

MODEL-BASED API TESTING FOR SMT SOLVERS

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SMT Solvers

- highly complex
- usually serve as back-end to some application

- **key requirements:**

- correctness
- robustness
- performance

→ **full verification** difficult and still an open question

→ solver development relies on **traditional testing** techniques

Testing of SMT Solvers

State-of-the-art:

- **unit** tests
- **regression** test suite
- grammar-based black-box **input fuzzing** with **FuzzSMT** [SMT'09]
 - generational input fuzzer for SMT-LIB v1
 - patched for SMT-LIB v2 compliance
 - generates random but valid SMT-LIB input
 - **especially effective in combination with delta debugging**
- ◇ **not possible** to test solver features **not supported by the input language**

This work: **model-based API fuzz testing**

→ generate **random valid API call sequences**

Model-Based API fuzz testing

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■ Previously: **model-based API testing framework for SAT** [TAP'13]

- implemented for the SAT solver **Lingeling**
- allows to test random solver configurations (**option fuzzing**)
- allows to **replay** erroneous solver behavior

→ results **promising** for other solver back-ends

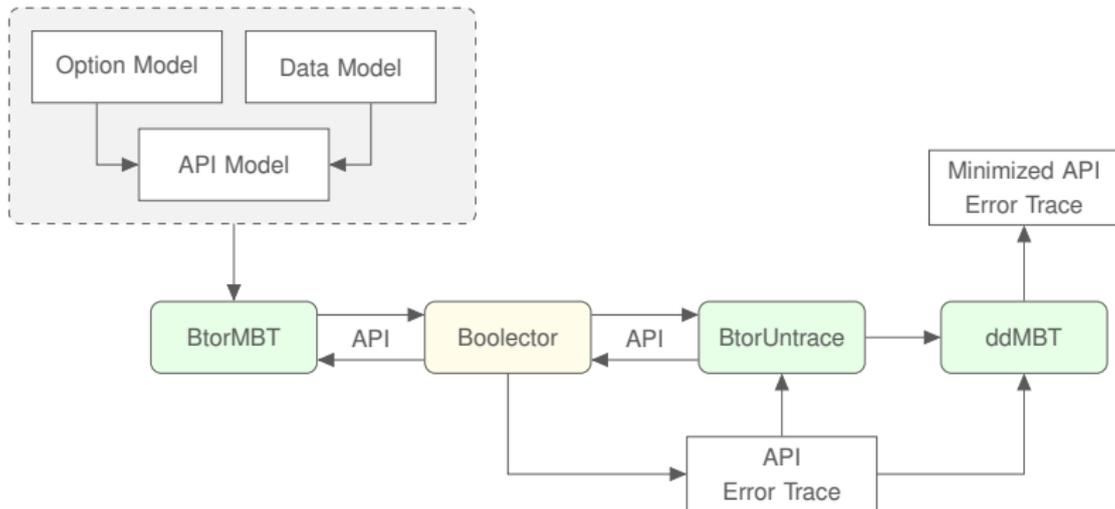
■ Here: **model-based API testing framework for SMT**

- lifts SAT approach to SMT
- implemented for the SMT solver **Boolector**
- ◇ tailored to Boolector
- ◇ for QF_(AUF)BV with non-recursive first-order lambda terms

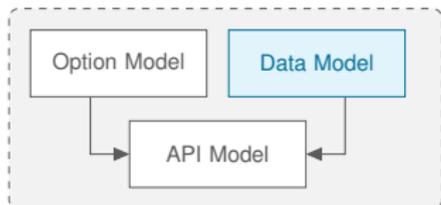
→ **effective** and promising for other SMT solvers

→ more **general** approach left to **future work**

Workflow



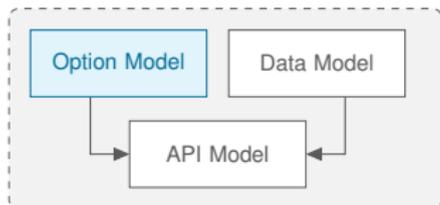
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Data Model

- SMT-LIB v2
- quantifier-free bit-vectors
- arrays
- uninterpreted functions
- lambda terms

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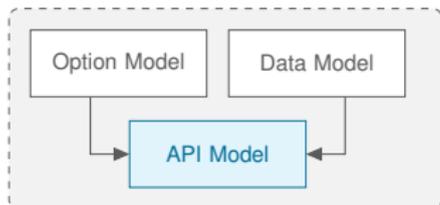
Option Model

- default values
- min / max values
- (in)valid combinations
- solver-specific

Boolector:

- multiple solver engines
- 70+ options (total)
- query all options (+ min, max and default values) via API

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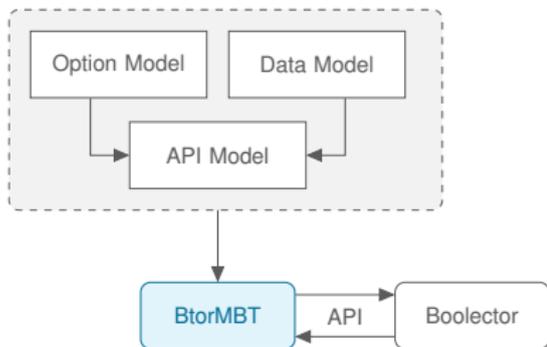
API model

- full feature set available via API
- finite state machine

Boolector:

- full access to complete solver feature set
- 150+ API functions

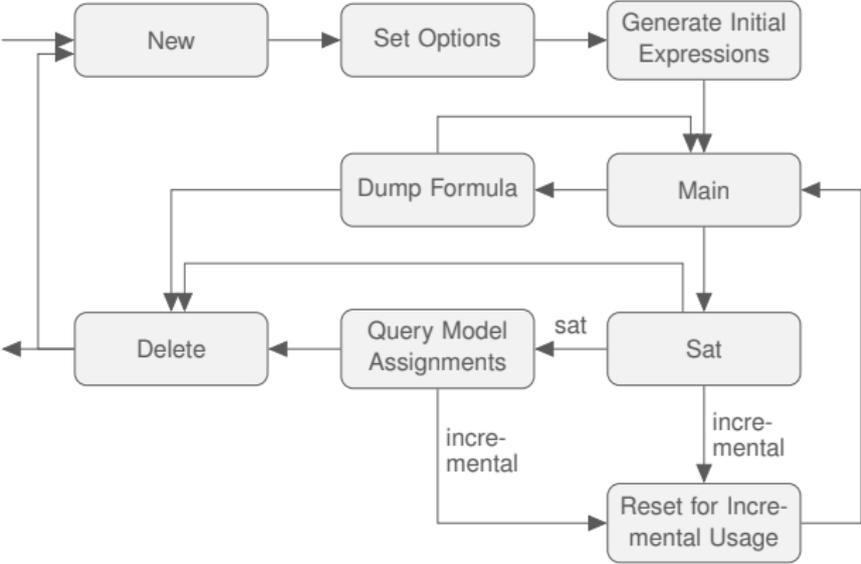
BtorMBT



- test case generation engine
- API fuzz testing tool
- implements API model
- dedicated tool for testing random configurations of Boolector
- integrates Boolector via C API
- fully supports all functionality provided via API

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API Model



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Option Fuzzing

- multiple **solver engines**
 - configurable with **70+ options** (total)
 - several **SAT solvers** as back-end
1. choose logic (QF_BV, QF_ABV, QF_UFBV, QF_AUFBV)
 2. choose solver engine (depends on logic)
 3. choose configuration options and their values
 - within their predefined value ranges
 - based on option model
 - exclude **invalid** combinations
 - choose more **relevant** options with **higher** probability (e.g. incrementality)

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Expression Generation

- generate **initial set** of expressions
 1. randomly sized shares of **inputs**
 - Boolean variables
 - bit-vector constants and variables
 - uninterpreted function symbols
 - array variables
 2. **non-input** expressions
 - combine inputs and already generated non-input expressions
 - with operators

→ until a max number of initial expressions is reached

- randomly generate **new** expressions after initialization
 - choose expressions from the initial set with lower probability
 - to increase expression depth

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Dump Formula

- output format: **BTOR**, **SMT-LIB v2** and **AIGER**

- BTOR and SMT-LIB v2:
 1. dump to temp file
 2. parse temp file (into temp Booletor instances)
 3. check for parse errors

- AIGER
 - ◇ QF_BV only
 - currently no AIGER parser
 - dump to stdout without error checking

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Solver-Internal Checks

- **model validation** for **satisfiable** instances
 - after each SAT call that concludes with **satisfiable**

- check **failed assumptions** for **unsatisfiable** instances
 - in case of **incremental** solving
 - determine the set of inconsistent (failed) assumptions
 - check if failed assumptions are indeed inconsistent

- check internal state of **cloned instances**
 - data structures
 - allocated memory

- automatically enabled in debug mode

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Shadow Clone Testing

■ full clone

- exact **disjunct** copy of solver instance
- exact **same behavior**
- deep** copy

→ includes (bit-blasted) **AIG** layer and **SAT** layer

→ requires SAT solver to support cloning

■ term layer clone

- term layer** copy of solver instance
- does not guarantee exact same behavior

→ **shadow clone testing** to test **full** clones

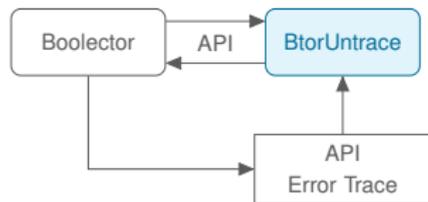
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Shadow Clone Testing

1. generate shadow clone (**initialization**)
 - may be initialized **anytime** prior to the first SAT call
 - is randomly **released** and **regenerated** multiple times
 - solver checks **internal state** of the freshly generated clone
2. shadow clone **mirrors** every API call
 - solver checks state of shadow clone after each call
3. **return values** must correspond to results of original instance

→ **enabled at random**

BtorUntrace

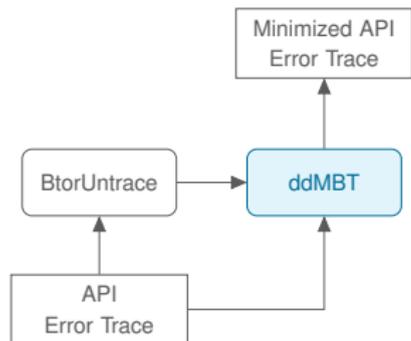


- replay API traces
 - reproduce solver behavior
 - ◇ failed test cases
 - ◇ faulty behavior outside of API testing framework
- without the need for the original (complex) setup of the tool chain
- for traces generated by Boolector
 - integrates Boolector via C API

Example API Trace

```
1 | new
2 | return b1
3 | set_opt b1 1 incremental 1
4 | set_opt b1 14 rewrite-level 0
5 | bitvec_sort b1 1
6 | return s1@b1
7 | array_sort b1 s1@b1 s1@b1
8 | return s3
9 | array b1 s3@b1 array1
10 | return e2@b1
11 | var b1 s1@b1 index1
12 | return e3@b1
13 | var b1 s1@b1 index2
14 | return e4@b1
15 | read b1 e2@b1 e3@b1
16 | return e6@b1
17 | read b1 e2@b1 e4@b1
18 | return e8@b1
19 | eq b1 e3@b1 e4@b1
20 | return e9@b1
21 | ne b1 e6@b1 e8@b1
22 | return e-10@b1
23 | assert b1 e9@b1
24 | assume b1 e-10@b1
25 | sat b1
26 | return 20
27 | failed b1 e-10@b1
28 | return true
29 | sat b1
30 | return 10
31 | release b1 e2@b1
32 | release b1 e3@b1
33 | release b1 e4@b1
34 | release b1 e6@b1
35 | release b1 e8@b1
36 | release b1 e9@b1
37 | release b1 e-10@b1
38 | release_sort b1 s1@b1
39 | release_sort b1 s3@b1
40 | delete b1
```

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- minimize trace file
 - while preserving behavior when replayed with BtorUntrace
 - based on solver exit code and error message
 - works in rounds
1. remove lines (divide and conquer)
 2. substitute terms with fresh variables
 3. substitute terms with expressions of same sort

Experimental Evaluation

Configurations

- **BtorMBT** as included with Boolector 2.4
 - Boolector compiled with support for Lingeling, PicoSAT, MiniSAT
- **FuzzSMT** patched for SMT-LIB v2 compliance
- **with** and **without** option fuzzing
 - randomly choosing solver engines and SAT solvers enabled even when option fuzzing disabled

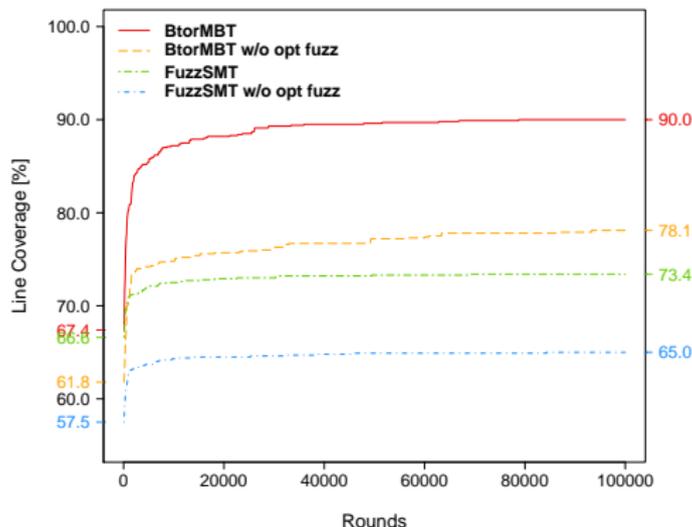
Experimental Evaluation

Throughput

- important measure of **efficiency** and **effectiveness**
 - high throughput: test cases **too trivial**
 - low throughput: test cases **too difficult**
- goal:** as many good test cases in as little time as possible
- 100k runs
- solver timeout: 2 seconds
- ◇ **BtorMBT:** 45 rounds / second
 - +20% throughput **without** shadow clone testing
 - 20% of SAT calls **incremental**
 - 25% of solved instances is **satisfiable**
- ◇ **FuzzSMT:** 7 rounds / second

Experimental Evaluation

Code Coverage (gcc gcov)



	BtorMBT	BtorMBT w/o opt fuzz
10k	87 %	75 %
100k	90 %	78 %

→ >98% API coverage

	FuzzSMT	FuzzSMT w/o opt fuzz
10k	73 %	62 %
100k	74 %	65 %

→ >52% API coverage
(incomplete SMT-LIB v2 support)

Experimental Evaluation

Defect Insertion

Test configurations:

- 4626 **faulty** configurations (total)
- **TC_A** randomly inserted **abort** statement (2305 configurations)
- **TC_D** randomly **deleted** statement (2321 configurations)

- all configurations are **faulty** configurations
- 100k runs (BtorMBT) and 10k runs (FuzzSMT)
- solver timeout: 2 seconds

Experimental Evaluation

Defect Insertion

Rounds		BtorMBT		BtorMBT w/o opt fuzz		FuzzSMT		FuzzSMT w/o opt fuzz	
		Found	[%]	Found	[%]	Found	[%]	Found	[%]
100k	TC _A (2305)	2088	90.6	1789	77.6				
	TC _D (2321)	1629	70.2	1366	58.9				
	TC (4626)	3717	80.4	3155	68.2				
10k	TC _A (2305)	2028	88.0	1719	74.6	1735	75.3	1523	66.1
	TC _D (2321)	1510	65.1	1277	55.0	1304	56.2	1153	49.7
	TC (4626)	3538	76.5	2996	64.8	3039	65.7	2676	57.8

→ success rates for TC_A roughly correspond to code coverage

Conclusion

- model-based API testing tool set for Boolector
- generates random valid sequences of API calls
- allows to test random solver configurations on random input formulas

Future Work:

- let BtorMBT take over **API tracing**
- more **balanced ratio** of sat to unsat instances
- maximize code coverage with **symbolic execution** techniques
- **solver-independent model-based api testing framework**

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