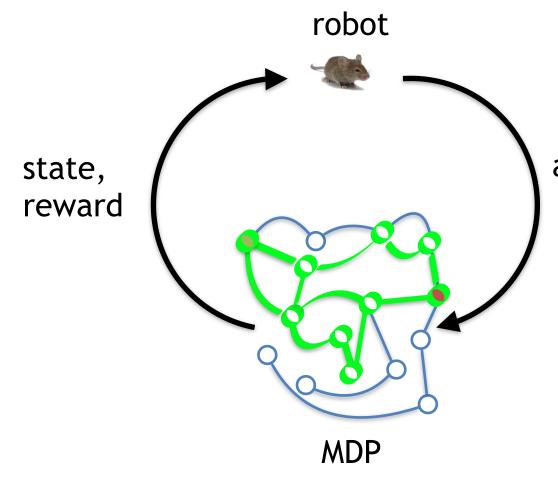
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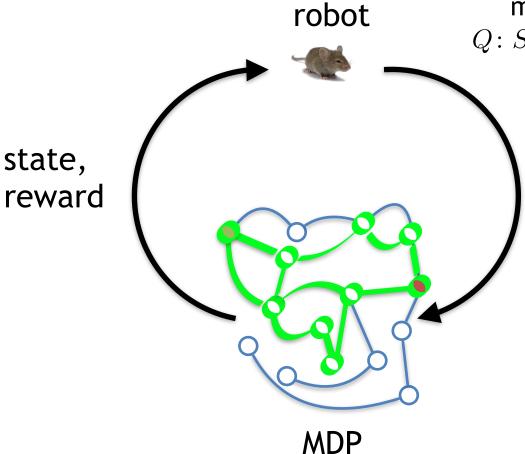
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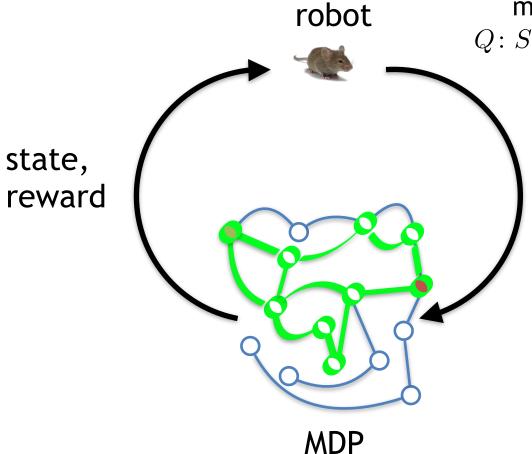
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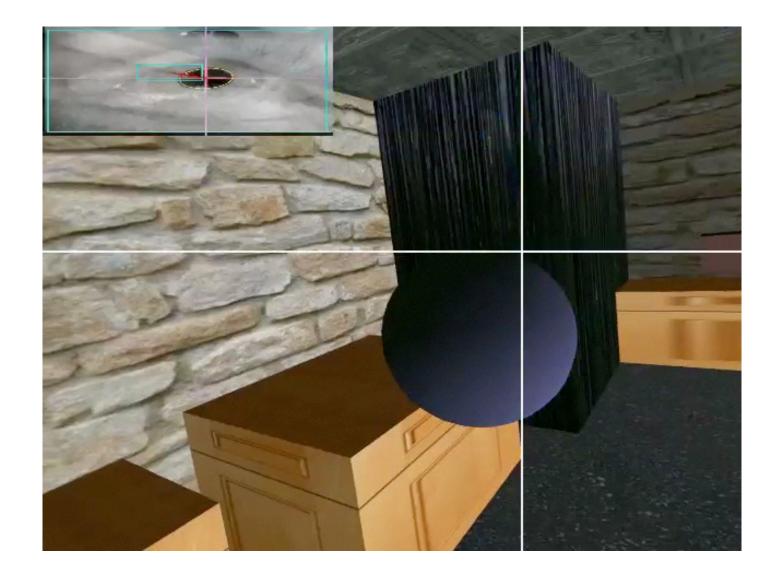
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#### Behavior model for uncontrollable agents

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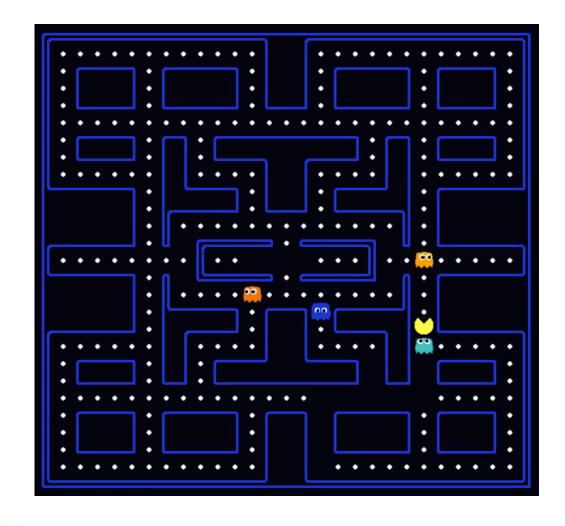
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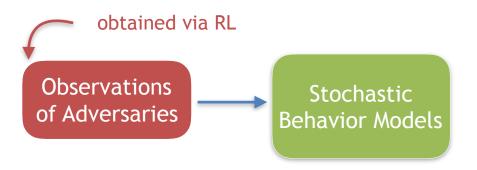
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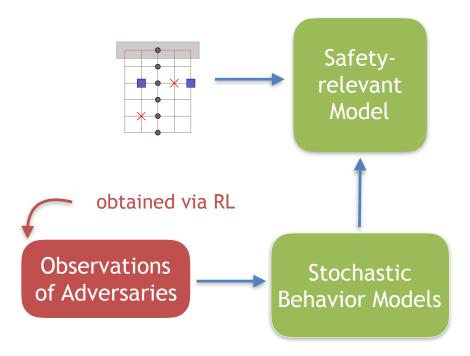
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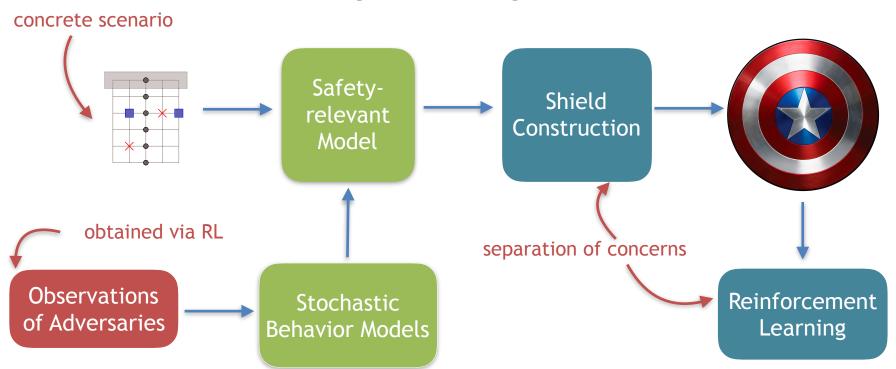
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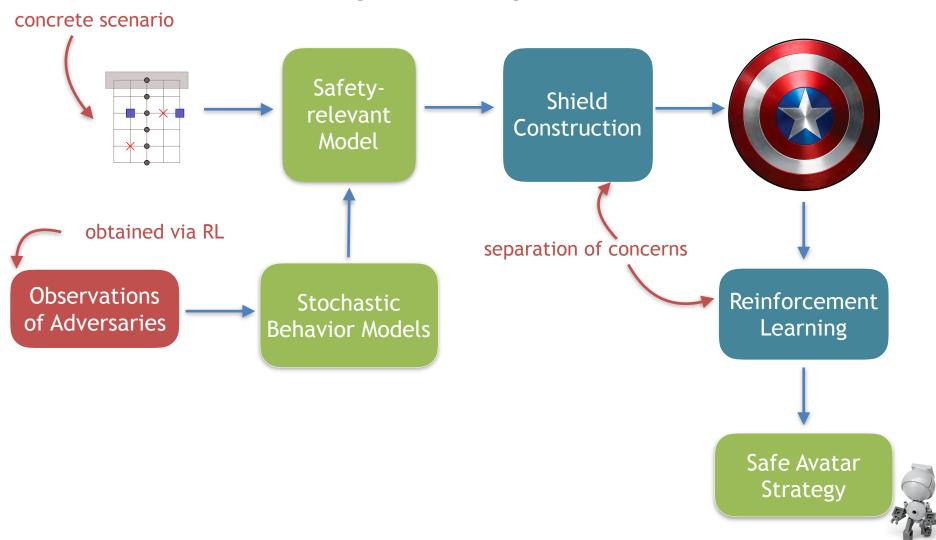


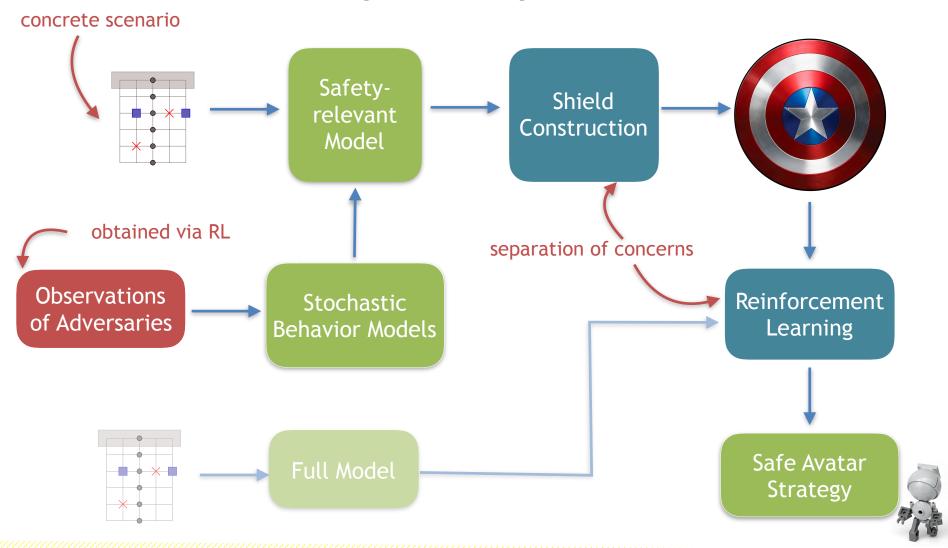


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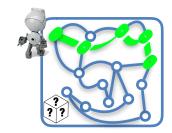
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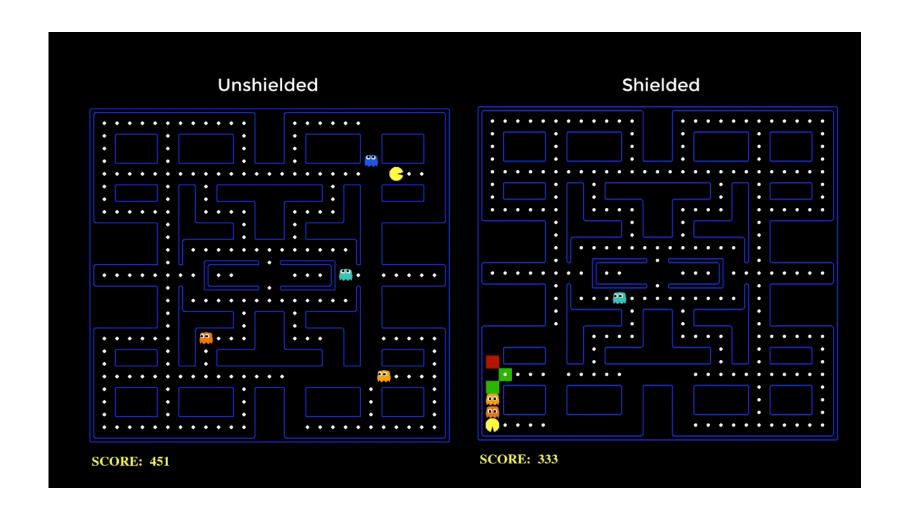
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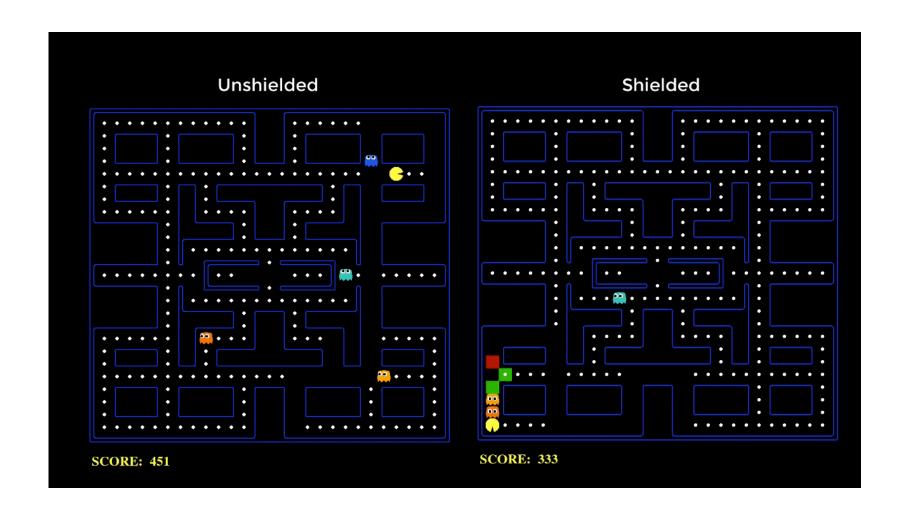
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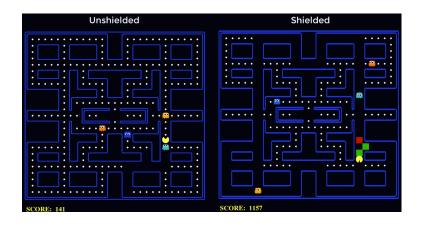


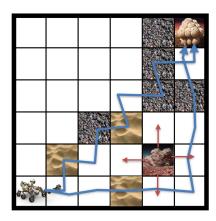
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## (First) Conclusion

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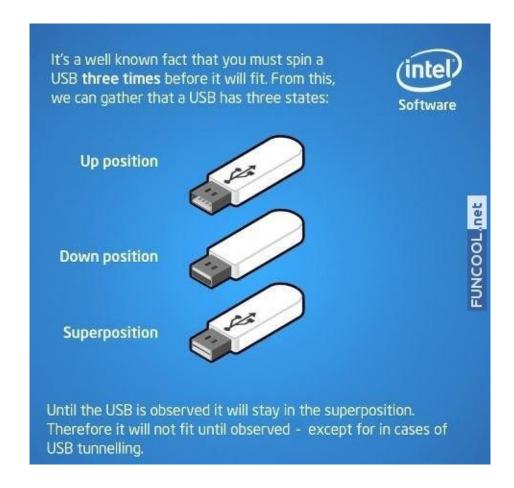
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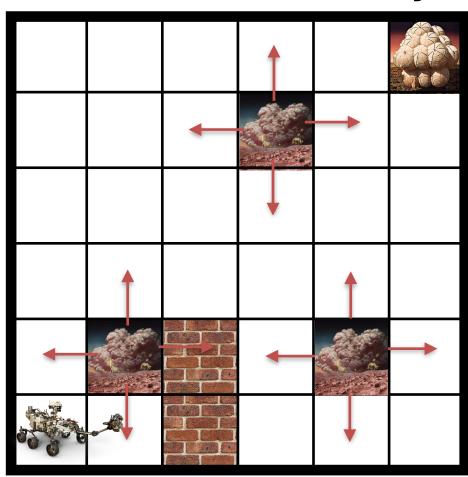


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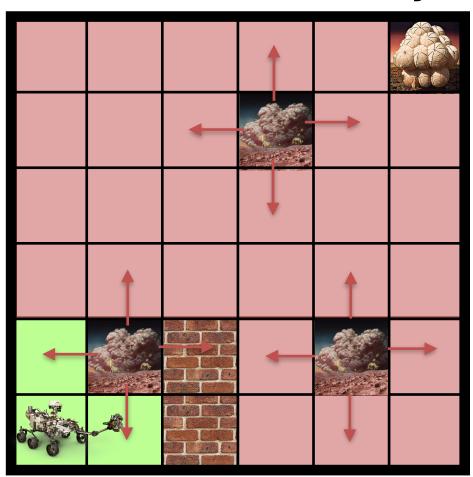
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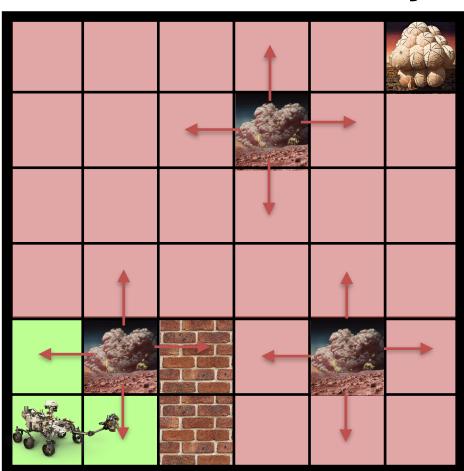
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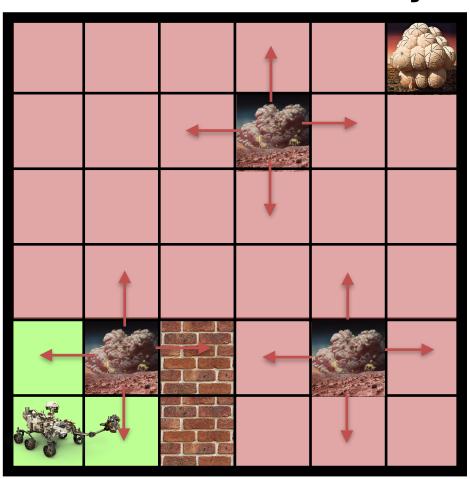
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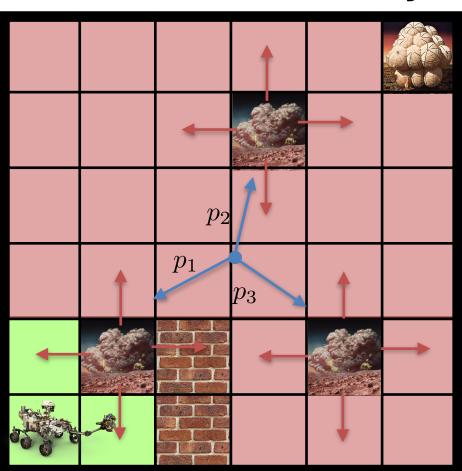
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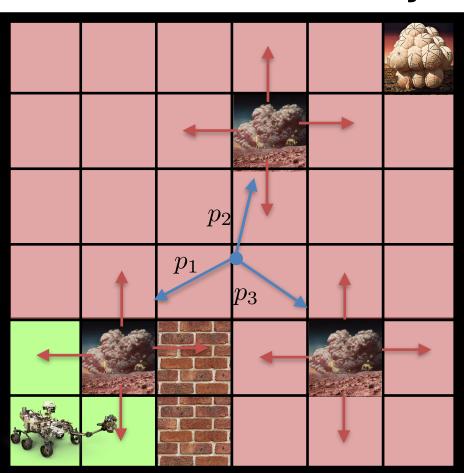
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Wireless Sensor Networks



Surveying Threatened Species



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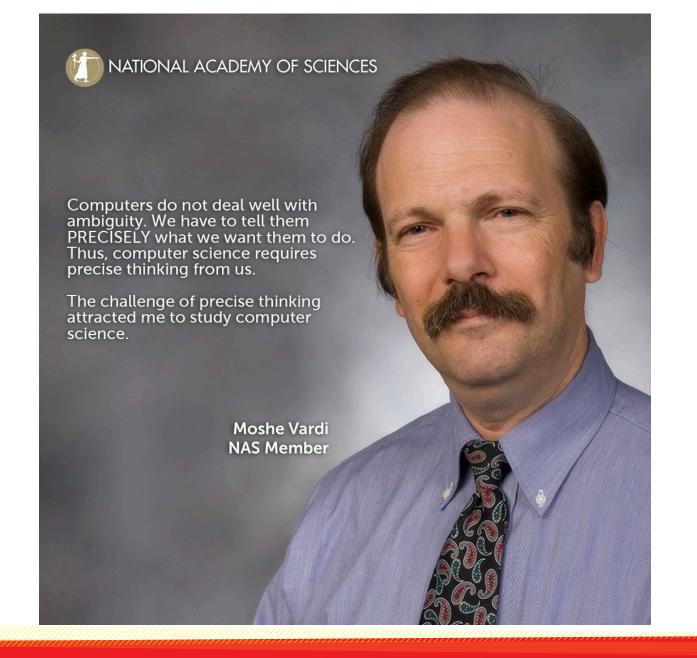
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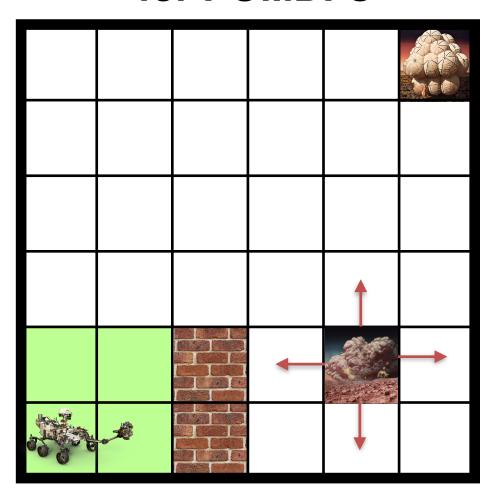
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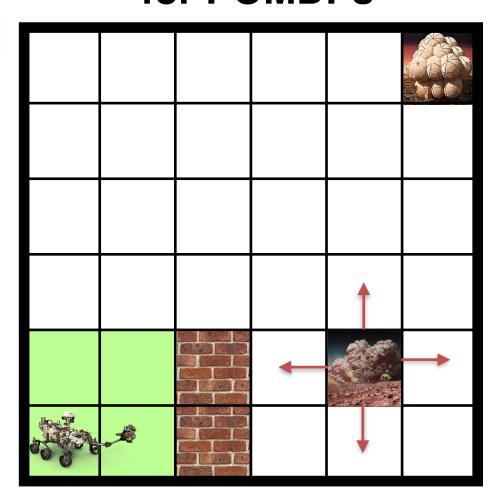








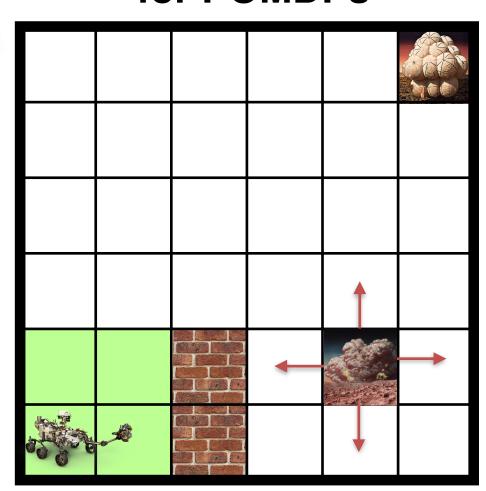
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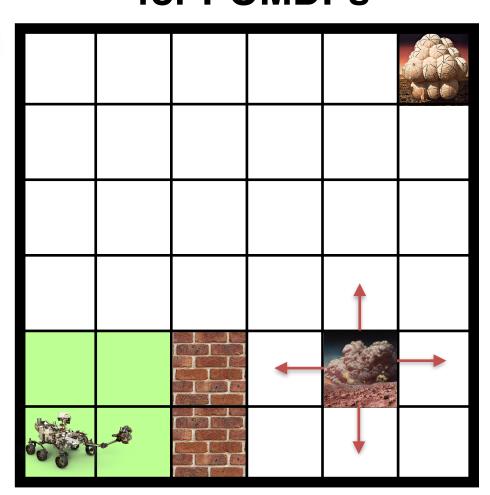


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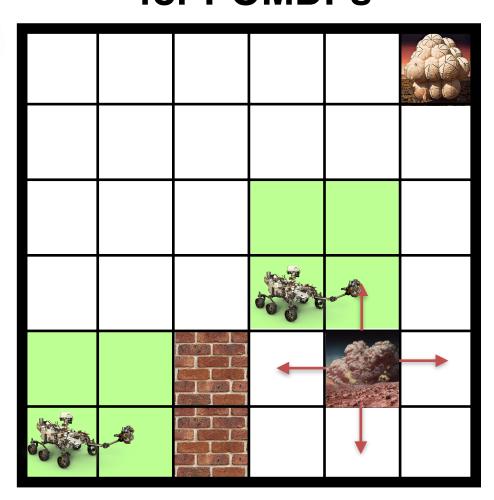
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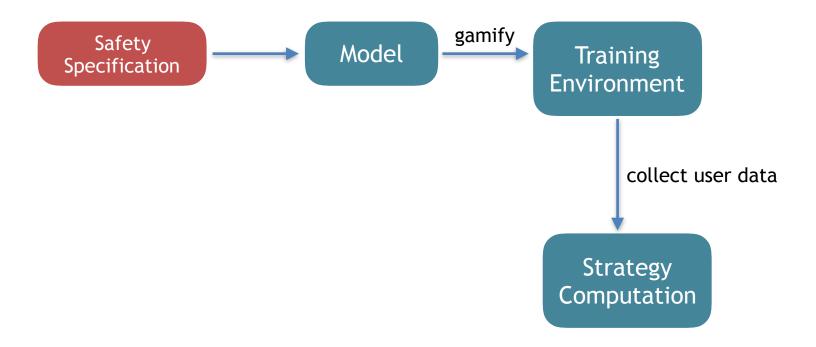


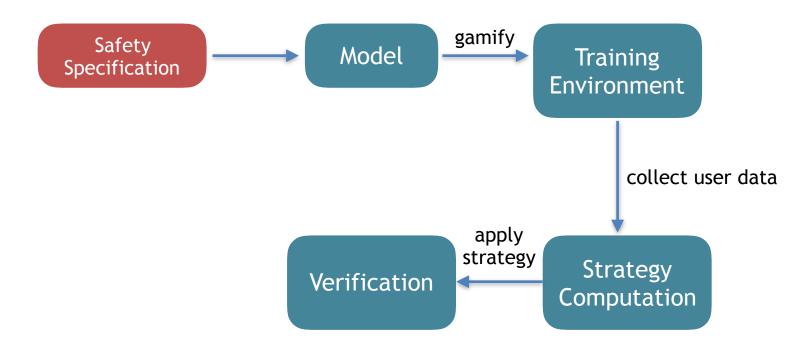


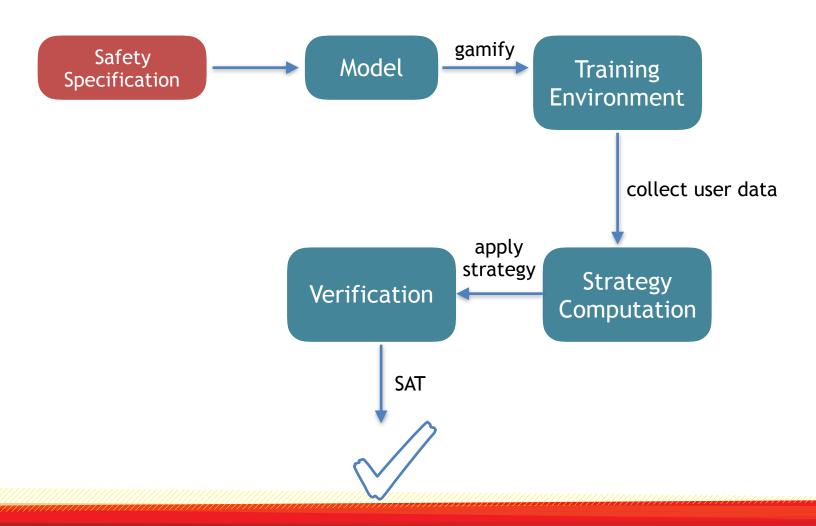


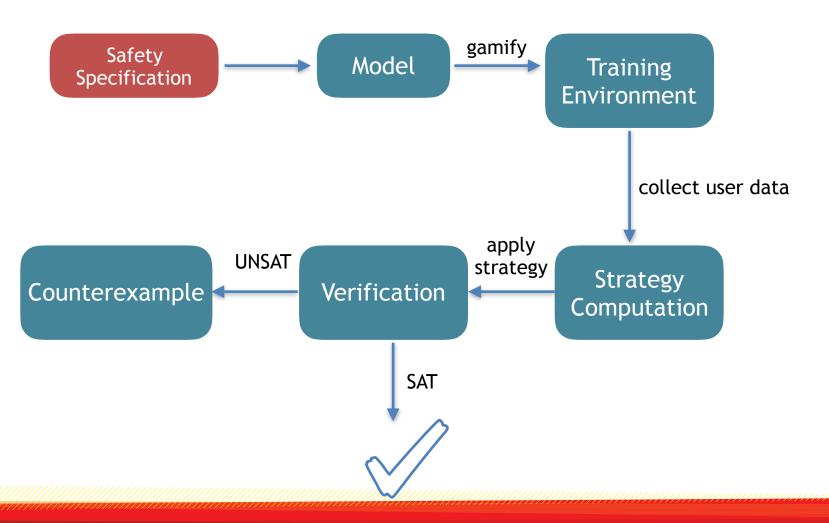


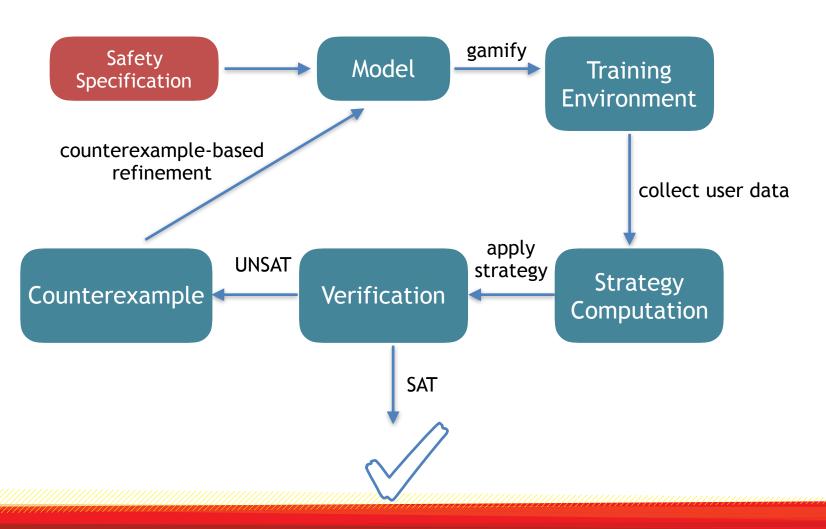






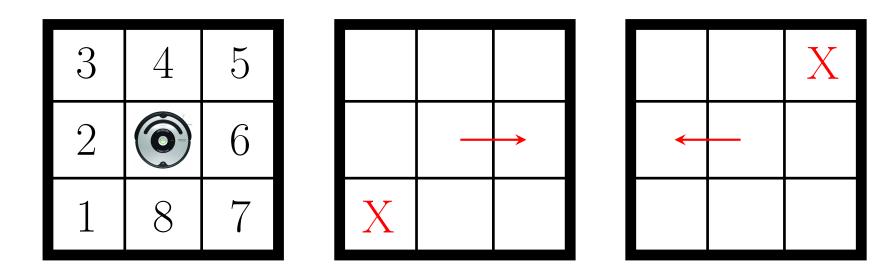






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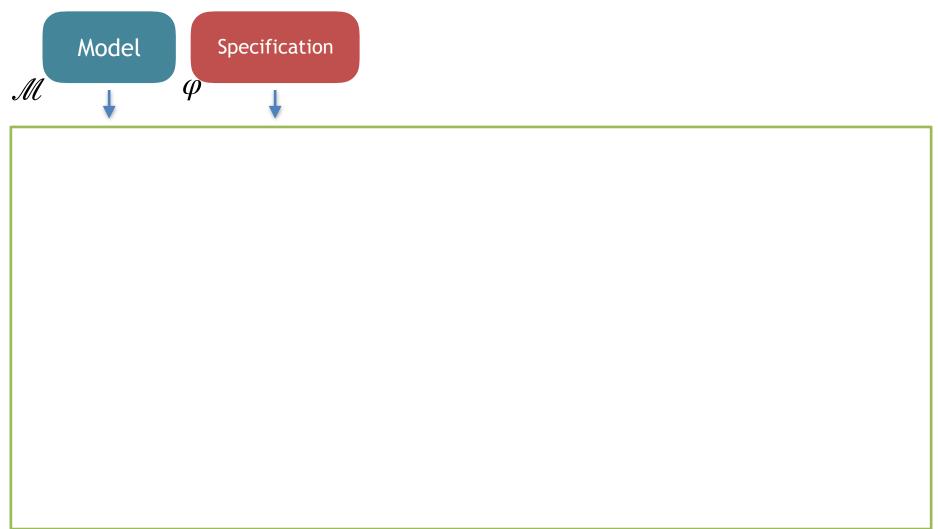
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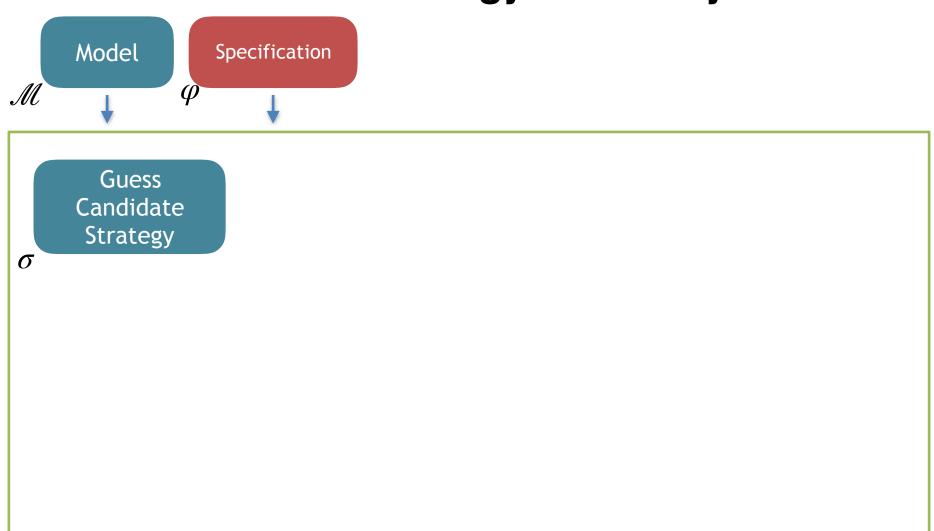
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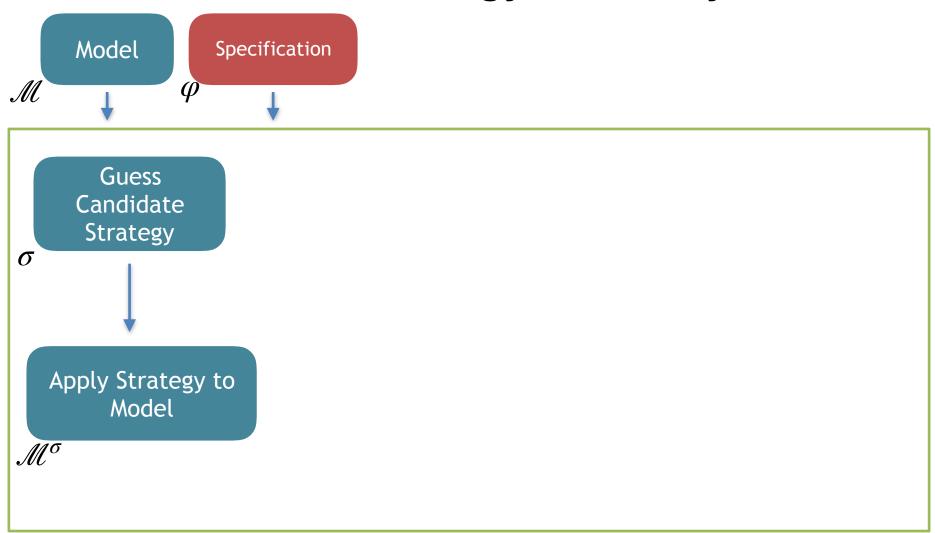
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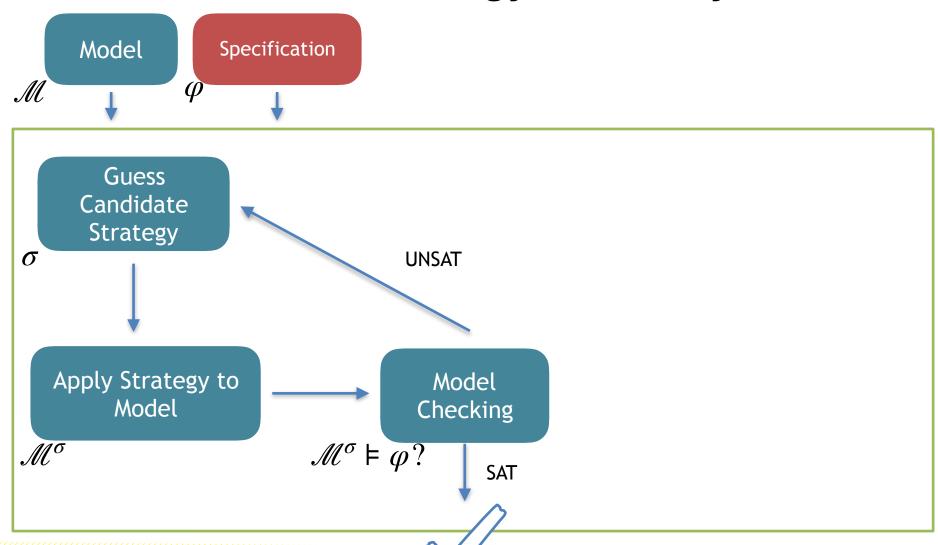


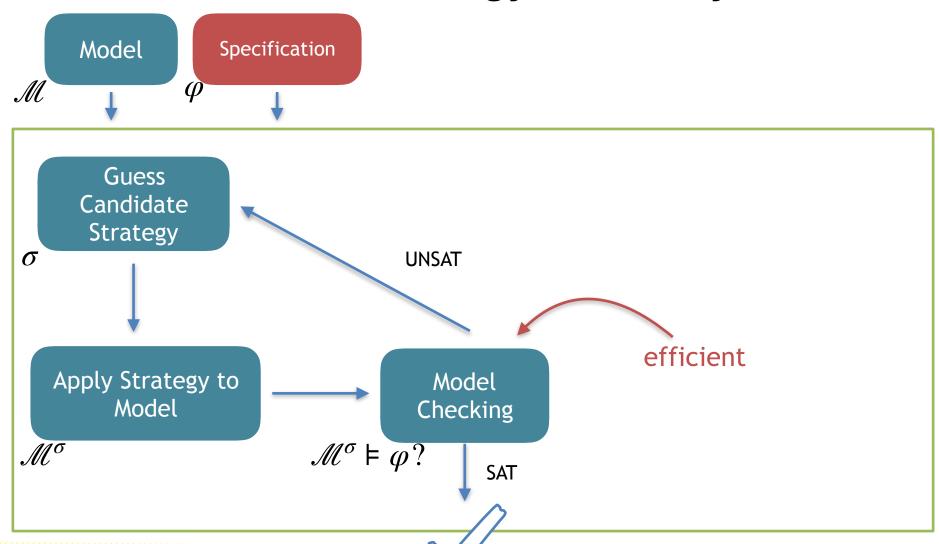


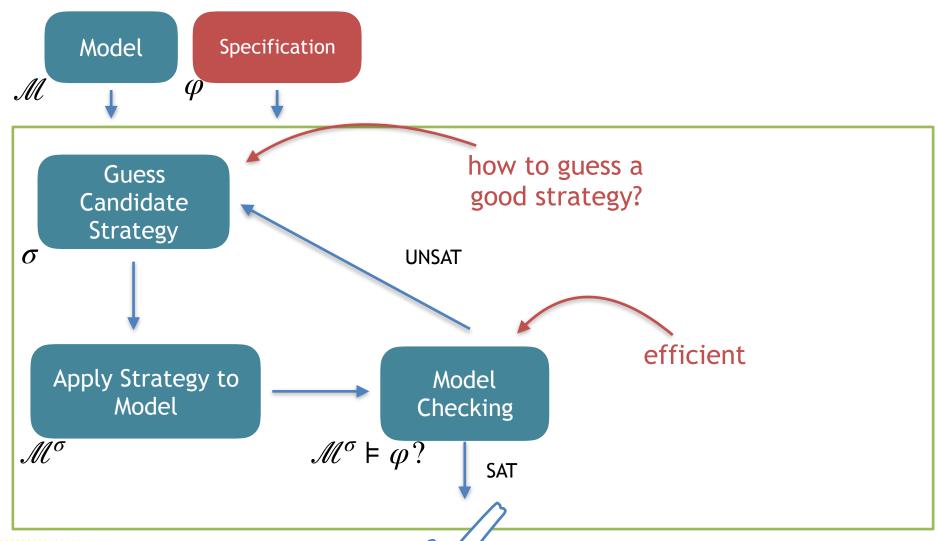




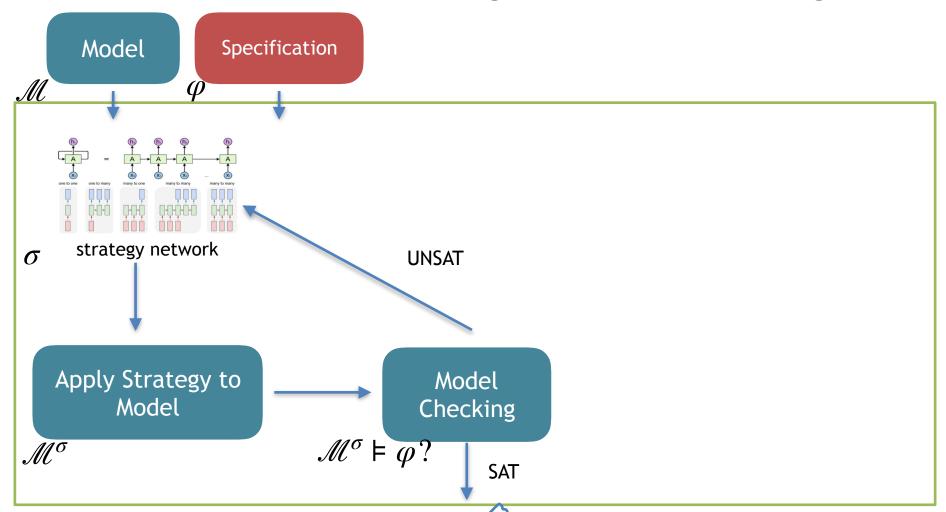




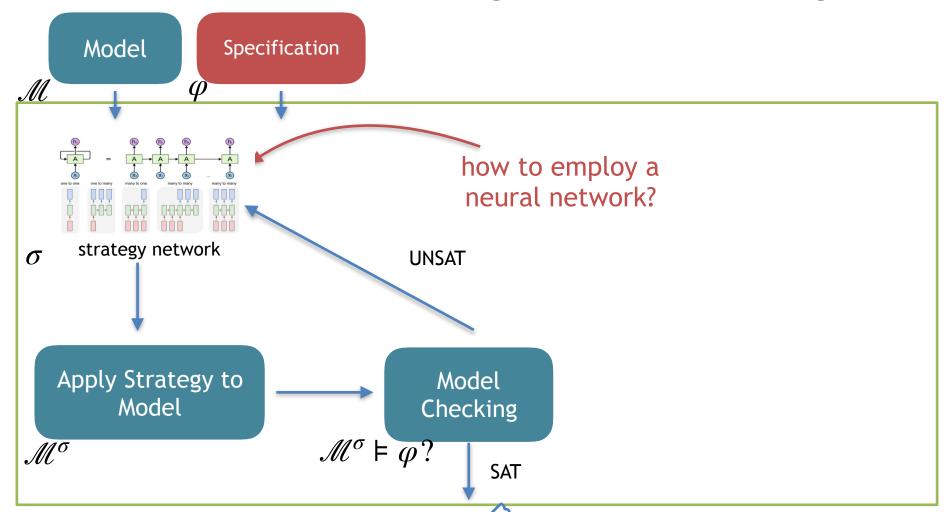


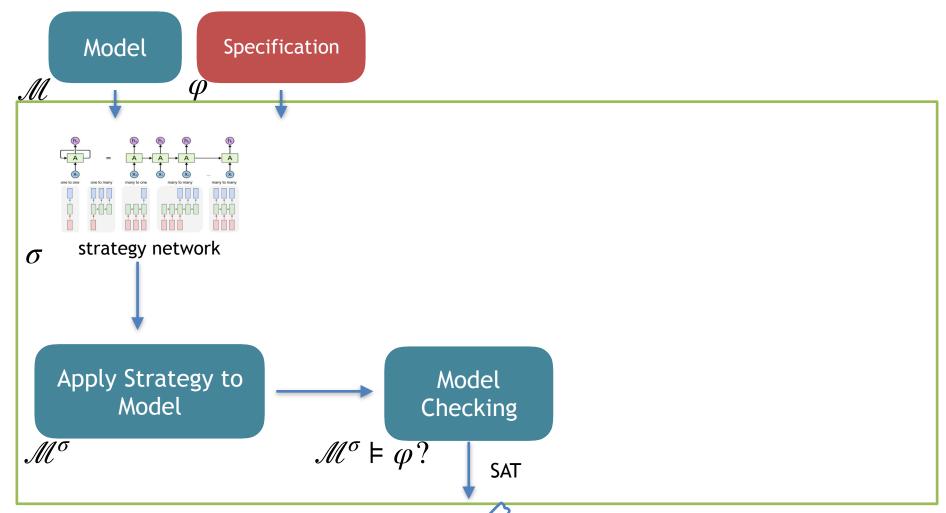


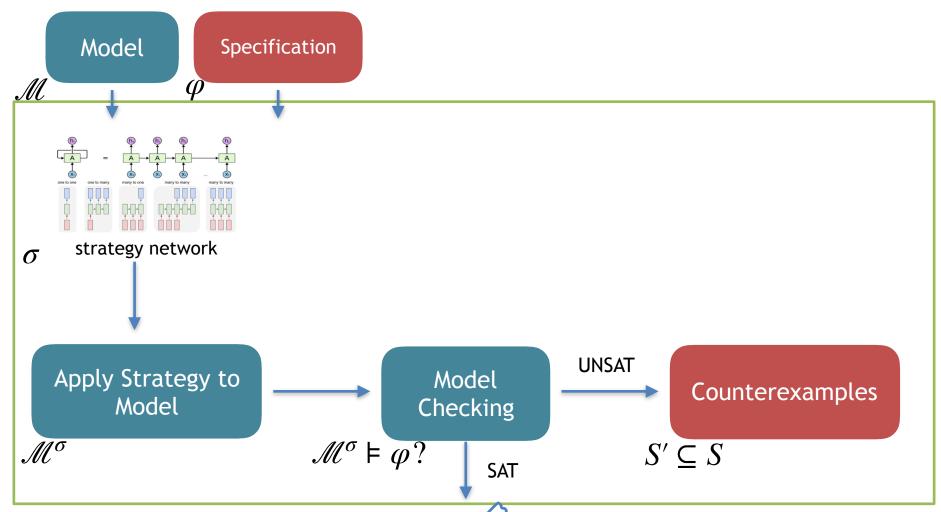
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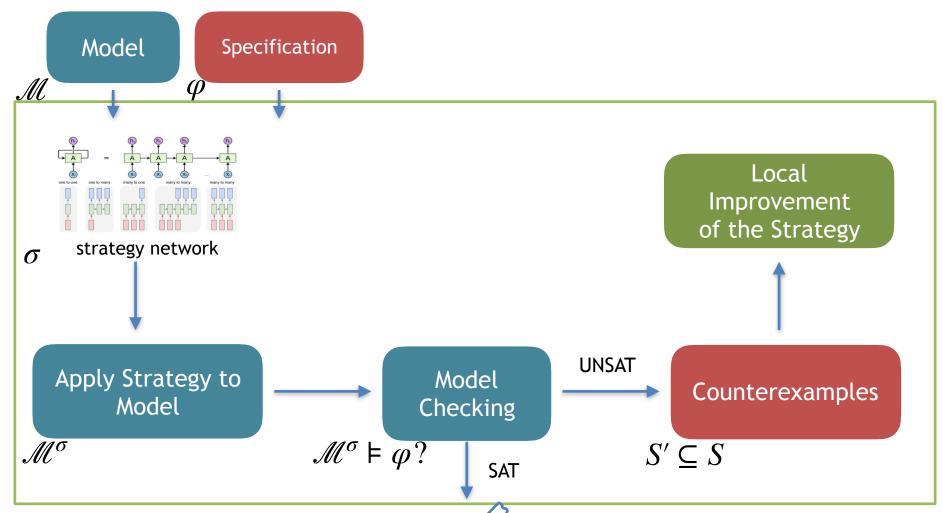


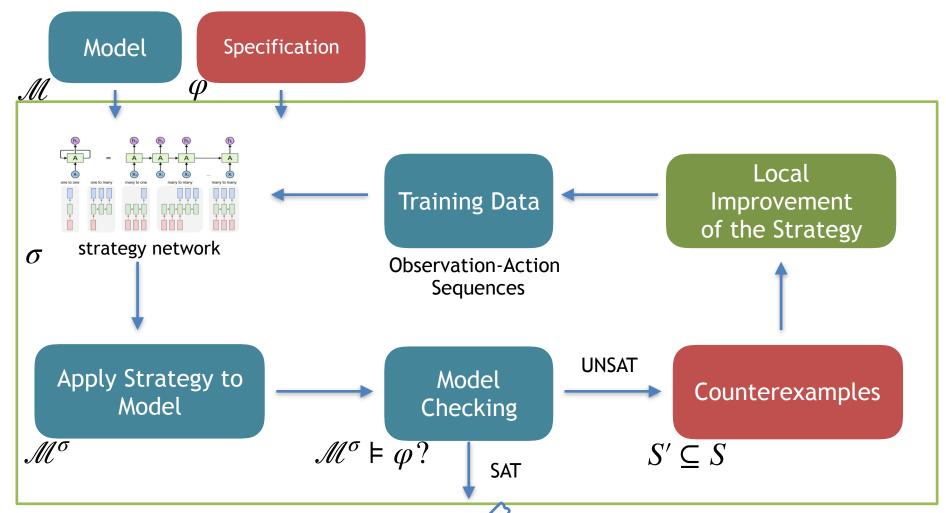
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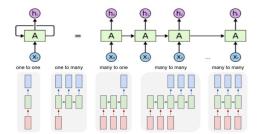






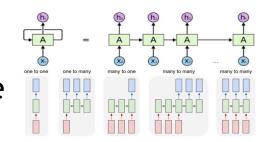






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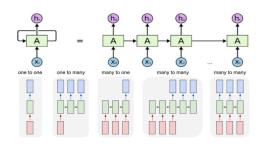


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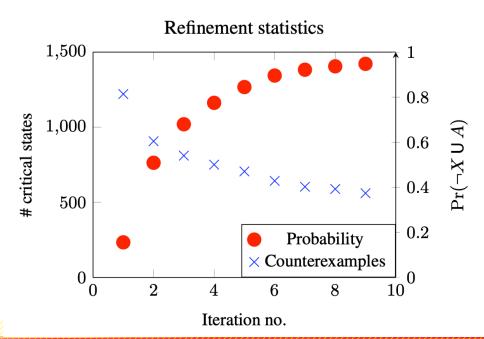
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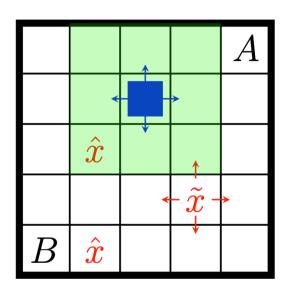
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# **Experiments - LTL**



Problem	S	Act	Z
Navigation (c)	$c^4$	4	256
Delivery (c)	$c^2$	4	256
Slippery (c)	$c^2$	4	256
Maze(c)	3c + 8	4	7
Grid(c)	$c^2$	4	2
RockSample[4, 4]	257	9	2
RockSample[5, 5]	801	10	2
RockSample[7, 8]	12545	13	2

				based Synthesis		
Problem	States	Type, $\varphi$	Res.	Time (s)	Res.	Time (s)
Navigation (3)	333	$\mathbb{P}^{\mathcal{M}}_{ ext{max}}, arphi_1$	0.74	14.16	0.84	73.88
Navigation (4)	1088	$\mathbb{P}_{\max}^{\mathcal{M}}, \varphi_1$	0.82	22.67	0.93	1034.64
Navigation (4) [2-FSC]	13373	$\mathbb{P}_{\max}^{\mathcal{N}_1}, \varphi_1$	0.91	47.26	_	_
Navigation (4) [4-FSC]	26741	$\mathbb{P}_{\max}^{\mathcal{M}}, \varphi_1$ $\mathbb{P}_{\max}^{\mathcal{M}}, \varphi_1$	0.92	59.42	_	_
Navigation (4) [8-FSC]	53477	$\mathbb{P}_{\max}^{\mathcal{M}}, \varphi_1$ $\mathbb{P}_{\max}^{\mathcal{M}}, \varphi_1$	0.92	85.26	_	_
Navigation (5)			0.91	34.34	MO	MO
Navigation (5) [2-FSC]	33357	$\mathbb{P}_{\max}^{\mathcal{M}}, \varphi_1$ $\mathbb{P}_{\max}^{\mathcal{M}}, \varphi_1$	0.92	115.16	_	_
Navigation (5) [4-FSC]			0.92	159.61	_	_
Navigation (5) [8-FSC]	133413	$\mathbb{P}_{\max}^{\mathcal{M}}, \varphi_1$	0.92	250.91	_	_
Navigation (10)			0.79	822.87	MO	MO
Navigation (10) [2-FSC]	475053	$\mathbb{P}_{\max}^{\mathcal{M}}, \varphi_1$ $\mathbb{P}_{\max}^{\mathcal{M}}, \varphi_1$	0.83	1185.41	_	_
Navigation (10) [4-FSC]			0.85	1488.77	_	_
Navigation (10) [8-FSC]	1900197	$\mathbb{P}_{\max}^{\mathcal{M}}, \varphi_1$	0.81	1805.22	_	_
Navigation (15)			0.91	1271.80*	MO	MO
Navigation (20)	798040	$\mathbb{P}_{\max}^{\mathcal{M}}, \varphi_1$ $\mathbb{P}_{\max}^{\mathcal{M}}, \varphi_1$	0.96	4712.25*	MO	MO
Navigation (30)	4045840	$\mathbb{P}_{ ext{max}}^{\mathcal{M}}, arphi_1$	0.95	25191.05*	MO	MO
Navigation (40)	_	$\mathbb{P}_{ ext{max}}^{ ext{max}}, arphi_1$	ТО	TO	MO	MO
Delivery (4) [2-FSC]	80	$\mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{M}}_{\min}, \varphi_2$	6.02	35.35	6.0	28.53
Delivery (5) [2-FSC]	125	$\mathbb{E}_{\min}^{\mathcal{M}}, arphi_2$	8.11	78.32	8.0	102.41
Delivery (10) [2-FSC]	500	$\mathbb{E}_{\min}^{\mathcal{N}_l}, \varphi_2$	18.13	120.34	MO	MO
Slippery (4) [2-FSC]	460	$\mathbb{P}_{\max}^{\mathcal{M}}, \varphi_3$ $\mathbb{P}_{\max}^{\mathcal{M}}, \varphi_3$	0.78	67.51	0.90	5.10
Slippery (5) [2-FSC]	730		0.89	84.32	0.93	83.24
Slippery (10) [2-FSC]	2980	$\mathbb{P}_{\max}^{\mathcal{M}}, \varphi_3$	0.98	119.14	MO	MO
Slippery (20) [2-FSC]	11980	$\mathbb{P}_{ ext{max}}^{\mathcal{M}}, arphi_3$	0.99	1580.42	МО	MO

# **Experiments - Standard POMDP**

Duahlam	Trunc	RNN-based Synthesis			PRISM-POMDP		pomdpSolve	
Problem	Type	States	Res	Time (s)	Res	Time (s)	Res	Time (s)
Maze (1)	$\mathbb{E}_{\min}^{\mathcal{M}}$	68	4.31	31.70	4.30	0.09	4.30	0.30
Maze (2)	$\mathbb{E}_{\min}^{\mathcal{M}}$	83	5.31	46.65	5.23	2.176	5.23	0.67
Maze (3)	$\mathbb{E}_{ ext{min}}^{\overline{\mathcal{M}}}$	98	8.10	58.75	7.13	38.82	7.13	2.39
Maze (4)	^ /	113	11.53	58.09	8.58	543.06	8.58	7.15
Maze (5)	$\mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{N}_{ ext{min}}}_{ ext{min}}$	128	14.40	68.09	13.00	4110.50	12.04	132.12
Maze (6)	$\mathbb{E}_{\min}^{\overline{\mathcal{M}}}$	143	22.34	71.89	MO	MO	18.52	1546.02
Maze (10)	$\mathbb{E}_{\min}^{\mathcal{M}}$	203	100.21	158.33	MO	MO	MO	MO
Grid (3)	$\mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{M}}_{ ext{min}}$	165	2.90	38.94	2.88	2.332	2.88	0.07
Grid (4)	$\mathbb{E}_{\min}^{\mathcal{M}}$	381	4.32	79.99	4.13	1032.53	4.13	0.77
Grid (5)	$\mathbb{E}_{\min}^{\mathcal{M}}$	727	6.623	91.42	MO	MO	5.42	1.94
Grid (10)	$\mathbb{E}_{\min}^{\mathcal{M}}$	5457	13.630	268.40	MO	MO	MO	MO
RockSample[4, 4]		2432	17.71	35.35	N/A	N/A	18.04	0.43
RockSample[5, 5]	$\mathbb{E}_{ ext{max}}^{\mathcal{M}}$	8320	18.40	43.74	N/A	N/A	19.23	621.28
RockSample[7, 8]	$\mathbb{E}_{\max}^{\mathcal{M}}$ $\mathbb{E}_{\max}^{\mathcal{M}}$	166656	20.32	860.53	N/A	N/A	21.64	20458.41

#### Conclusion

- Novel ways to generate provably correct strategies
- Good scalability, not optimal
- Marriage of Machine Learning and Verification

