# A CONSISTENCY ANALYSIS METHOD FOR TRAFFIC SEQUENCE CHARTS

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- 2016 2022: OFFIS Institute for Information Technology, Oldenburg
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#### **Research Interests**

- Systems Engineering for CPS
- Model checking
- Traffic Sequence Charts





# **Traffic Sequence Charts (TSCs)**

- TSCs are a concise specification language for traffic scenarios, where
  - traffic situations are described as invariants
  - scenarios are described by seamless sequences of such invariant nodes
  - complex scenarios can be build using parallel composition and choice
  - timing constraints can be easily annotated
- Implication-stylespecification pattern for requirements
  - Pre-chart implies consequence
- TSCs translate to mathematical formulae in multi-sorted real-time logic







- 1. How can consistency for traffic sequence charts be defined formally?
- 2. How can a consistency check be automated?



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# **Consistency Analysis Method**







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# **Evaluation Results**

- Prototype implementation
- Scalability experiments
  - Scalability of SMT encoding
  - Results in Becker et al. 2022
- Case study
  - Based on Esterle et al. 2020
  - 9 TSCs in total
    - Analysis finds 3 pairwise inconsistent TSCs
  - Runtime < 1.5 min</p>
    - subsets > 3 can be pruned

