

# Continuous Petri Nets and Polytopes

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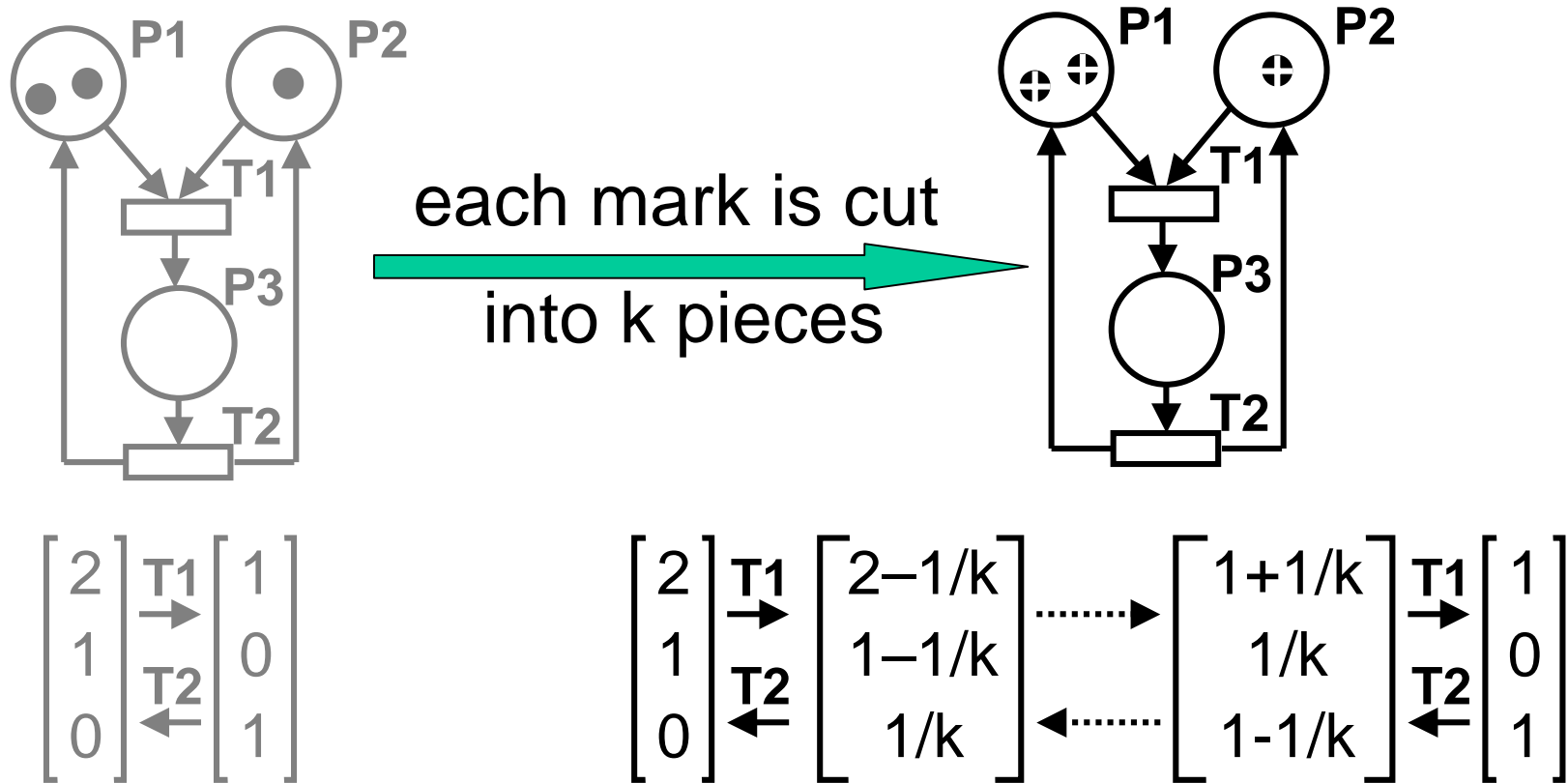
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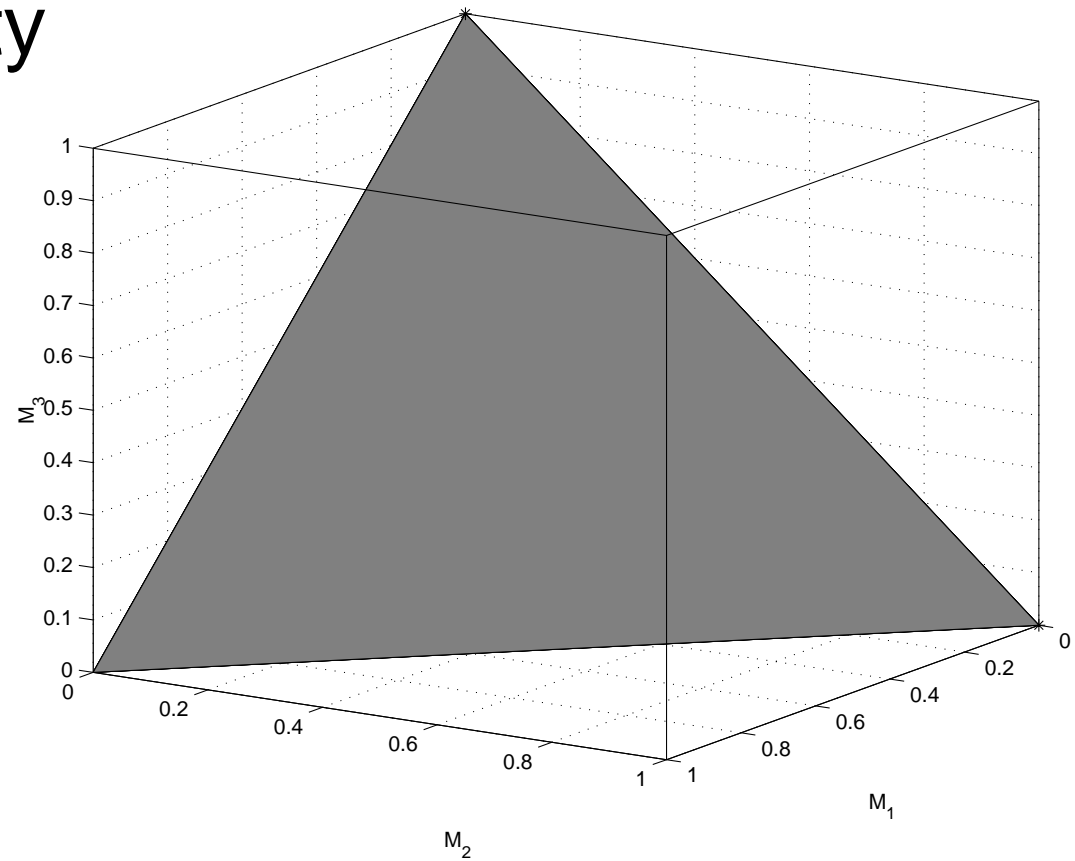
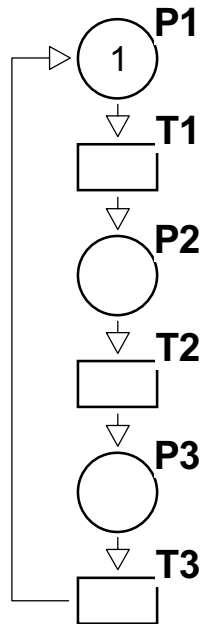
# From autonomous PN ..... to autonomous CPN



- no threshold
- modeling of continuous systems / approximation of DES

# Continuous state space

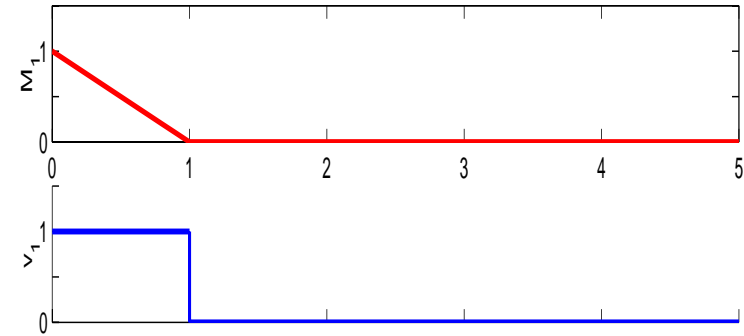
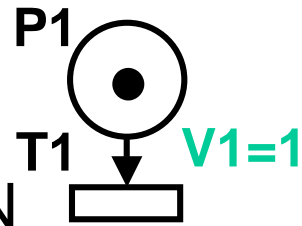
- the state space is continuous when  $k$  tends to infinity



# 3 Timed Continuous Petri Nets models

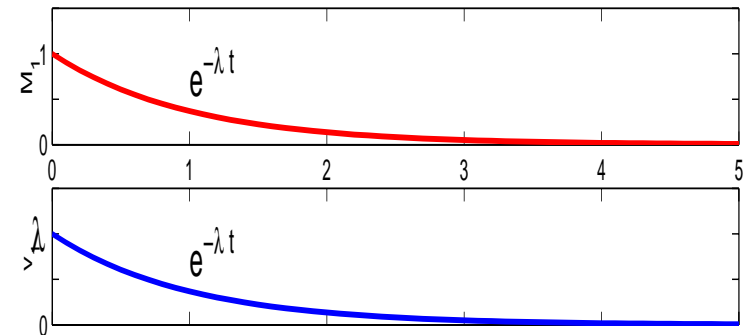
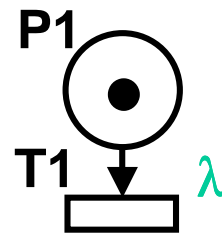
## 1. David&Alla

- speed restriction
- further called CCPN



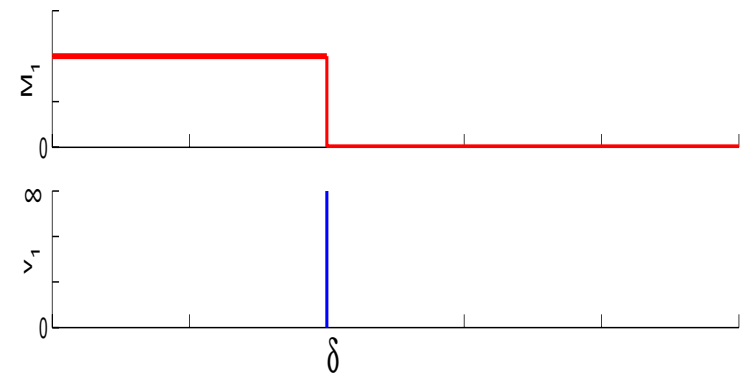
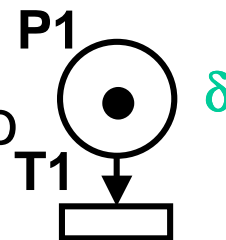
## 2. Recalde&Silva

- differential equations



## 3. Cohen et al.

- delays associated to places



# CCPN - Constant speed continuous PN

$R = [P, T, V, \text{Pre}, \text{Post}, M(0)]$

–  $P, T$  as in usual PN

–  $\text{Pre}, \text{Post}: P \times T \rightarrow R_0^+$

–  $M(0): P \rightarrow R_0^+$   $M(t)$  is marking at time  $t$

–  $V: T \rightarrow R_0^+$   $v_j(t) \in \langle 0, V_j \rangle$  is instantaneous firing **speed**

$T_j$  is **strongly enabled** if  $\forall P_i \in {}^\circ T_j ; M_i > 0$

$P_i$  is **supplied**  $\exists T_j \in {}^\circ P_i ; T_j$  is strongly or weakly enabled

$T_j$  is **weakly enab.** if  $(\exists P_i \in {}^\circ T_j ; M_i = 0$  and  $P_i$  is supplied)  
and  $(\forall P_k \in {}^\circ T_j ; P_k \neq P_i ; M_i > 0$  or  $P_k$  is supplied)

# CCPN - Constant speed continuous PN (cont.)

**Recursively defined** supplied places and weakly enabled transitions are determined by **iterative algorithm** with proven convergence.

**Balance** of the place  $P_i$  is:

$$B_i(t) = \sum_{T_j \in {}^\circ P_i} Post(P_i, T_j) \cdot v_j(t) - \sum_{T_j \in P_i^\circ} Pre(P_i, T_j) \cdot v_j(t)$$

$B_i$  corresponds to the **derivative** of  $P_i$  marking:

$$m_i(t + dt) = m_i(t) + B_i(t) \cdot dt$$

**Algorithms** calculating instantaneous firing speed:

[DA98] ... based on **iterative** approach

this article ... **analytical** determination of subspace of possible instantaneous firing speeds.

## Free speed model

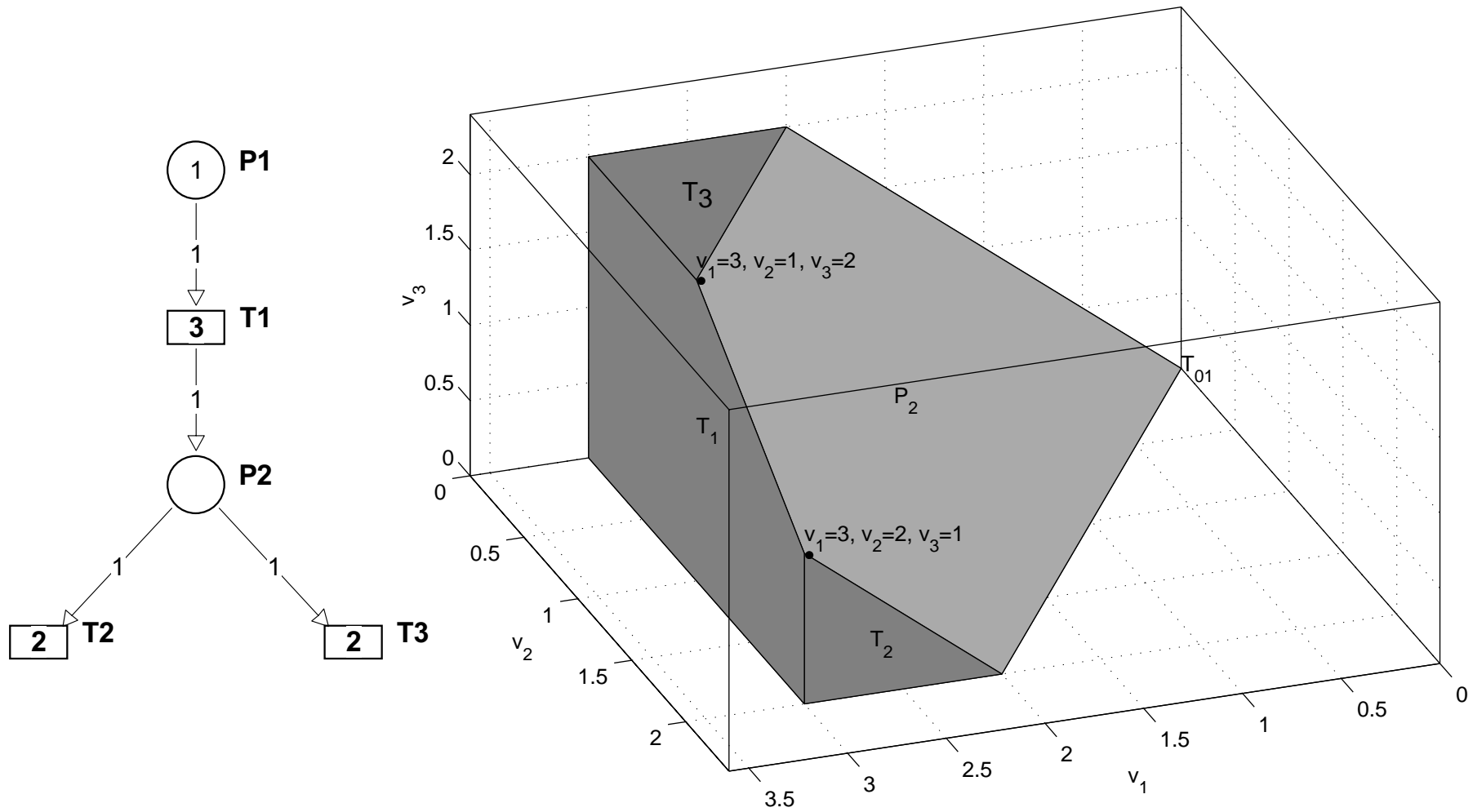
- **CCPN without speed maximization** (this model does not work in earliest firing mode)
- in the limit case ( $\forall T_j ; V_j = \infty$ ) this model is identical to **autonomous CPN**
- system of inequalities (no difference strongly/weakly en.) defines **polytop**  $\Pi$

$$v_j(t) \leq V_j \quad \forall \text{ enabled } T_j$$

$$v_j(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall \text{ enabled } T_j$$

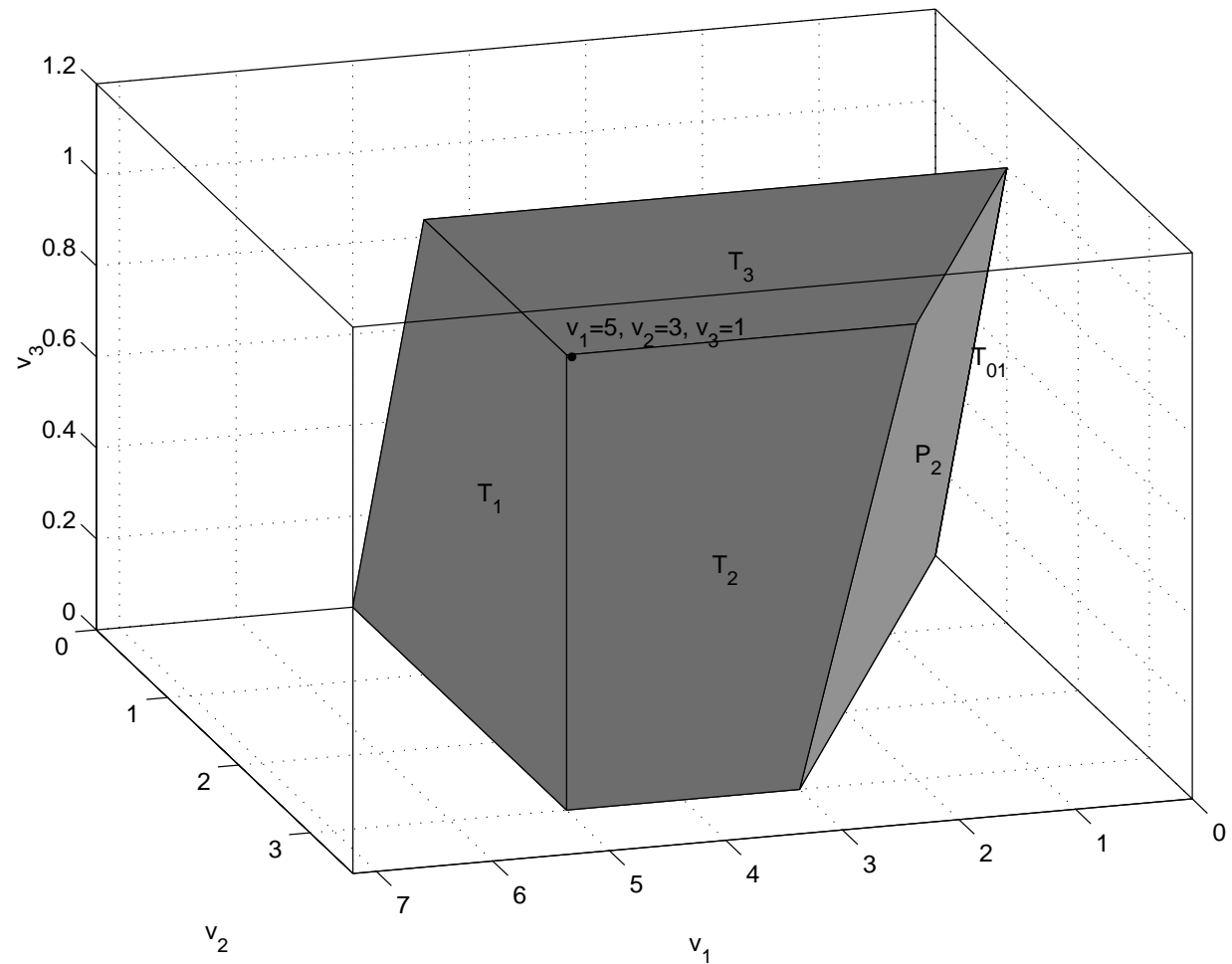
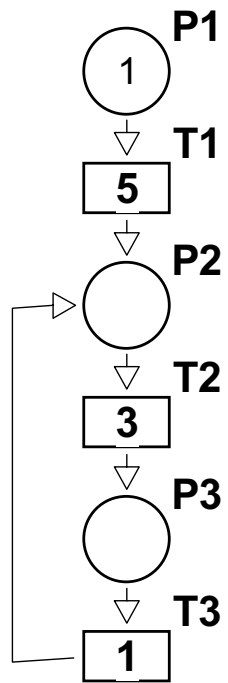
$$B_i(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall P_i ; \exists \text{ enabled } T_j \in P_i^\circ \text{ and } M_i = 0$$

# Free speed model – example of conflict



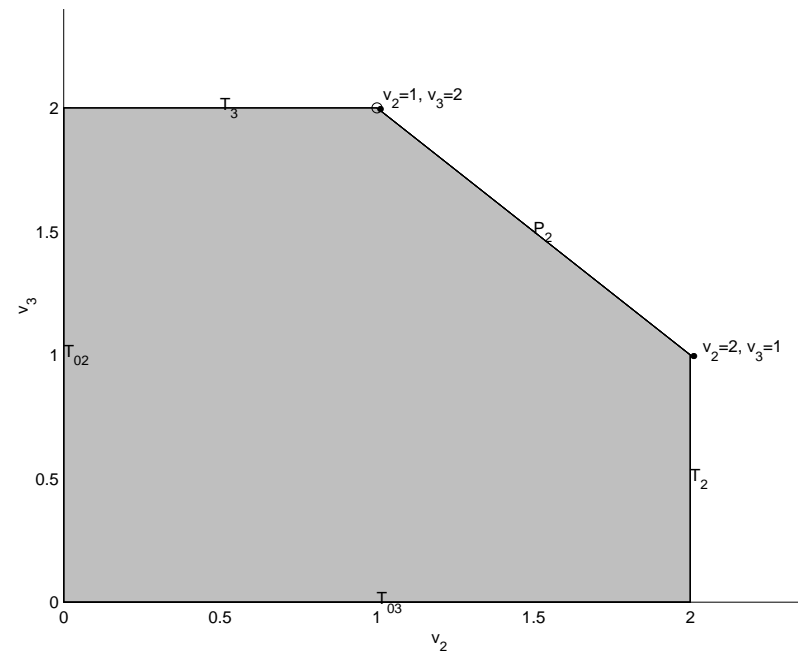
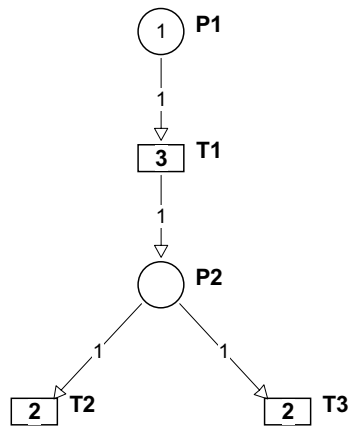


# Free speed model – empty loop paradox



# Maximum speed model ~ CCPN

**reduction** of polytop  $\Pi$  (polytop dimension ~ number of weakly enabled transitions)



**Definition: G, the maximum speed area,** is the subset of polytop  $\Pi$  such that for each speed  $v \in G$  there does not exist any other speed  $u \in \Pi$  such that  $u_k \geq v_k \forall k=1 \dots d$

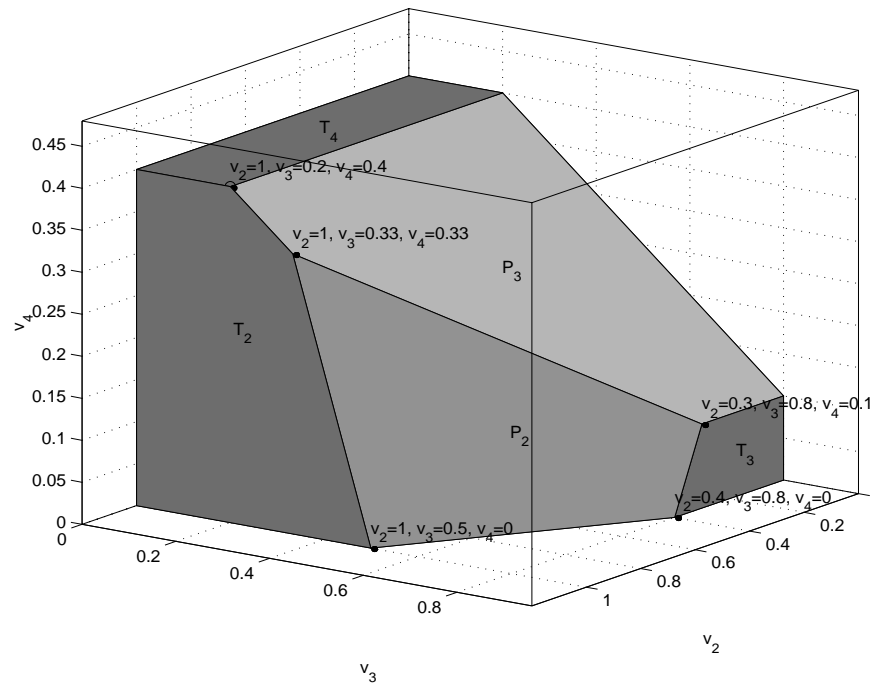
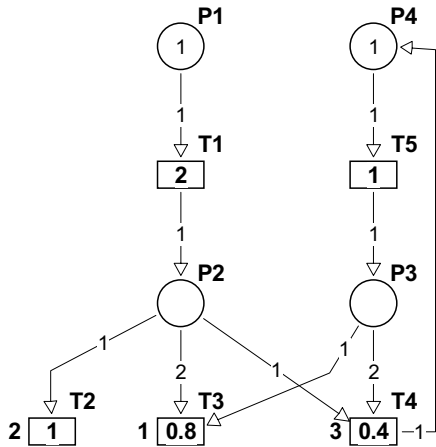
- **face belongs to G**  $\Leftrightarrow$  all its vertices belong to G i.e.  $F_k \in G \Leftrightarrow \forall F_0 \in F_k; F_0 \in G$

# Actual conflict

**Definition:** actual conflict between  $T_j$  and  $T_k$  exists if  $\exists$  structural conflict and  $\exists v, v' \in G$  ; such that  $v_j < v'_j$  and  $v_k > v'_k$

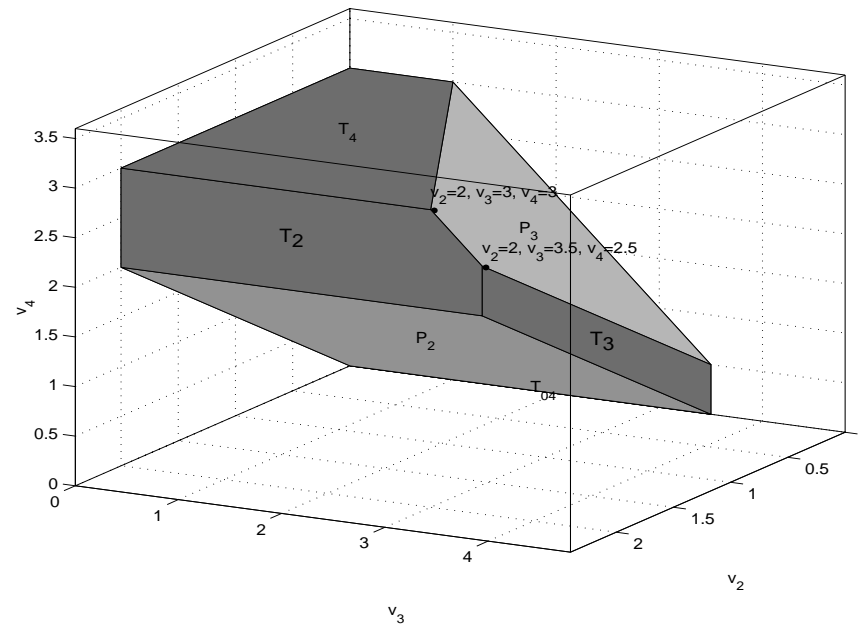
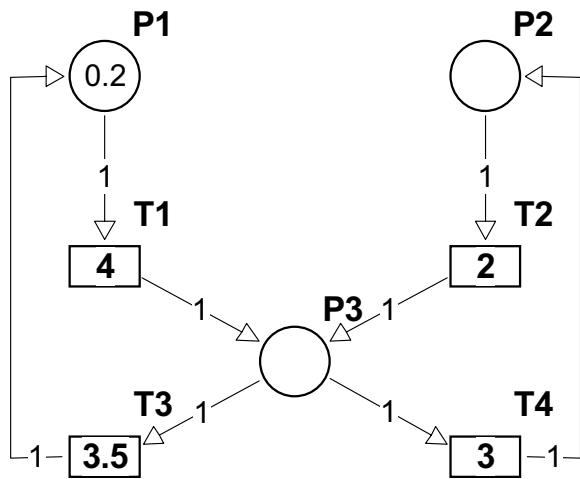
- actual conflict exists  $\Leftrightarrow$  there exists face  $F_k \in G$ ;  $k \geq 1$
- actual conflict does not exist  $\Leftrightarrow G$  is exactly one vertex  $\Rightarrow$  one call of **LP** determines  $G$  in polynomial time

• **G is not convex:**



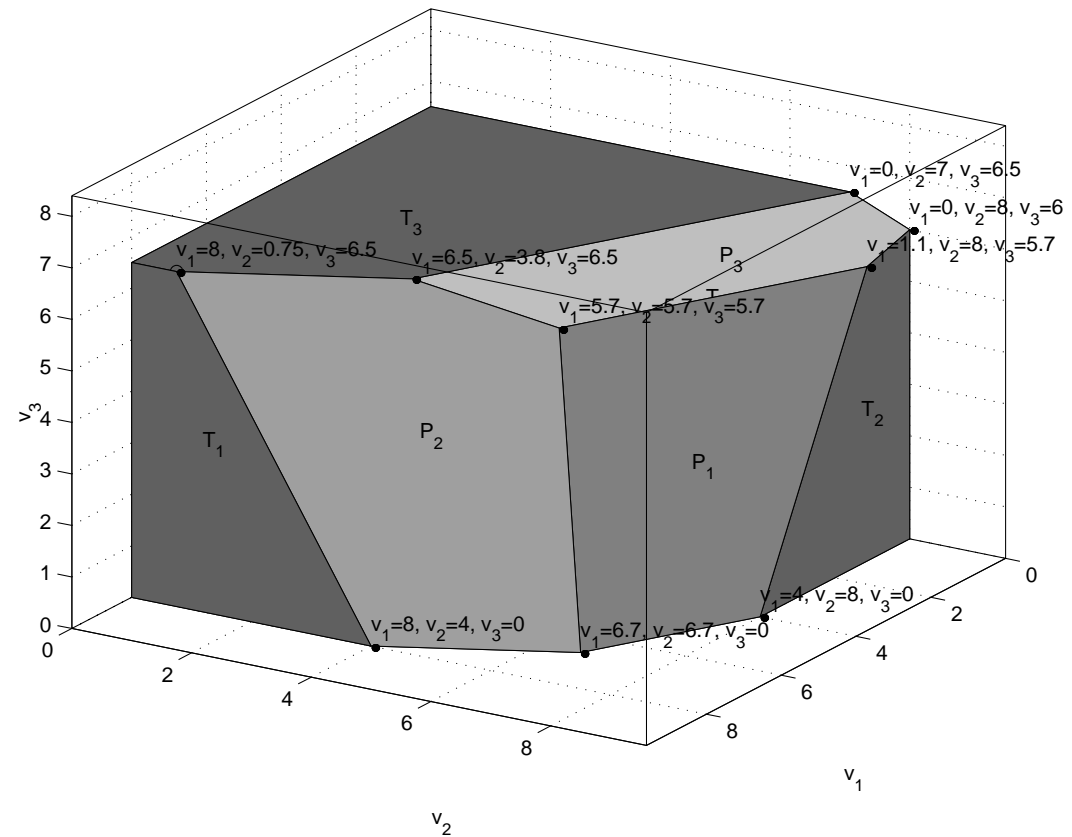
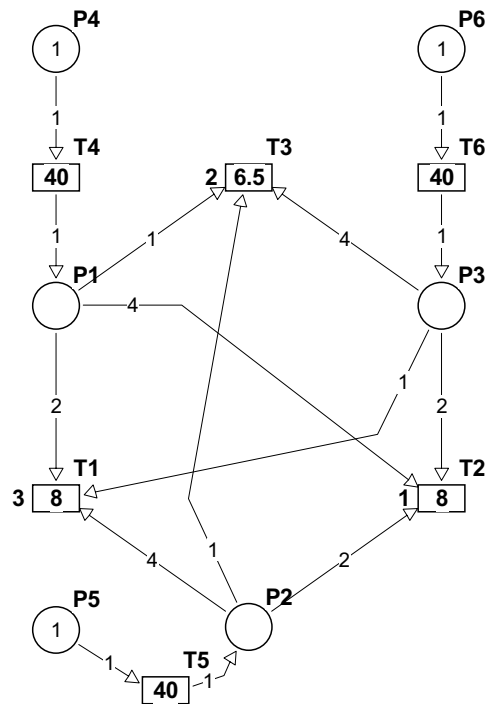
# Resolution of actual conflicts by priorities

**Definition: H**, the **priority determined area**, is the subset of  $G$  such that for each speed  $v \in H$  and for any other speed  $u \in G$  and for any  $T_j$  such that  $v_j < u_j$  there exists some  $T_k$  such that  $\text{priority}(T_k) \geq \text{priority}(T_j)$  and  $v_k > u_k$  (If exists coordinate  $v_j < u_j$  then we find always another coordinate  $v_k > u_k$  with higher or equal priority)



# Example of area G and area H

- 9 vertices ( $2^3$  priority combinations +1)
- G is not convex

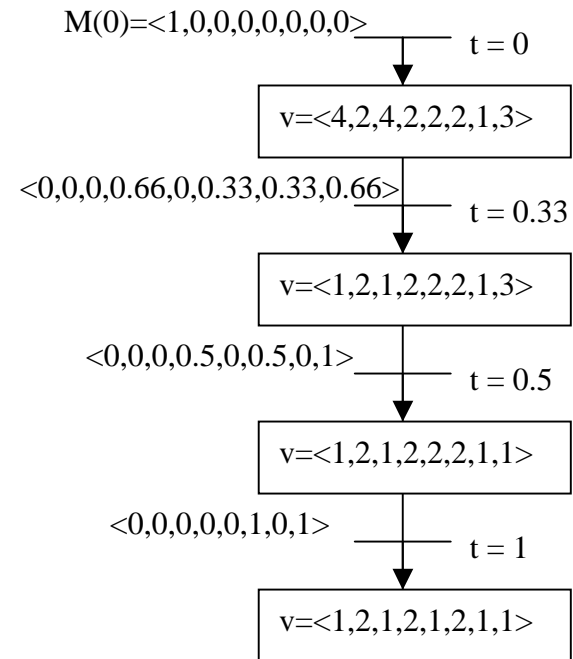
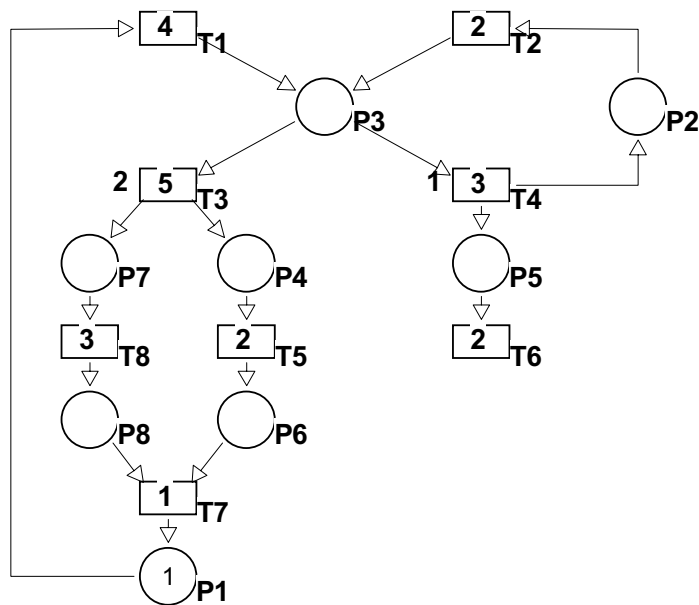


# Algorithms for instantaneous firing speed

- vertex enumeration (actual conflict resolution not needed)
  1. vertex representation of polytop
  2. selection of vertices belonging to G
  3. selection of vertices belonging to H
- **Linear Programming (polynomial time complexity)**  
for each priority level k
  1.  $J_j = 1$  for each j on this priority level otherwise  $J_j = 0$
  2. find solution by Linear Programming
  3. add one equation per each j on this priority level

# Evolution graph

- one polytop with determined speed per each IB state



# Conclusions

- CCPN speed determination when actual conflicts are present
- vertex enumeration (polytop,  $G$ ,  $H$ ) and LP solution (polynomial)
- occurrence of  $0^+$  marking in initial IB state  
– free speed model of empty circuit
- $H \subset G$  , i.e. speed maximization is prior to priority resolution (weak priority)