

Challenge

Assure Safety of Distributed Cyber-Physical Systems

- Unpredictable Algorithms (Machine Learning)
- Coordinating multiple vehicles (distributed) to achieve mission

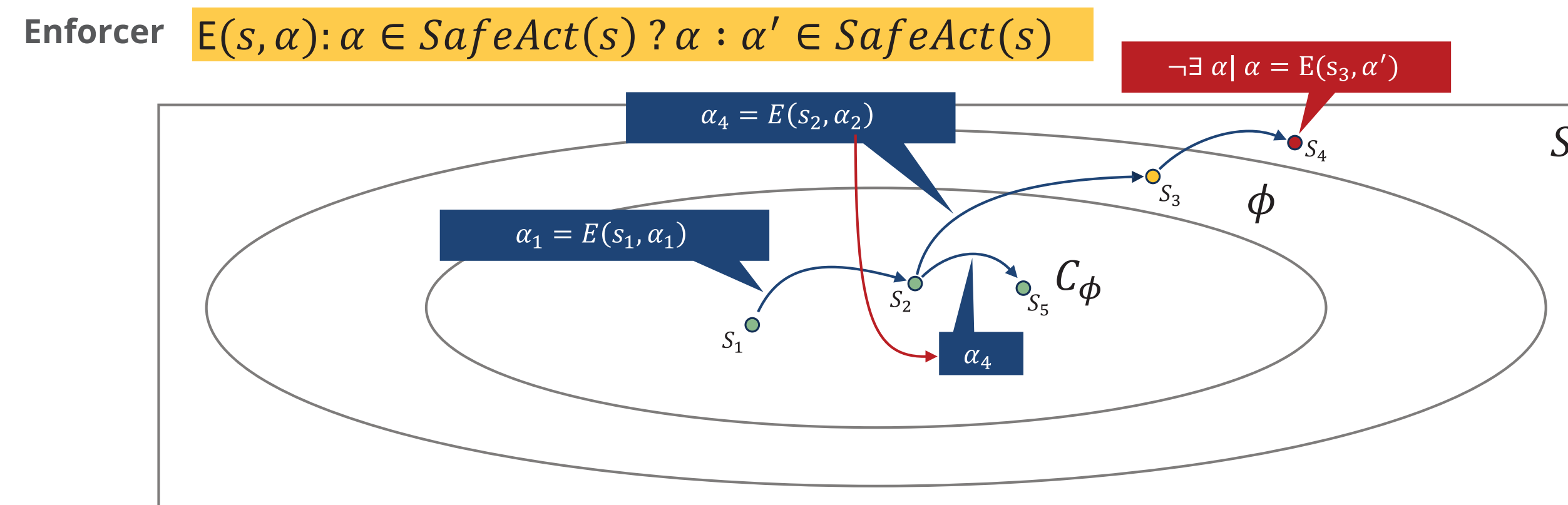
Solution

- Add simpler (verifiable) runtime enforcer to make algorithms predictable
- Formally specify, verify, and compose multiple enforcers
- Enforcer intercepts/replaces unsafe action at right time

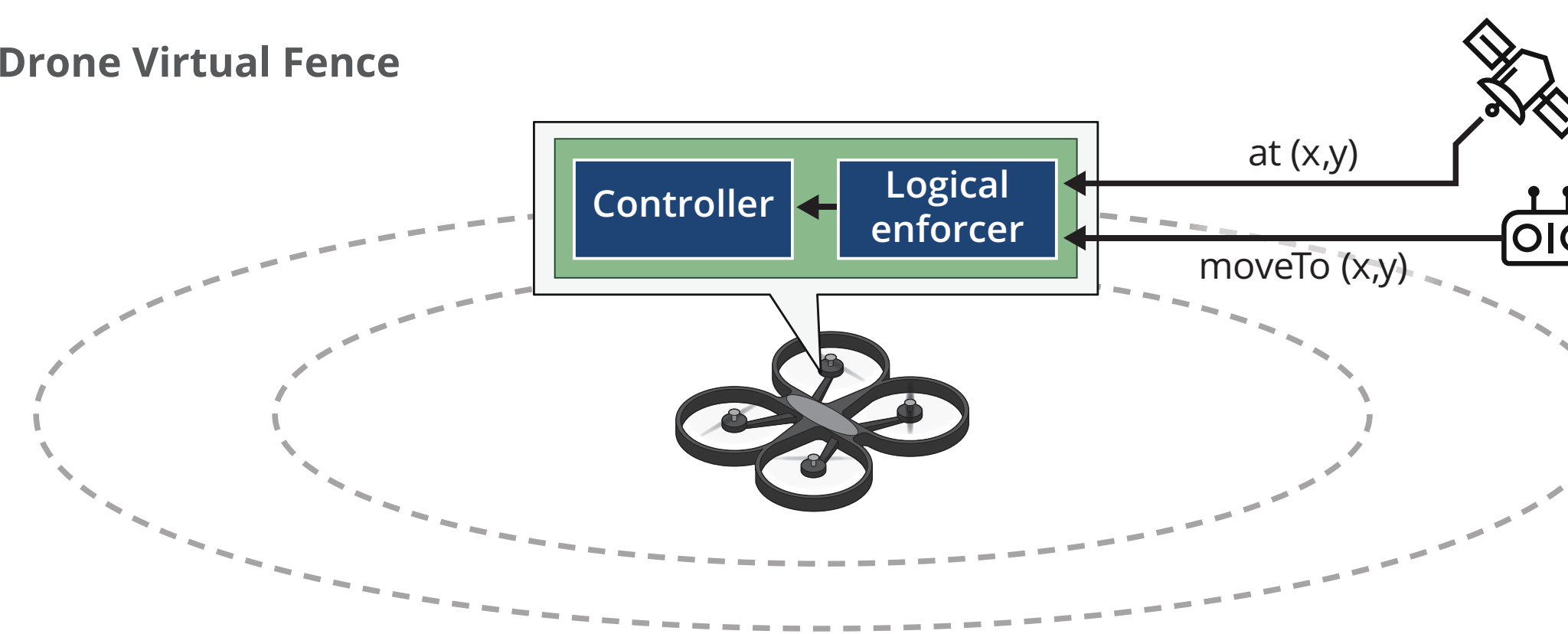
Formalization (Time-Aware Logic)

State of system: variable values

- State variables: V_S e.g., (x,y) position
- Action variables: V_Σ e.g., $\text{move-to}(x,y)$ action
- System state: $s:V_S \mapsto D \in S$
- Actions: $\alpha:V_\Sigma \mapsto D$
- Behavior: periodic state transition $R_p(\alpha) \subseteq S \times S$
 $R_p(\alpha, s) = \{s' \mid (s, s') \in R_p(\alpha)\}$
- Safe state: $\phi \subseteq S$
- Enforceable state: $\phi \supseteq C_\phi = \{s \mid \exists \alpha \in \Sigma: R_p(\alpha, s) \in C_\phi\}$
- Safe Actuation $\text{SafeAct}(s) = \{\alpha \mid R_p(\alpha, s) \in C_\phi\}$



Enforcing Drone Virtual Fence



Timing enforcement

- Unverified software may never finish!
- => No action produced to be enforced!

Temporal enforcer

- Protect other tasks from bogus never-ending (or large) executions
- Produce default safe actuation if task takes too long

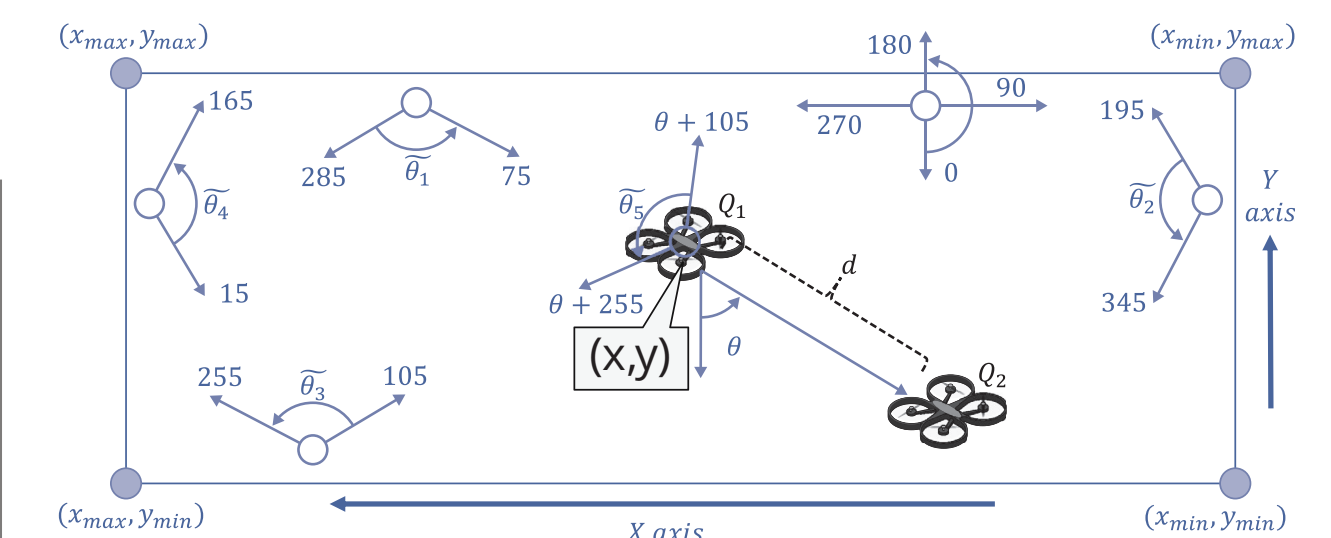
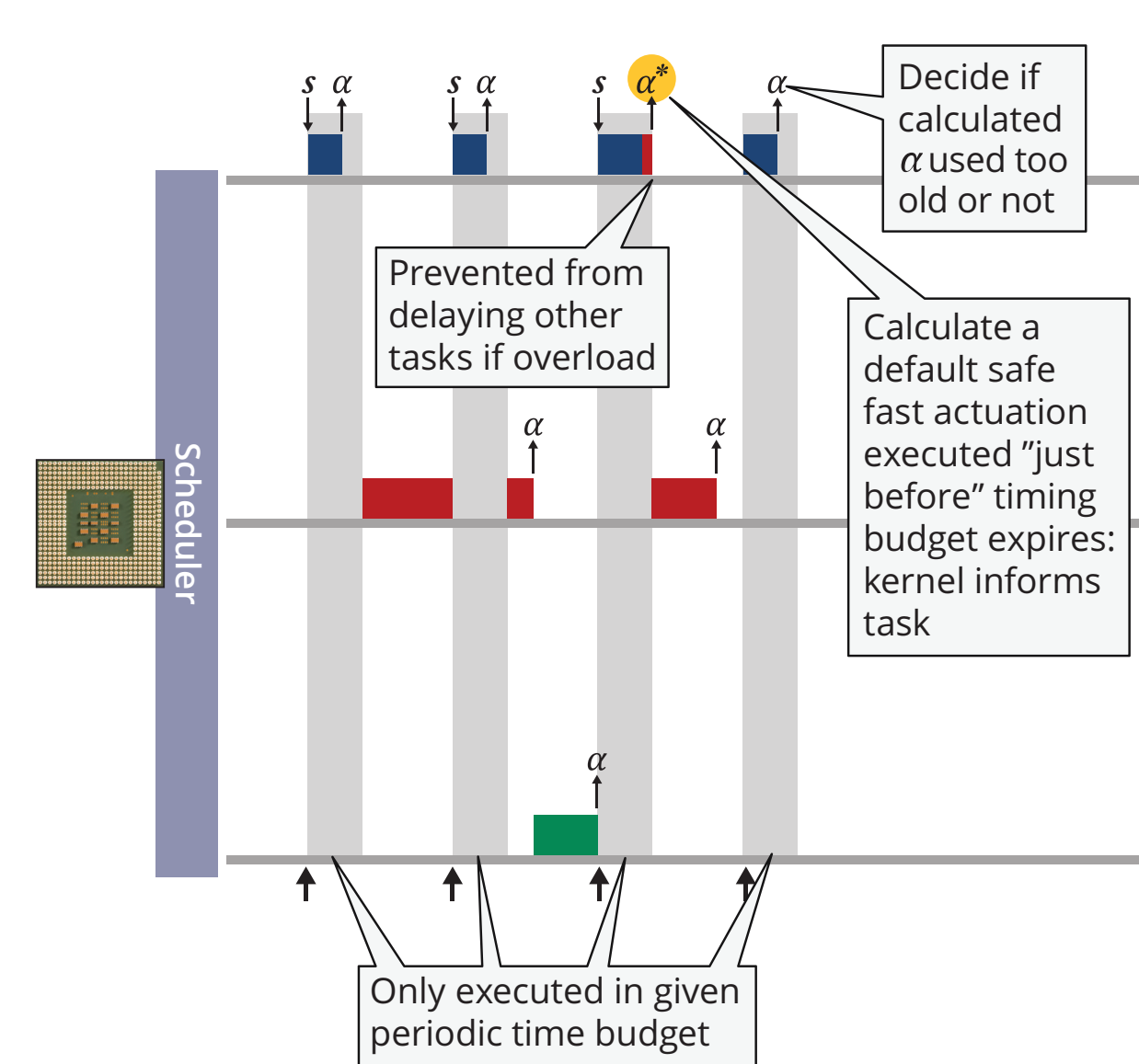
How

- Each task gets a CPU budget stop task if budget exceeded
- If task about to exceed budget execute safe action

Timing guarantees

- Never allow task to exceed budget
- Always execute actuation

Safe actuation on timing enforcement



Composing enforcers

- System with multiple enforcers: virtual fence+ collision avoidance
- Safe actions from different enforcers may conflict Drone at fence limit + other drone approaching
- Enforcer composition to resolve conflicts (1) priority based (2) utility maximization

Formalization

Enforcer: $E:(P, C_\phi, \mu, U)$
 $\mu(s) \subseteq \text{SafeAct}(s); U$: utility

No conflict:

$E_1(P_1, C_{\phi_1}, \mu_1, U_1), E_2(P_2, C_{\phi_2}, \mu_2, U_2)$
 $\mu_{1,2}: \mu_1 \cap \mu_2$

Conflict: Priority resolution

$\mu_{1,2}: \mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \neq \emptyset ? \mu_1 \cap \mu_2 : \mu_1$

Conflict: Utility maximization

$\mu_{1,2}: \mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \neq \emptyset ? \text{argmax}_{\alpha \in \mu_1 \cap \mu_2} \sum U_i(s, \alpha') : \text{argmax}_{\alpha \in \mu_1} \sum U_i(s, \alpha')$

Enforcers allows

verification of complex CPS:
Autonomous Vehicles

- Limit misbehavior
- With Verifiable Enforcers
- Result: Verified whole system

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