

Controllers: Robustness and Synthesis

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ARTIST 2 - Cluster on
Verification and Testing

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What if my control strategy is
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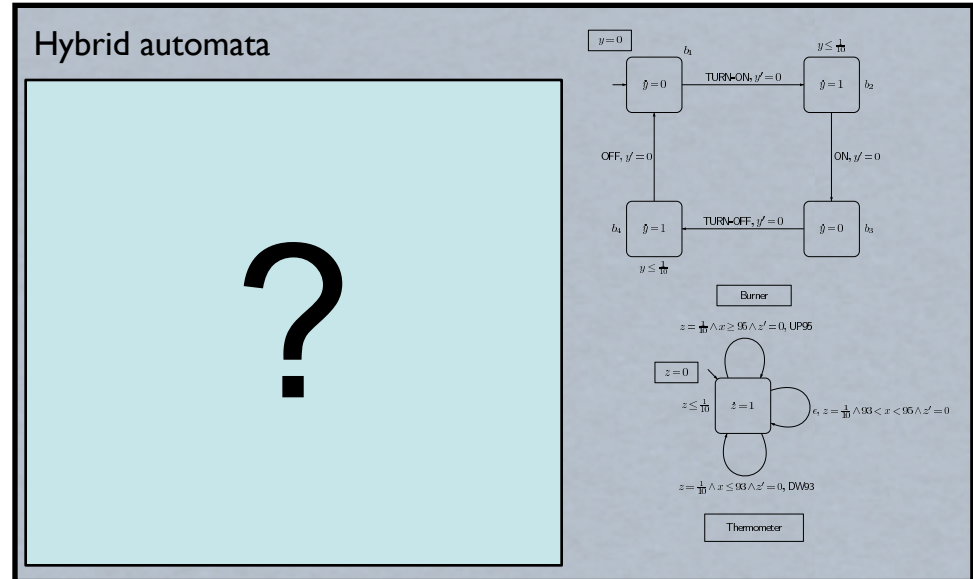
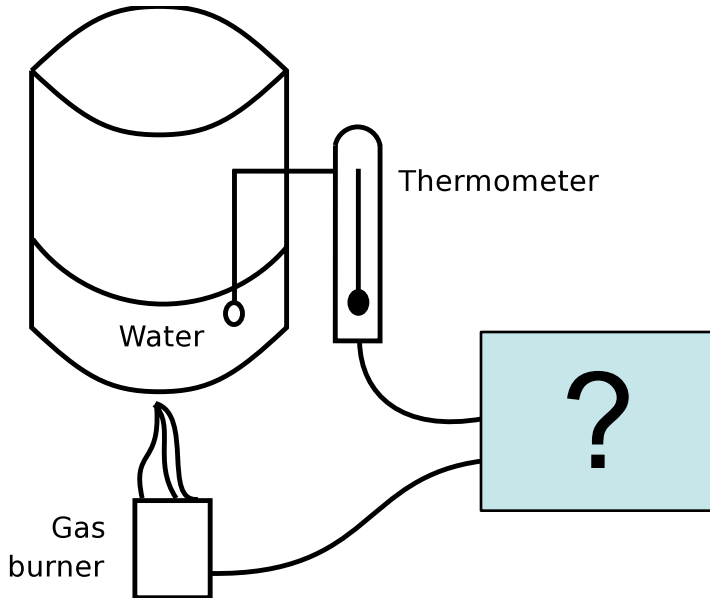
AASAP semantics is implementable



Prototypes of tools to verify AASAP semantics and generate provably correct code have been implemented

Model Based Development

Synthesis



satisfies ?

$\square (\text{low} \leq x \leq \text{high})$

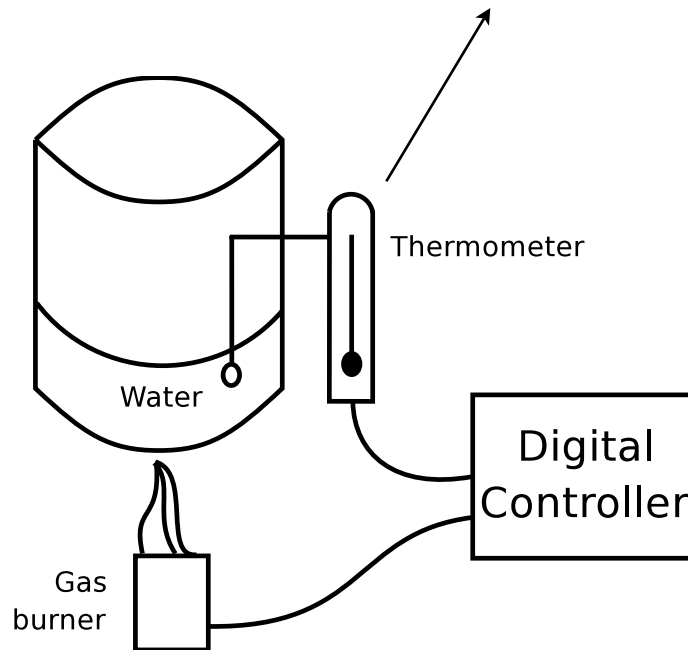
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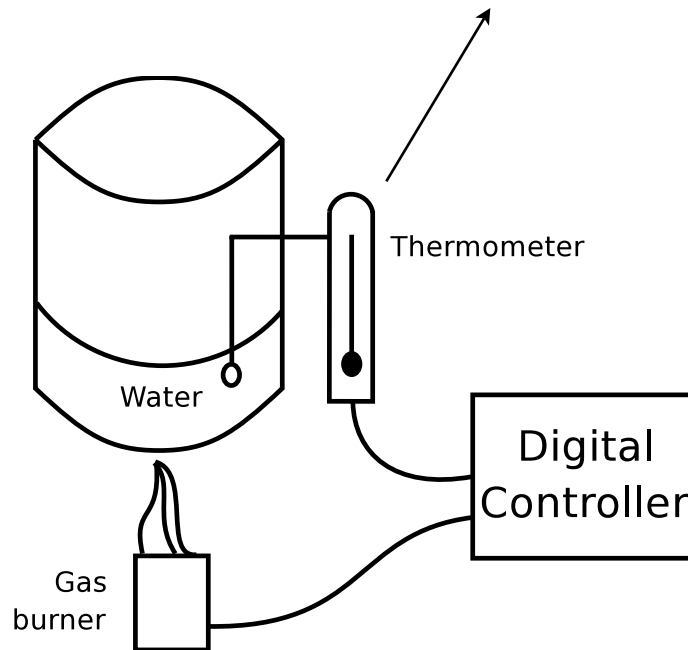
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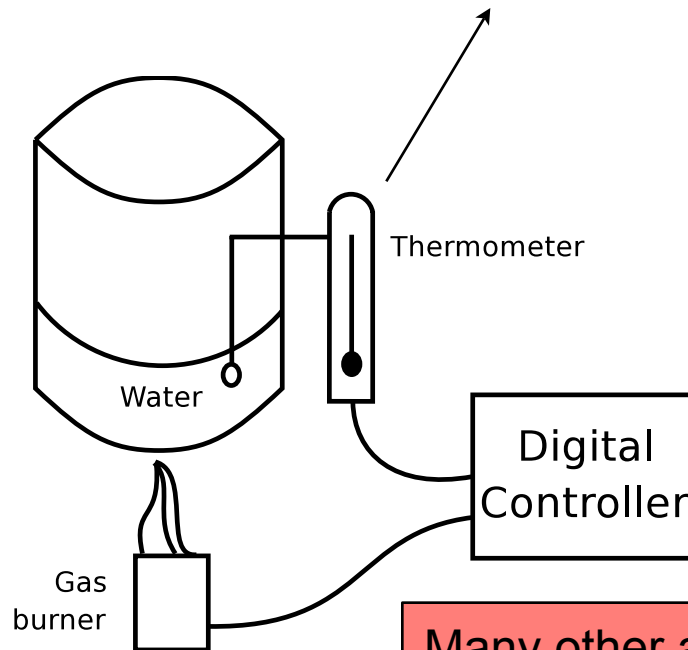
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Many other applications of the idea are
foreseen: e.g. **improved algorithms** for
the **automata based approach** to model-
checking.

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