Emptiness of Powerset BA using Inclusions Tests

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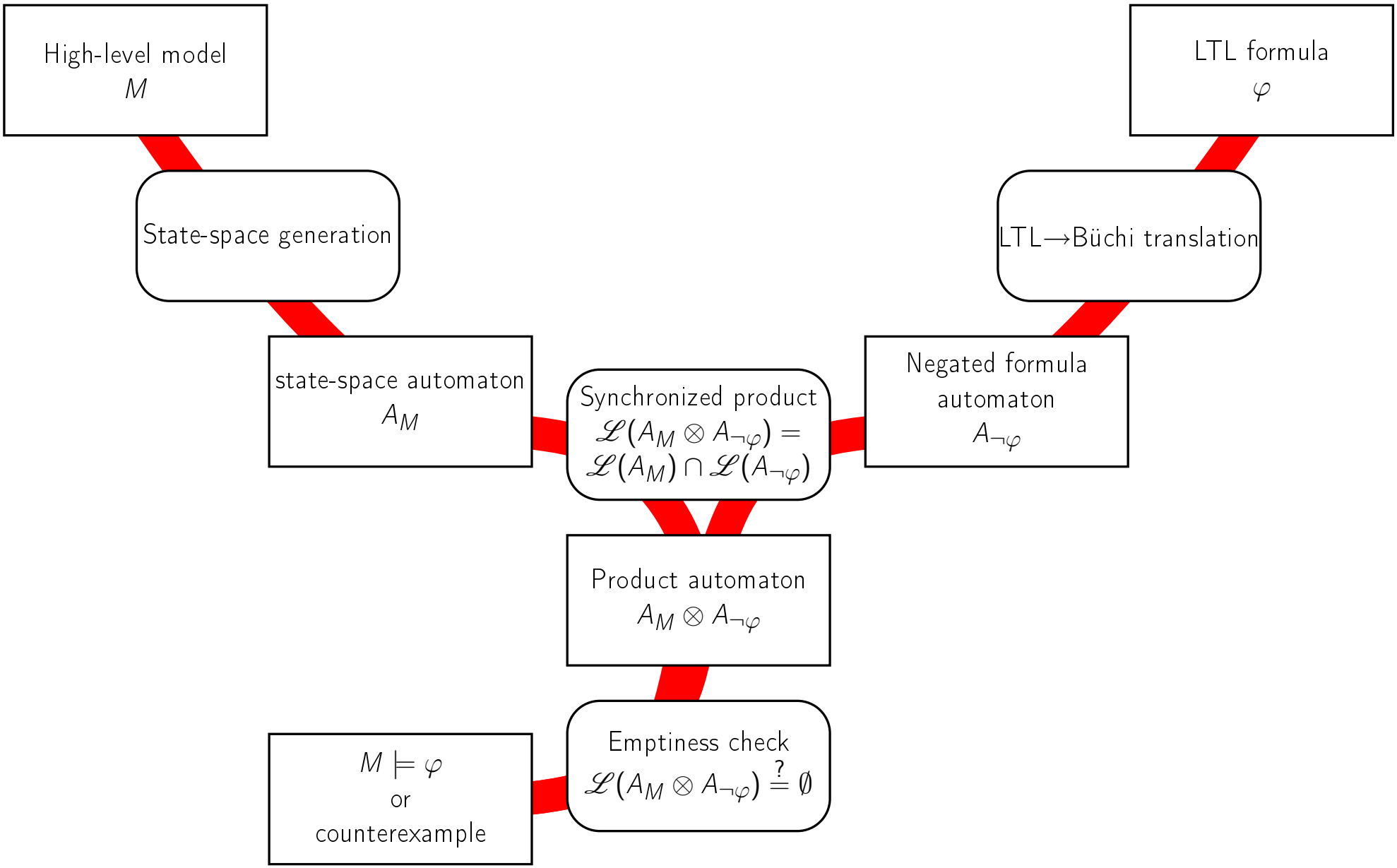

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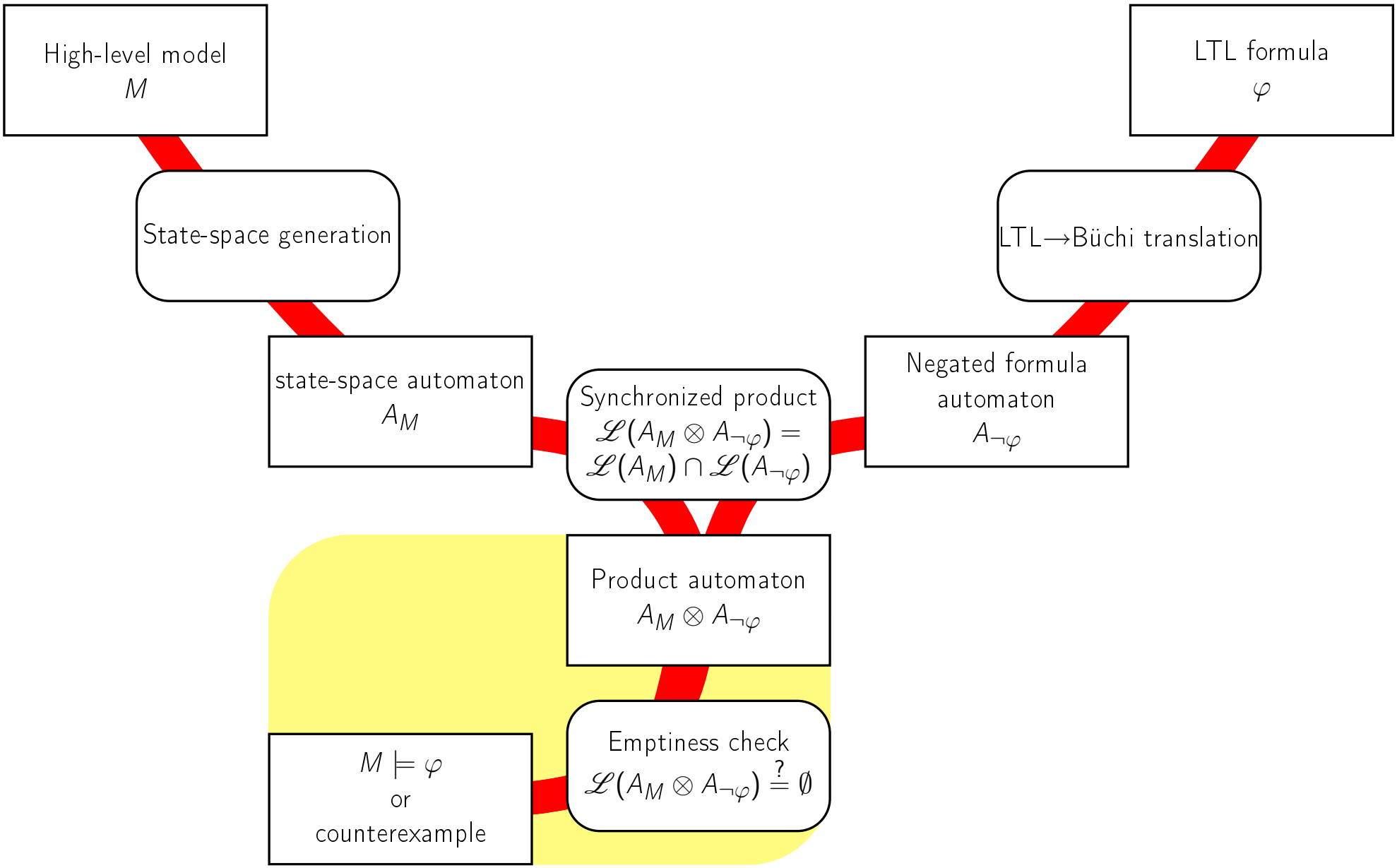

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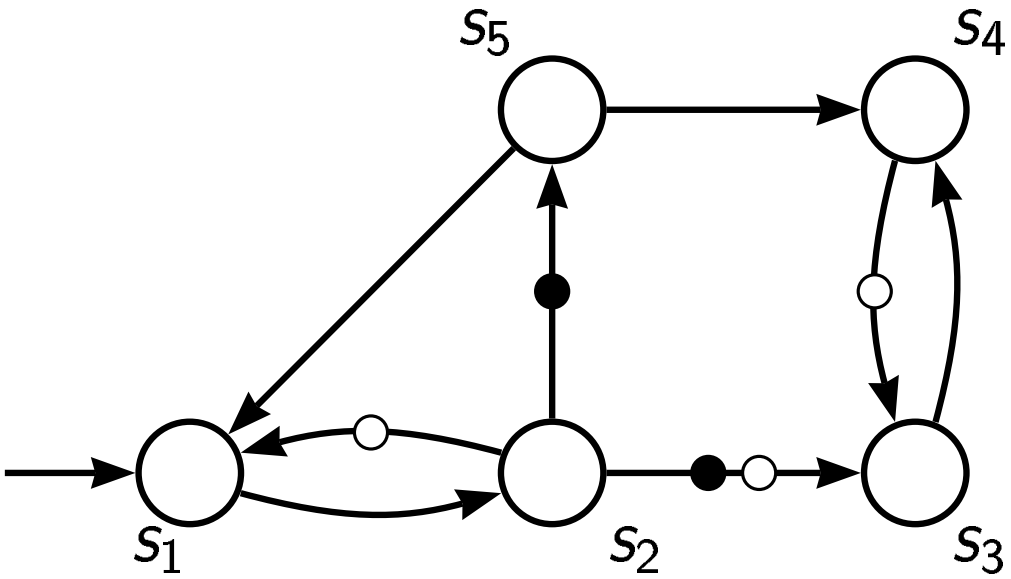

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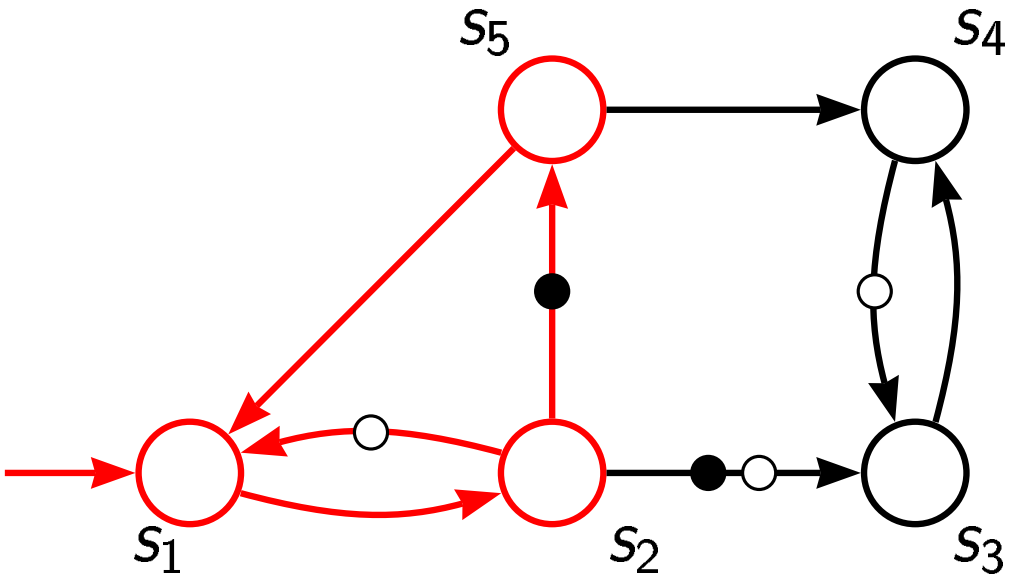

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	degeneralized (**one** acceptance condition)	generalized (m acceptance conditions)
Nested DFS	DFS for acc. transitions + Nested DFS to find cycle • 2 bits per state • immediate counterexamples • require degeneralization (size $\times m$) • slow	DFS for acc. transitions + **several** Nested DFS • $\log_2(m+1)$ bits per state • visit states several times • slow
SCC	(pointless)	Compute SCCs on the fly, abort on accepting SCC • fastest • visit states once • indifferent to m • SCC information useful • one integer per state

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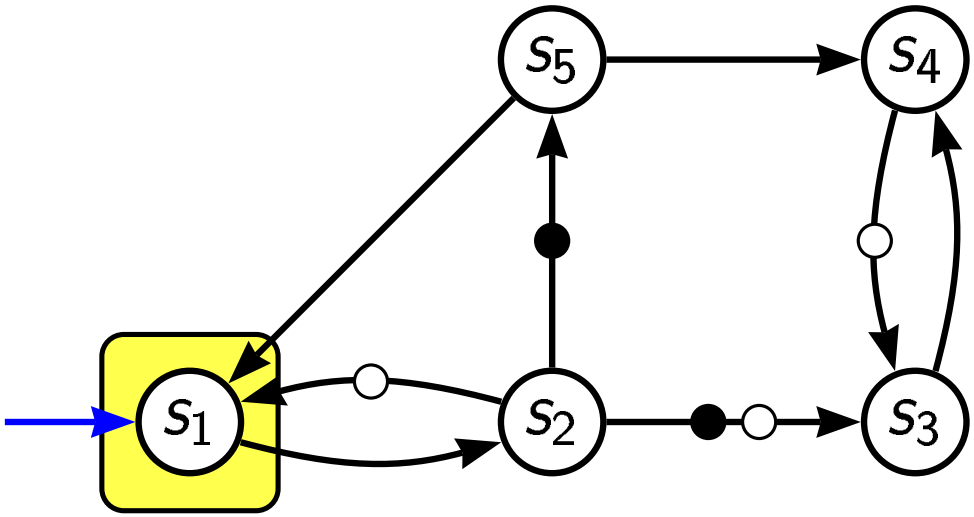

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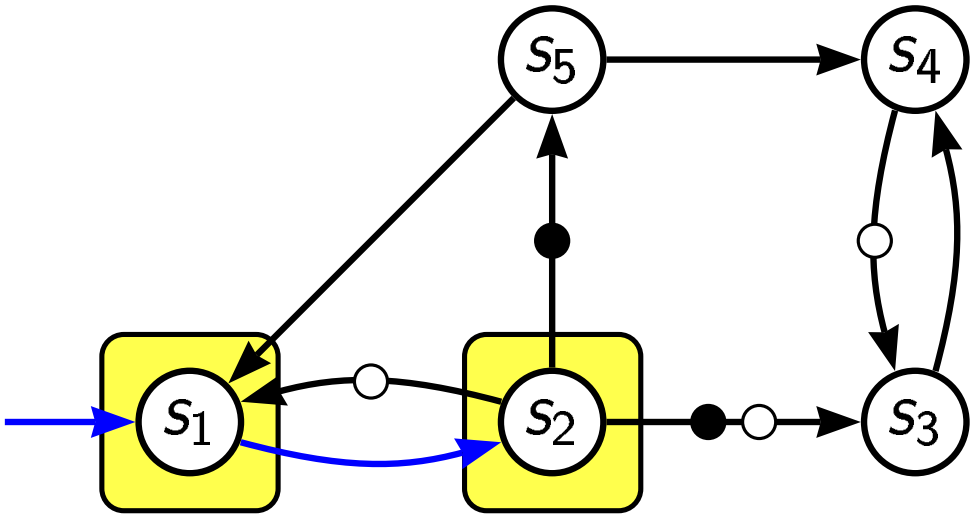

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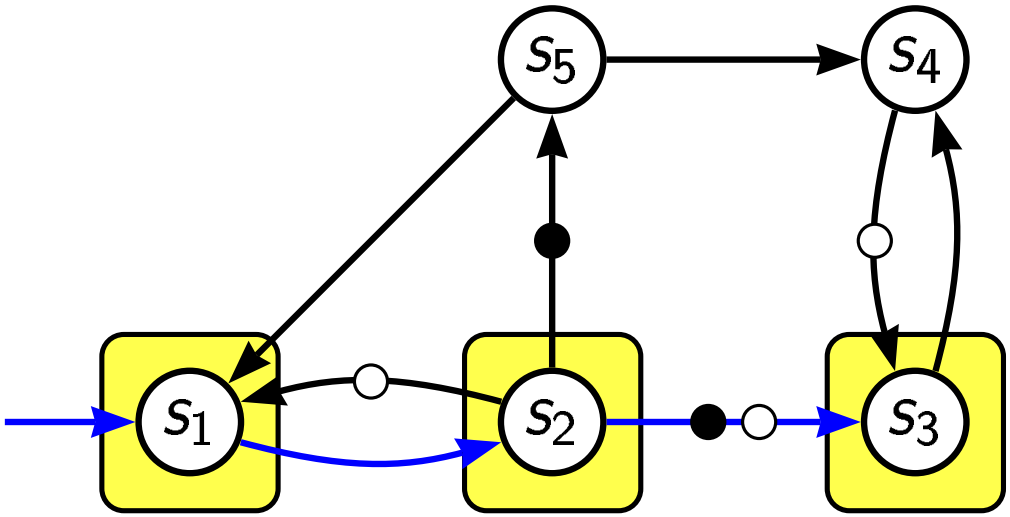

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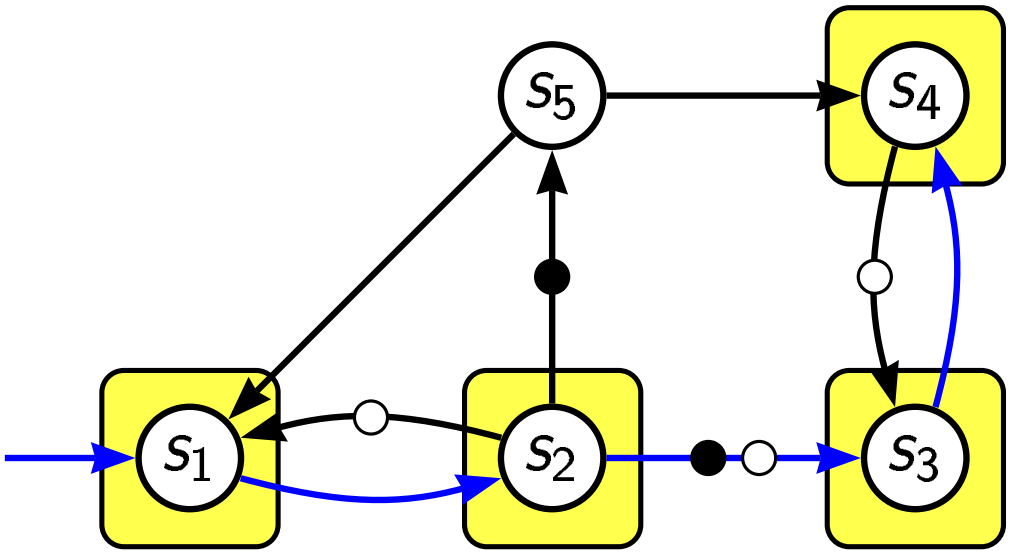

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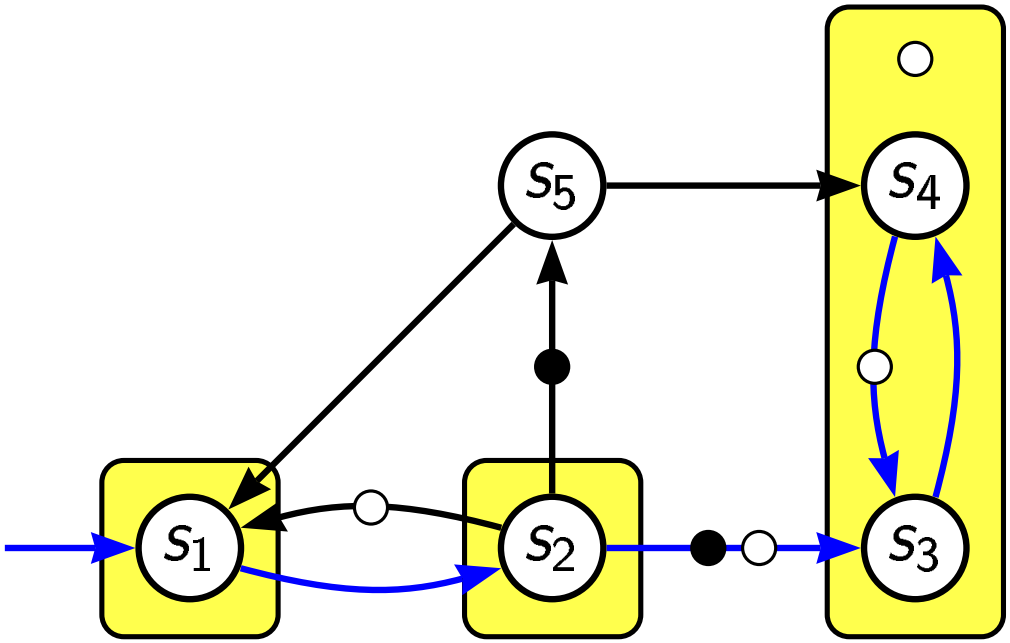

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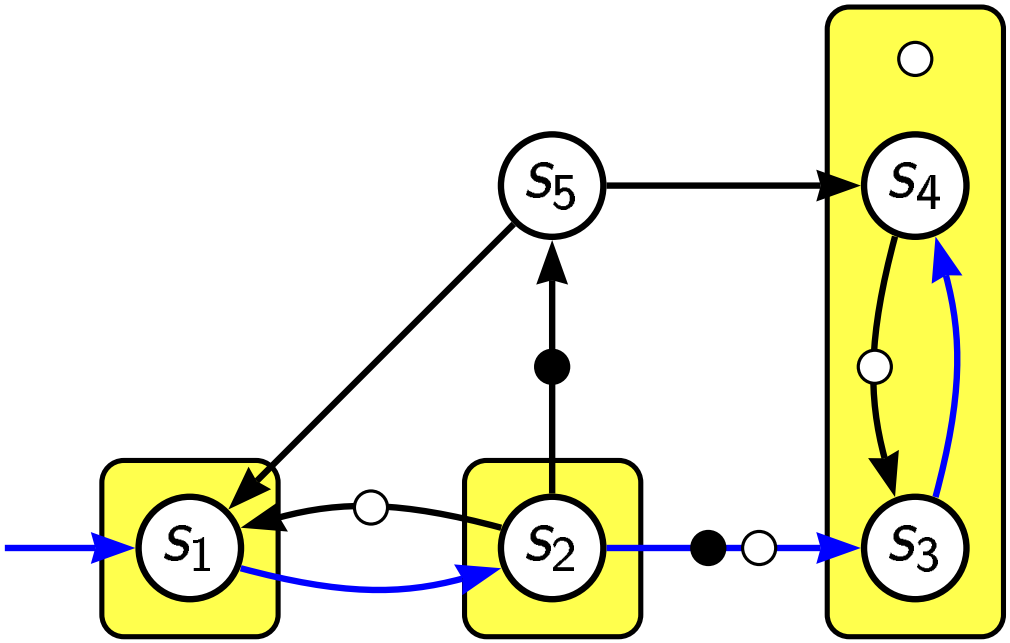

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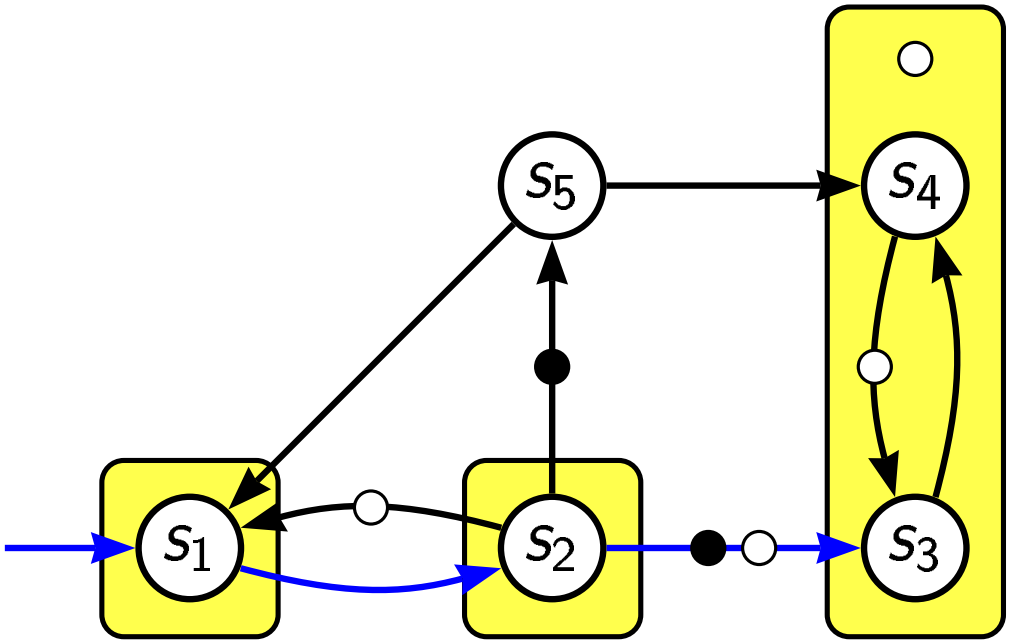

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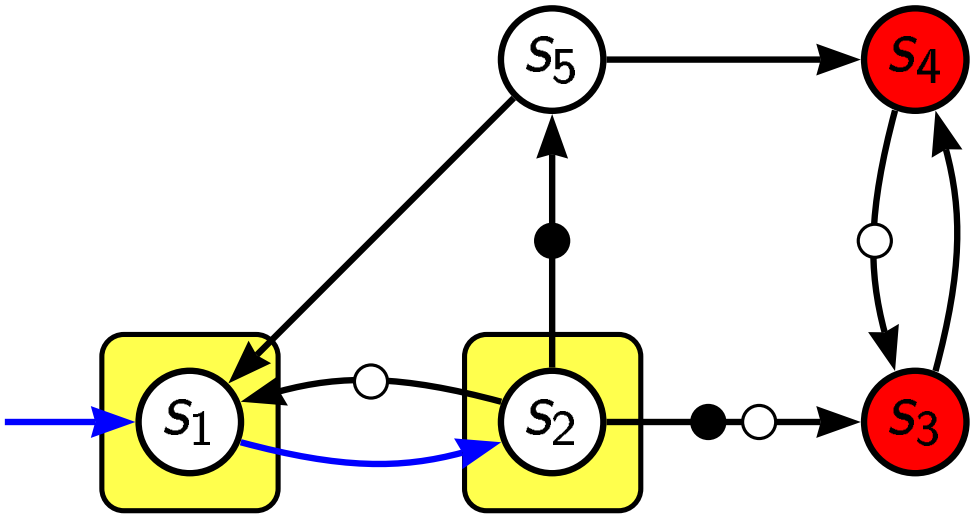

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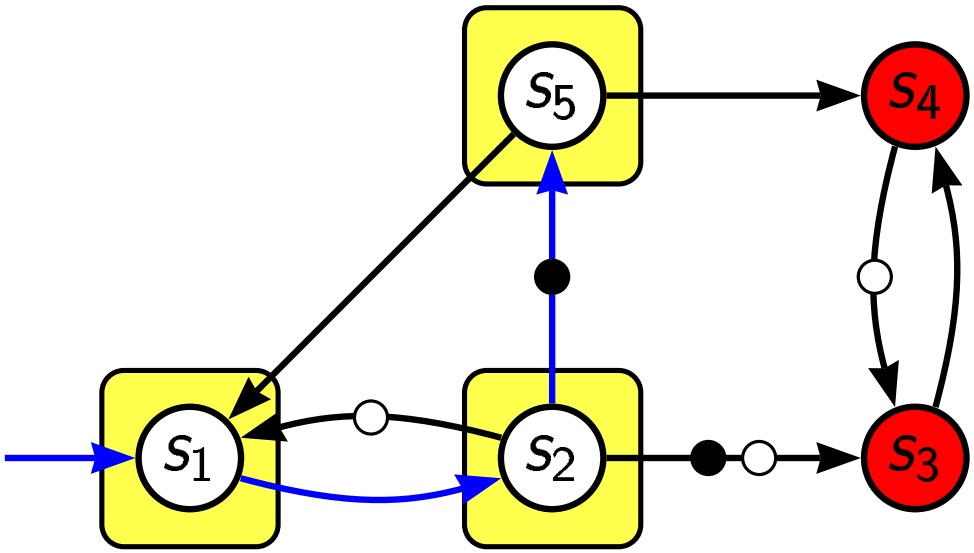

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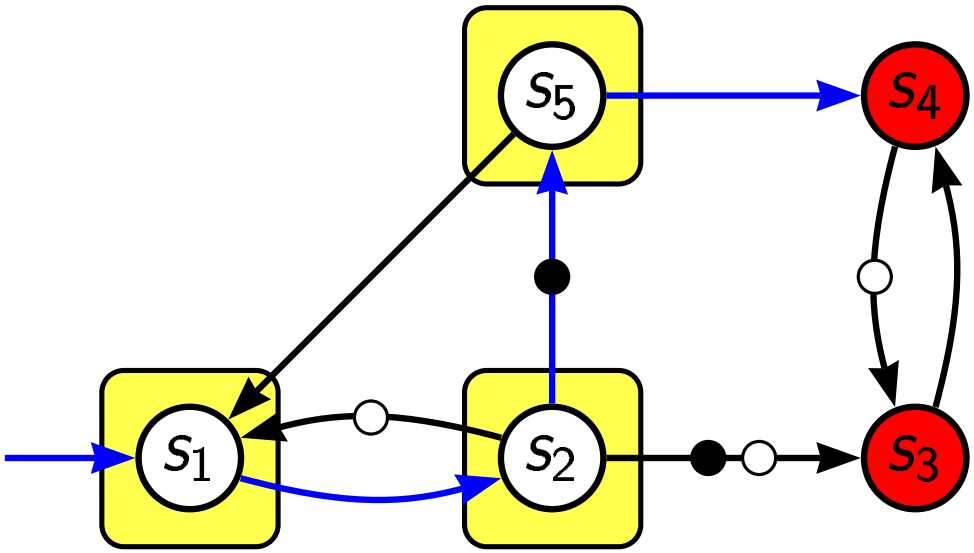

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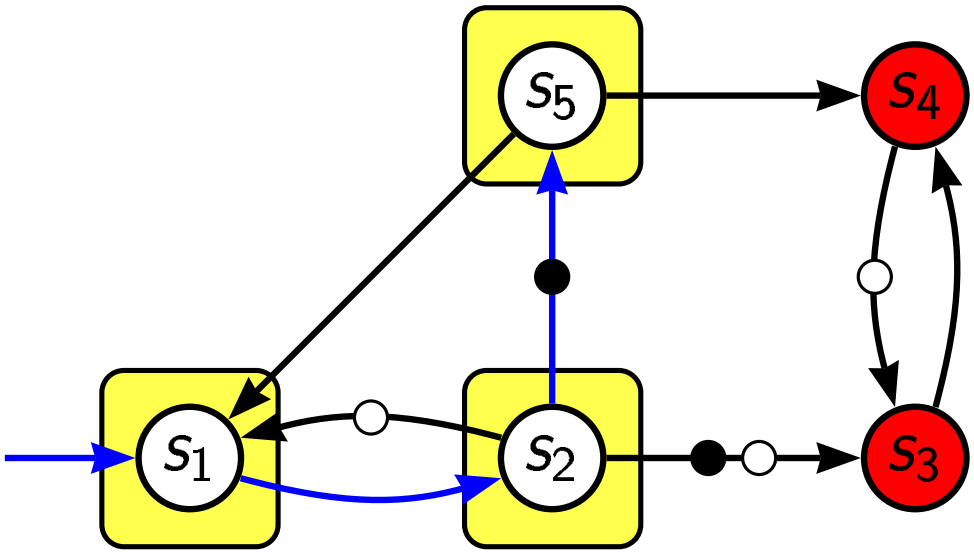

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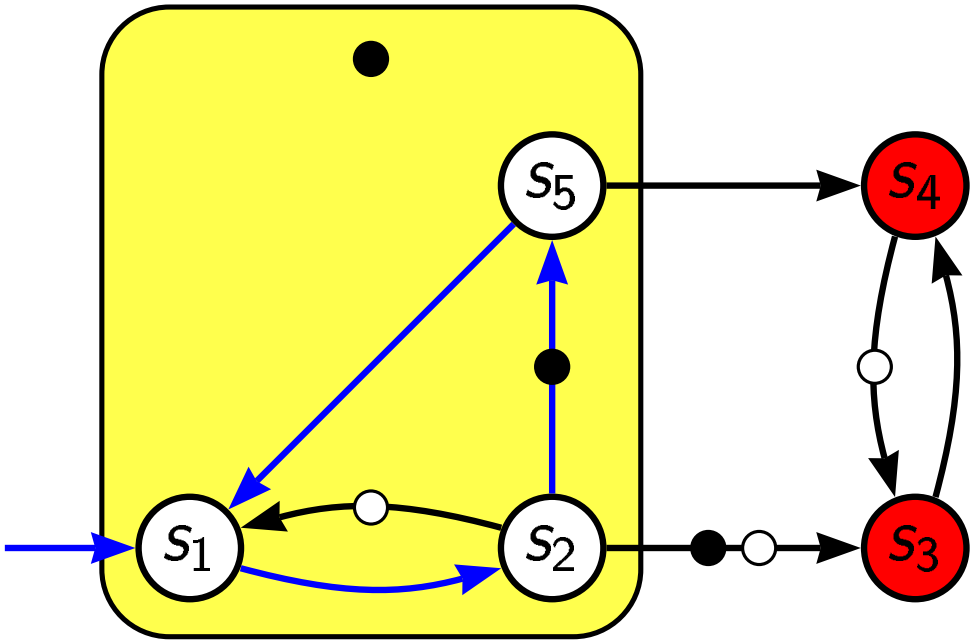

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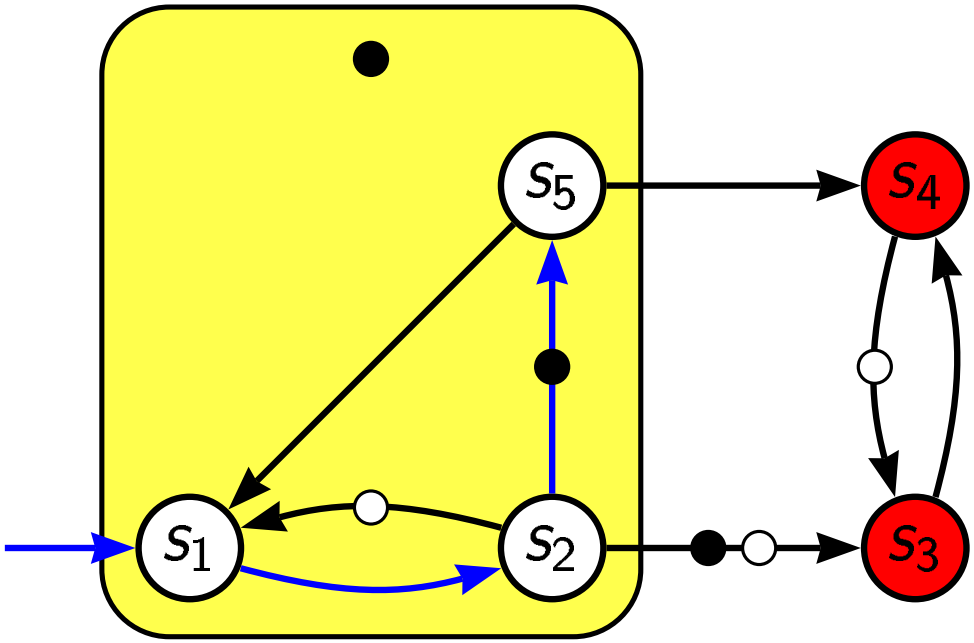

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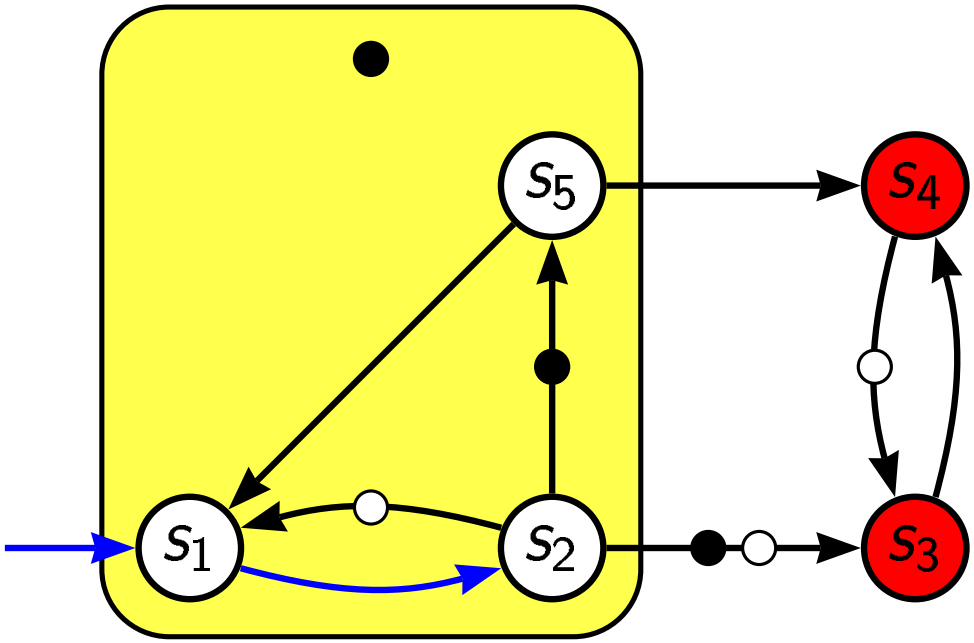

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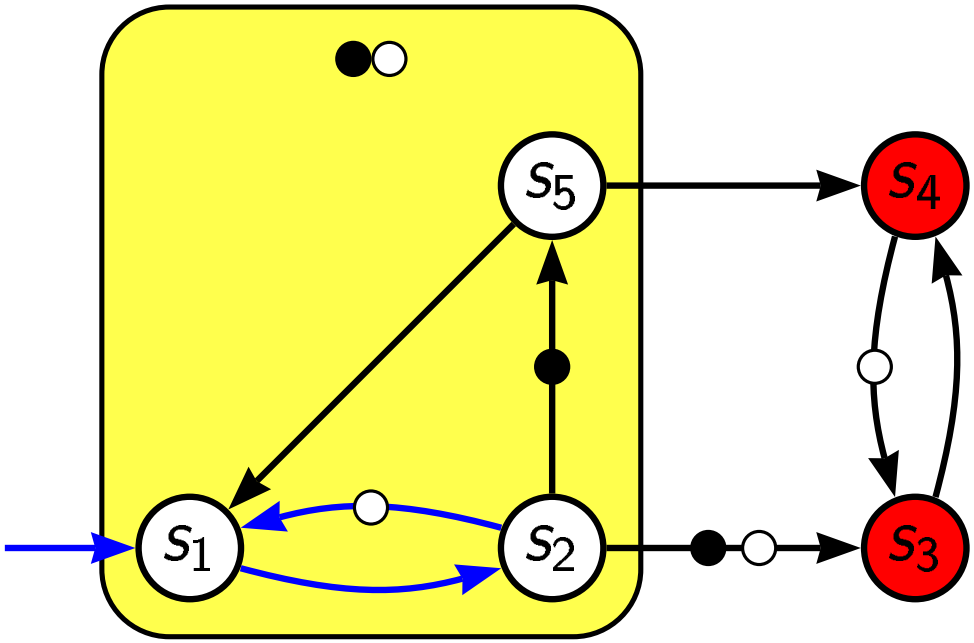

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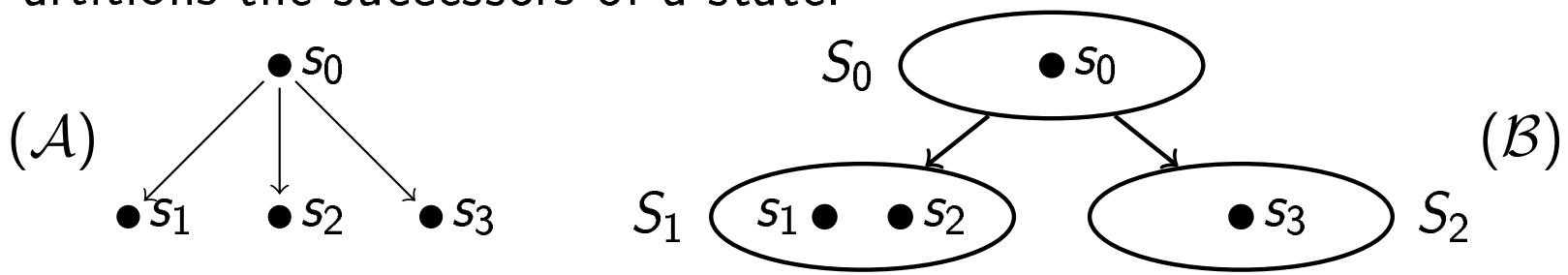

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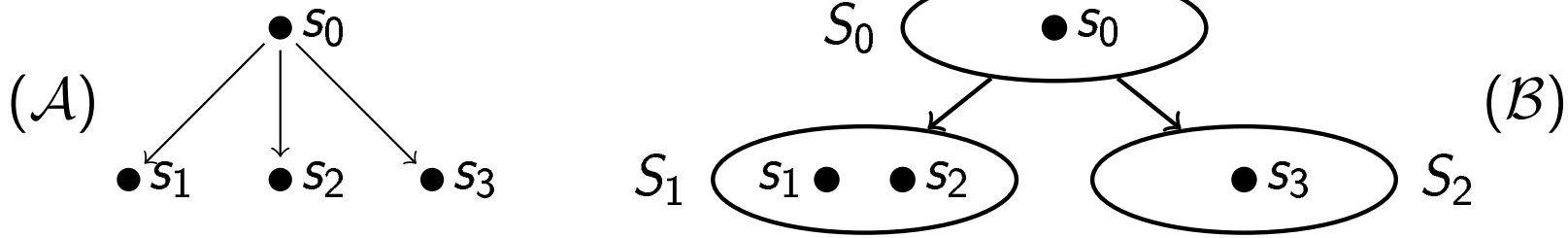

  - Bounds of the "reduction": $|\mathcal{B}| \leq 2^{|\mathcal{A}|}$...

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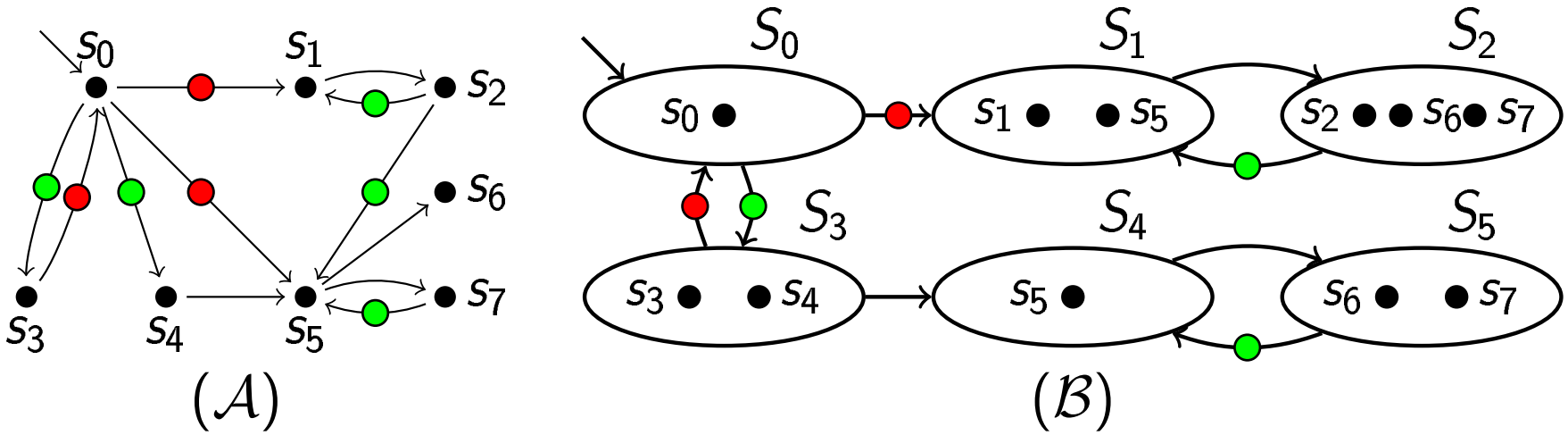
Generalization, from the Emptiness Check POV



Any method that can construct such a $(\mathcal{B})$ instead of $(\mathcal{A})$ so that

- $\forall s \multimap s', \forall S \ni s, \exists S' \ni s'$ such that $S \multimap S'$
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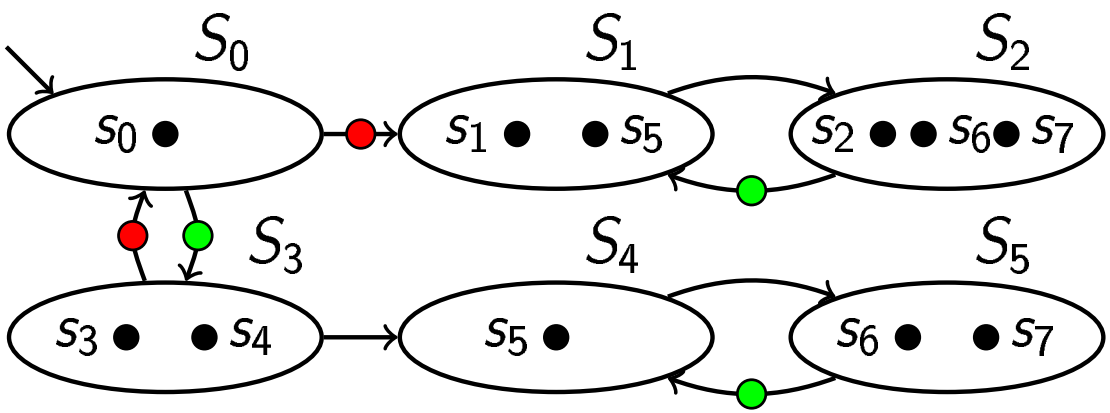
will guarantee emptiness check equivalence

$$\mathrm{Acc}(\mathcal{A}) = \emptyset \iff \mathrm{Acc}(\mathcal{B}) = \emptyset$$

Inclusion and Dead States

$$S \supseteq S' \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \Big(\mathrm{Acc}(\mathcal{B}[S]) = \emptyset \implies \mathrm{Acc}(\mathcal{B}[S']) = \emptyset\Big)$$

$(\mathcal{B})$



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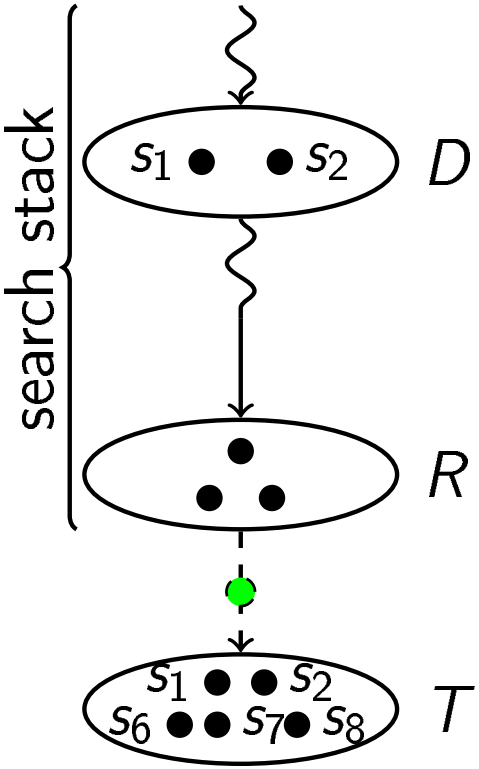

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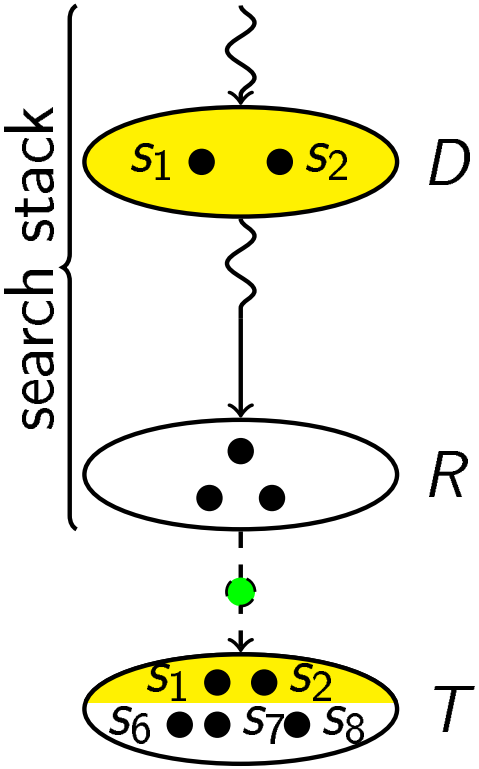

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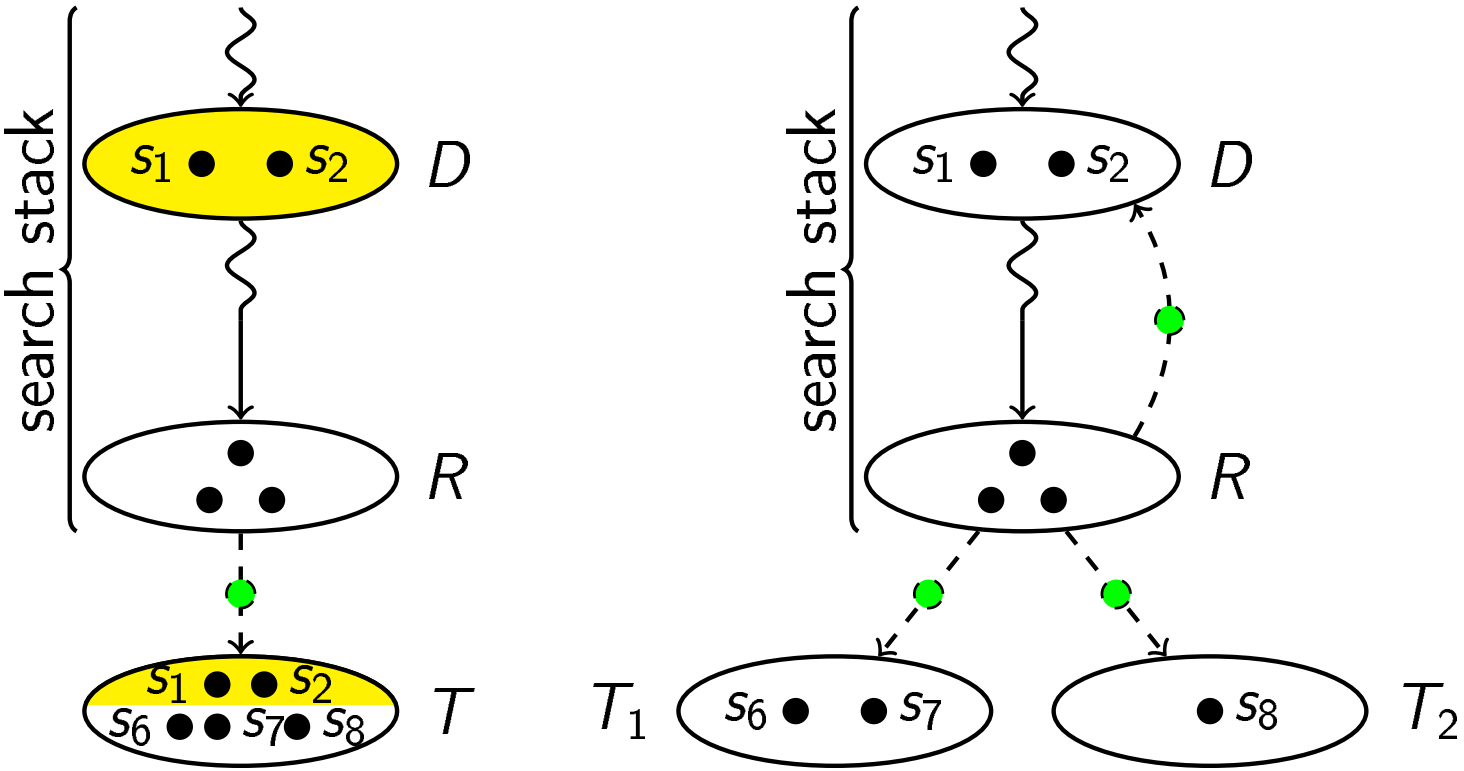

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- Tries to reuse existing states: a heuristic attempt to fight $2^{|\mathcal{A}|}$

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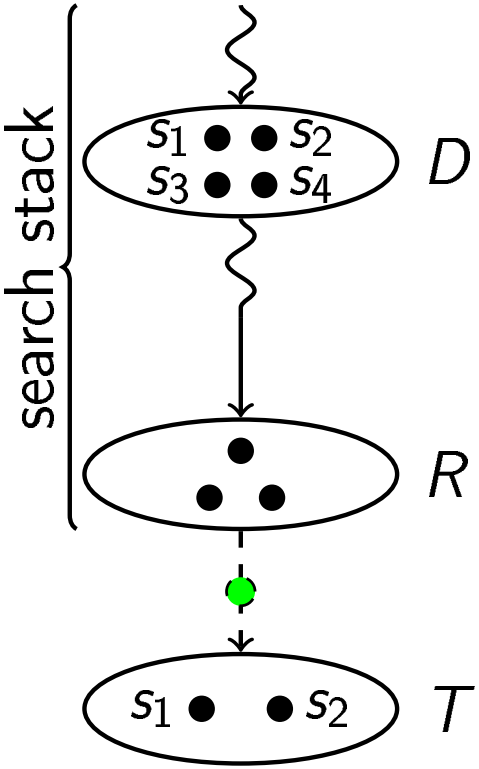

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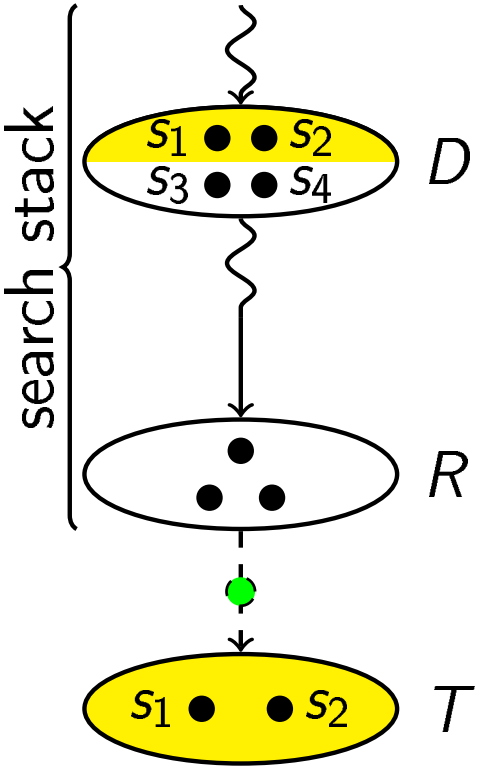

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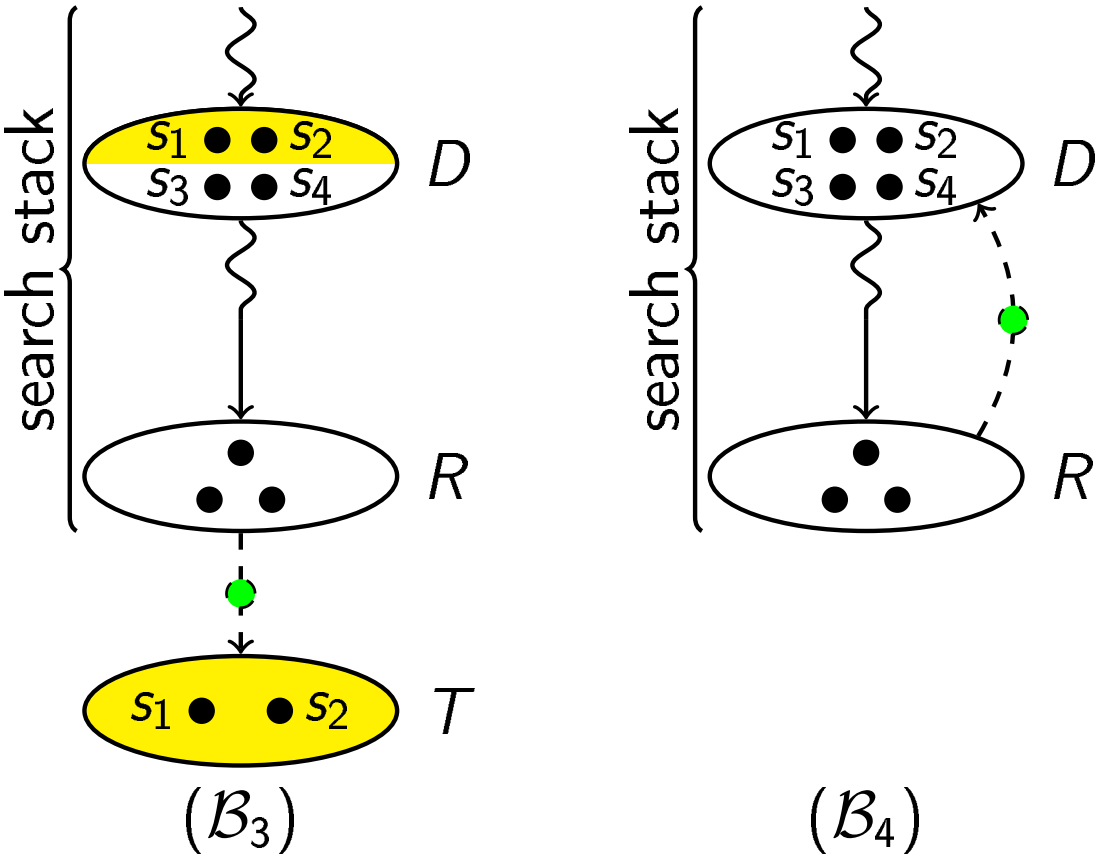

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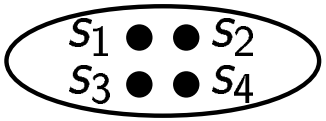
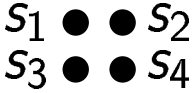
- A representation of 

smaller than that of 

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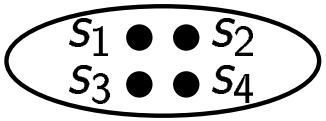
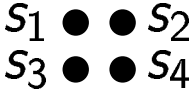
- A representation of 

smaller than that of 

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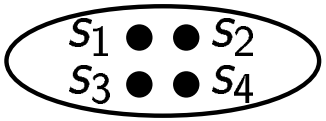
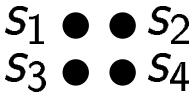
- A representation of 

smaller than that of 

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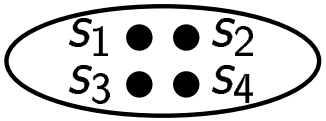
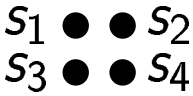
- A representation of 

smaller than that of 

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