



Hardware Model Checking Competition 2020

(11th Edition)

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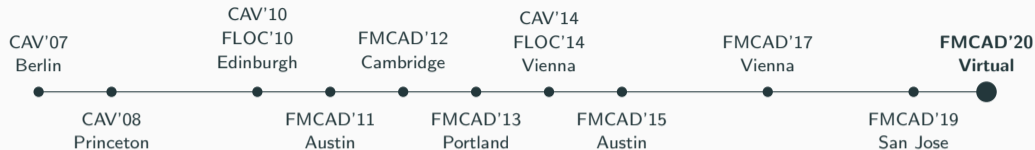


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HWMCC Editions



Previous Years

- AIGER format (<http://fmv.jku.at/aiger>)
- Tracks
 - **SINGLE** safety (bad state) property track
 - how **DEEP** model checkers go on unsolved SINGLE instances (Osiki Technology award \$500)
 - **LIVENESS** track (single “justice” property)
- BTOR2 format (<https://github.com/boolector/btor2tools>)
 - **HWMCC'19** first year with **word-level** tracks

Goal: establish word-level track as part of HWMCC

- collect large set of publicly available word-level benchmarks
- encourage researchers to work on novel model checking engines
- provide a platform for comparison

Word-level Track(s)

- BTOR2 format (<https://github.com/Boolector/btor2tools>)
- **SINGLE** safety (bad state) property track
 - subtracks: bit-vectors, bit-vectors+arrays
 - BTOR2 witnesses optional
- Intel Xeon E5-2620 v4 2.10GHz, 16 cores (32 threads),
Limits: 120 GB memory, 1h wall-clock time

BTOR 1.0

[BPR'08]

- word-level generalization of the initial AIGER format
- format for quantifier-free formulas over bit-vectors and arrays
- sequential extensions

BTOR 2.0

[CAV'18]

- lifts features from the AIGER 1.9 format to word-level
 - supports invariant and fairness constraints
 - supports safety and liveness properties
 - initialization of registers/memories
- witness format
- tool suite: libbtor2parser, btorsim, btor2aiger, btorsplit, ...

BTOR2 Format

<code><num></code>	::=	positive unsigned integer (greater than zero)
<code><uint></code>	::=	unsigned integer (including zero)
<code><string></code>	::=	sequence of whitespace and printable characters without <code>'\n'</code>
<code><symbol></code>	::=	sequence of printable characters without <code>'\n'</code>
<code><comment></code>	::=	<code>';' <string></code>
<code><nid></code>	::=	<code><num></code>
<code><sid></code>	::=	<code><num></code>
<code><const></code>	::=	<code>'const' <sid> [0-1]+</code>
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<code><state></code>	::=	<code>'state' <sid></code>
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<code><array></code>	::=	<code>'array' <sid> <sid></code>
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<code><line></code>	::=	<code><comment> <node> [<symbol>] [<comment>]</code>
<code><btor></code>	::=	<code>(<line> '\n')+</code>

Witness Format

<code><binary-string></code>	::=	<code>[0-1]+</code>
<code><bv-assignment></code>	::=	<code><binary-string></code>
<code><array-assignment></code>	::=	<code>'[' <binary-string> ']' <binary-string></code>
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<https://github.com/Boolector/btor2tools>

BTOR 2.0 Example

```
1 sort bitvec 1
2 sort bitvec 3
3 zero 2
4 state 2 cnt
5 init 2 4 3
6 input 2 in
7 add 2 4 6
8 next 2 4 7
9 constd 2 7
10 eq 1 4 9
11 bad 10
12 constd 2 3
13 ulte 1 6 12
14 constraint 13
```

} $cnt = 0$

} $cnt' = cnt + in$

} $bad(cnt == 7)$

} $in \leq 3$

```
sat
b0
#0
@0
0 011 in@0
@1
0 010 in@1
@2
0 010 in@2
@3
0 000 in@3
.
```

Submissions

- **10** new benchmarks (4 bit-vector, 6 bit-vector+arrays) with **36** safety properties submitted by Makai Mann
- **30** new bit-level benchmarks submitted by Gianpiero Cabodi, not considered for this year since only bit-level

Bit-blasting BTOR2 to AIGER (btor2aiger)

- bit-blasted all bit-vector benchmarks to AIGER
- no array support yet
- uses Boolector to synthesize AIGs
- uses AIGER library for constructing AIGER benchmarks

Benchmark Selection

- selected from **2319** BV and **2518** BV+arrays SINGLE benchmarks
- divided all benchmarks into 30 classes
- removed “easy” benchmarks (800 bit-vector, 817 array)
solved by all model HWMCC’19 checkers¹ within 10s wall-clock time
- randomly selected from remaining benchmarks

- selected $N * frac(N)$ benchmarks per class
 N ... number of benchmarks in class
- BEEM benchmarks limited to 15 benchmarks

$$frac(N) = \begin{cases} 1/2 & \text{if } N < 50 \\ 1/3 & \text{if } N < 100 \\ 1/4 & \text{if } N < 200 \\ 1/5 & \text{if } N < 300 \\ 1/6 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

- in total **324** bit-vector and **315** bit-vector+array benchmarks

¹excluding BMC-only model checkers for unsat

Benchmark Selection: Bit-Vectors

class	selected	unused	removed	total
2019/wolf/2019C/qspiflash	73	361	45	479
2019/goel/industry/cal	44	131	58	233
2019/mann/data-integrity/unsafe/arbitrated_top	27	54	19	100
2019/wolf/2018D/zipcpu	24	24	98	146
2019/wolf/2019A/picorv32	18	36	0	54
2019/wolf/2019C/dspfilters_fastfir_second	17	17	18	52
2019/beem	15	509	156	680
2020/mann	15	15	0	30
2019/wolf/2019C/vgasim	15	14	93	122
2019/mann/data-integrity/unsafe/shift_register_top	12	12	1	25
2019/goel/opensource	12	11	117	140
2019/mann/data-integrity/unsafe/circular_pointer_top	11	11	3	25
2019/goel/industry/gen	9	9	106	124
2019/wolf/2018D/picorv32	8	8	10	26
2019/wolf/2019C/zipversa_composecr_prf	8	8	9	25
2019/goel/industry/mul	5	5	1	11
2019/wolf/2019B/marlann	3	3	3	9
2019/wolf/2018D/VexRiscv	3	3	0	6
2019/goel/crafted	1	1	22	24
2019/mann/unsafe	1	1	1	3
2019/wolf/2018D/ponylink	1	1	0	2
2019/mann/safe	1	1	0	2
2019/mann/unknown	1	0	0	1

30% overlap with HWMCC'19 benchmarks (98 in total)

Benchmark Selection: Bit-Vectors+Arrays

class	selected	unused	removed	total
2019/wolf/2019C/dblcllockfft_butterfly	129	643	427	1199
2019/wolf/2019C/zipcpu_zipcpu_piped	74	370	86	530
2019/wolf/2019C/zipcpu_zipcpu_dcach	63	311	253	627
2019/wolf/2019A/picorv32	18	36	0	54
2019/wolf/2018A/zipcpu	9	8	40	57
2019/wolf/2018A/picorv32	7	6	10	23
2019/wolf/2019B/marlann	5	4	0	9
2019/wolf/2018A/VexRiscv	3	3	0	6
2020/mann	3	2	0	5
2019/mann/unsafe	1	1	1	3
2019/wolf/2018A/ponylink	1	1	0	2
2019/mann/safe	1	1	0	2
2019/mann/unknown	1	0	0	1

19% overlap with HWMCC'19 benchmarks (58 in total)

- AVR proof race: 16 parallel configurations racing proof/counterexample
 - 11 variants of IC3+SA
 - word-level IC3 with syntax-guided abstraction, plus add-ons:
 - data abstraction
 - incremental refinement
 - interpolation
 - property-directed word splitting
 - extract/concat handler
 - hybrid abstractions
 - 2 variants of BMC, plus data abstraction (**new**)
 - 3 variants of K-induction (**new**)
- Support for Arrays (**new**)
- Arrays + data / hybrid abstractions (**new**)
- Supports Verilog, VMT and BTOR2 frontends
- Inductive invariants (SMT-LIB), counterexample traces (BTOR2)

Thanks to Yices 2, Boolector, MathSAT 5, Yosys, Btor2Tools and Cadence JasperGold teams

- Based on a model checking algorithm that combines interpolation and PDR
- Interpolants are extracted from BMC queries
- PDR is used to generalize the interpolants
- Original paper CAV 2014
- Other improvements: FMCAD 2014, CAV 2015
- The latest version includes interpolants that are extracted from k-induction proofs
- K-AVY paper appeared in CAV 2019
- The tool executes AVY and k-AVY in various configurations, BMC and PDR
- Implementation uses ABCs infrastructure, MiniSAT, Glucose and Muser

- Portfolio approach (n engines in parallel, no communication)
- **BV category:**
 - SAT-based IC3 and BMC
 - SMT-based IC3 with implicit abstraction
- **BV+Arrays category:**
 - SMT-based IC3 with implicit abstraction, k-induction, BMC
- **SAT solver:** CaDiCaL
- **SMT solver:** MathSAT

Makai Mann, Ahmed Irfan, Florian Lonsing, Yahan Yang, Clark Barrett (Stanford Univ.)

- Lightweight, adaptable SMT-based model checker
 - Built on solver-agnostic SMT API, smt-switch
- Competition portfolio configuration
 - BMC
 - K-Induction
 - Interpolation-based
 - Model-based IC3 (BV only)
 - IC3 with Interpolant Generalization (BV only)
 - Counterexample-Guided Prophecy built on Interpolation-based MC (Arrays only)
- SMT Solvers
 - Boolector, MathSAT5 and CVC4
 - Many thanks to the SMT solver developers!

Competitive Bit-Level Model Checkers

■ **ABC**

- Robert K. Brayton, Baruch Sterin, Alan Mishchenko (UC Berkeley)

■ **pdtrav**

- Gianpiero Cabodi et.al. (Politecnico di Torino)

Non-Competitive Model Checkers (submitted by organizers)

■ **BtorMC**

- Aina Niemetz, Mathias Preiner, Armin Biere (Stanford, JKU)
- compiled from Boolector repository @ 95859db with CaDiCaL

■ **CoSA2**

- Makai Mann, Ahmed Irfan, Florian Lonsing, Clark Barrett (Stanford Univ.)

■ **camical**²: BMC for sanity checking

■ **ABC17**²: HWMCC'17 winner, similar performance to ABC this year

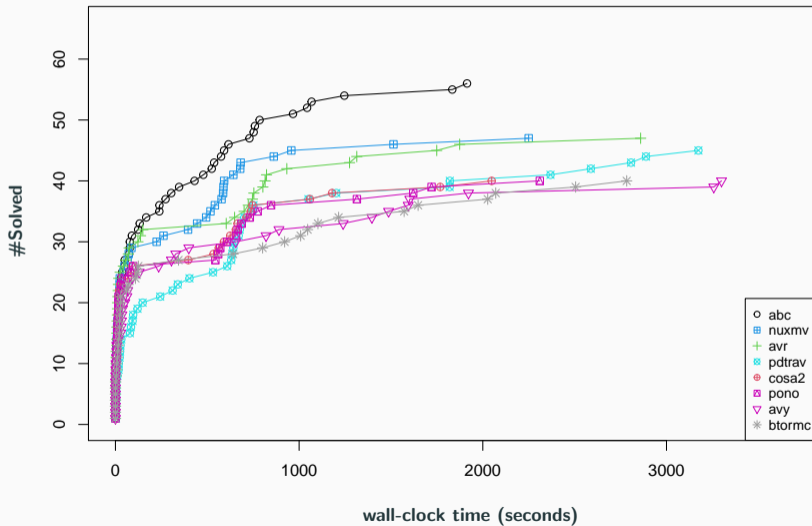
■ **nmtip**²: withdrawn due to some issues in testing phase

²Not shown in results but log files provided

- **3 categories**
 - bit-vectors
 - bit-vectors+arrays
 - combined
- each category divided into
 - sat
 - unsat
 - all
- **9 rankings** each with 1 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze
(27 “medals” in total)

Results

Bit-Vectors (sat)

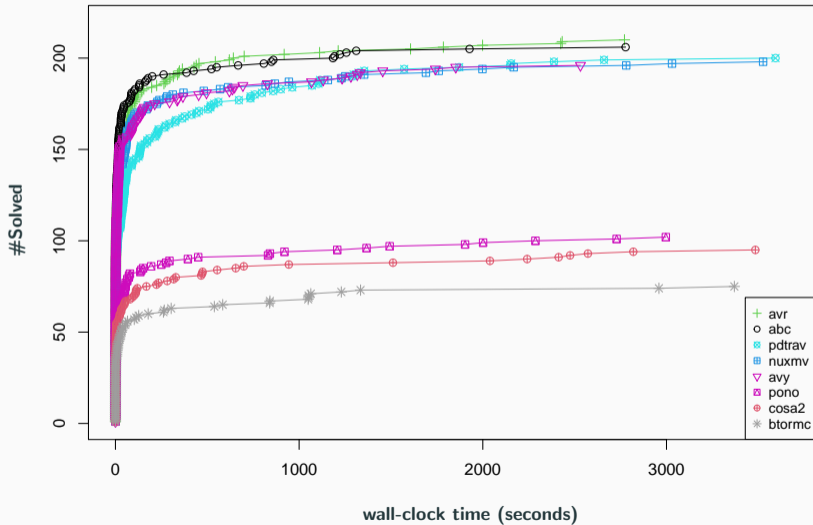


Bit-Vectors (sat)

			total	slvd	sat	to	unk	real	time	best	uniq
1	abc	•	64	56	56	8	0	17368	200348	20	6
2	nuxmv		64	47	47	17	0	13340	53240	9	0
3	avr		64	47	47	0	17	17452	251887	2	1
	pdtrav	•	64	45	45	16	3	29746	166427	6	3
	cosa2		64	40	40	24	0	12702	51132	9	0
	pono		64	40	40	24	0	14025	70219	2	0
	avy	•	64	40	40	24	0	20110	199809	10	0
	btormc		64	40	40	24	0	20415	20412	6	0

- ... run on bit-blasted AIGER benchmark

Bit-Vectors (unsat)

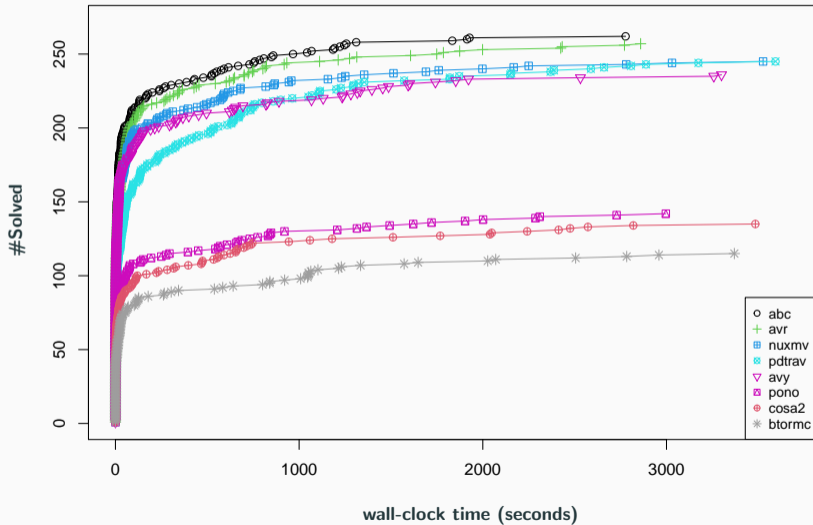


Bit-Vectors (unsat)

			total	slvd	unsat	to	mo	unk	real	time	best	uniq
1	avr		225	210	210	0	0	15	26893	409198	28	10
2	abc	•	225	206	206	19	0	0	19137	228731	67	0
3	pdtrav	•	225	200	200	25	0	0	45145	263503	8	1
	nuxmv		225	198	198	27	0	0	31397	125205	21	2
	avy	•	225	196	196	29	0	0	23945	237719	44	0
	pono		225	102	102	106	16	1	21918	103916	9	0
	cosa2		225	95	95	130	0	0	26547	99951	3	0
	btormc		225	75	75	149	0	1	17797	17791	45	1

- ...run on bit-blasted AIGER benchmark

Bit-Vectors (all)

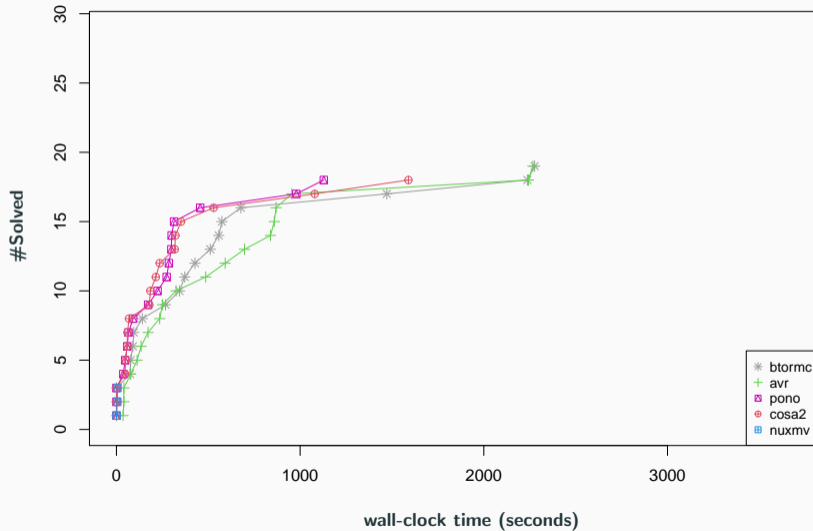


Bit-Vectors (all)

			total	slvd	sat	unsat	to	mo	unk	real	time	best	uniq
1	abc	•	324	262	56	206	62	0	0	36505	429078	87	6
2	avr		324	257	47	210	0	0	67	44345	661085	30	11
3	nuxmv		324	245	47	198	79	0	0	44737	178444	30	2
	pdtrav	•	324	245	45	200	76	0	3	74891	429930	14	4
	avy	•	324	236	40	196	88	0	0	44055	437528	54	0
	pono		324	142	40	102	165	16	1	35943	174134	11	0
	cosa2		324	135	40	95	189	0	0	39249	151083	12	0
	btormc		324	115	40	75	208	0	1	38212	38203	51	1

- ... run on bit-blasted AIGER benchmark

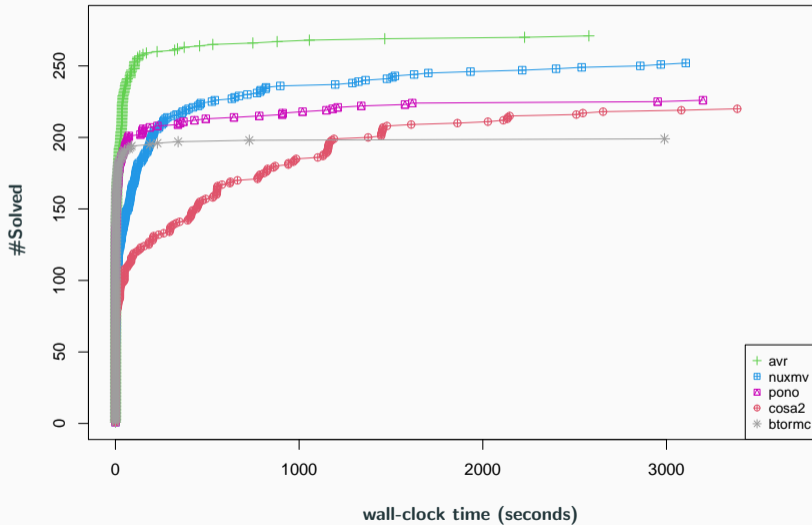
Bit-Vectors+Arrays (sat)



Bit-Vectors+Arrays (sat)

		total	slvd	sat	to	unk	real	time	best
	btormc	19	19	19	0	0	10193	10192	0
1	avr	19	19	19	0	0	11232	157865	1
2	pono	19	18	18	0	1	4733	19048	10
	cosa2	19	18	18	1	0	5287	21277	8
3	nuxmv	19	3	3	16	0	11	30	0

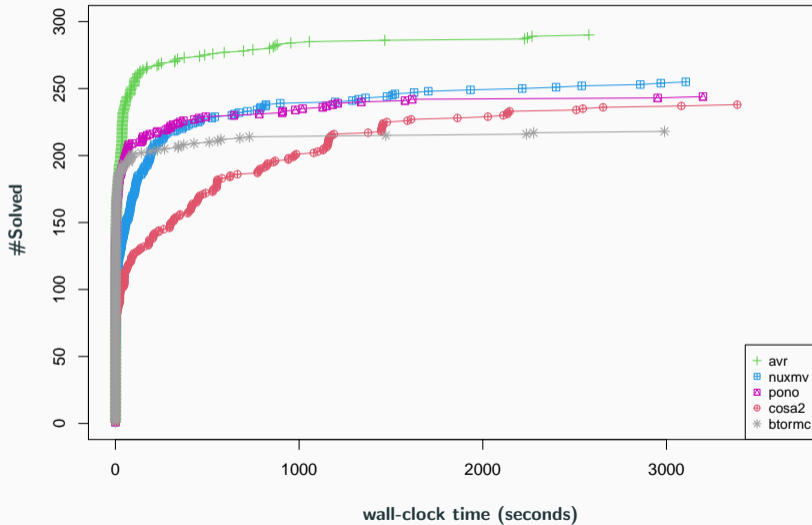
Bit-Vectors+Arrays (unsat)



Bit-Vectors+Arrays (unsat)

		total	slvd	unsat	to	mo	unk	real	time	best	uniq
1	avr	274	271	271	0	0	3	15878	230699	75	12
2	nuxmv	274	252	252	22	0	0	54916	161218	2	0
3	pono	274	226	226	38	2	8	23112	95755	23	1
	cosa2	274	220	220	43	1	10	91618	365311	1	0
	btormc	274	199	199	75	0	0	5417	5403	173	1

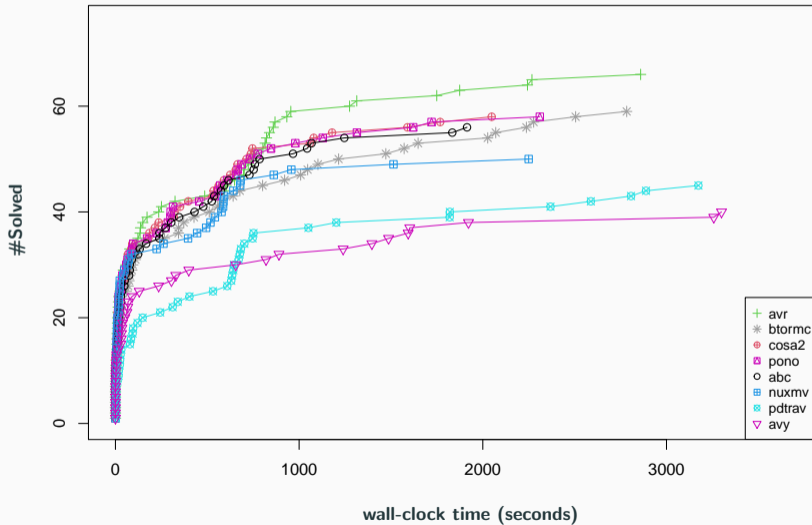
Bit-Vectors+Arrays (all)



Bit-Vectors+Arrays (all)

		total	slvd	sat	unsat	to	mo	unk	real	time	best	uniq
1	avr	315	290	19	271	0	0	25	27110	388564	76	12
2	nuxmv	315	255	3	252	60	0	0	54927	161248	2	0
3	pono	315	244	18	226	54	6	11	27845	114803	33	1
	cosa2	315	238	18	220	63	1	13	96905	386589	9	0
	btormc	315	218	19	199	97	0	0	15611	15595	173	1

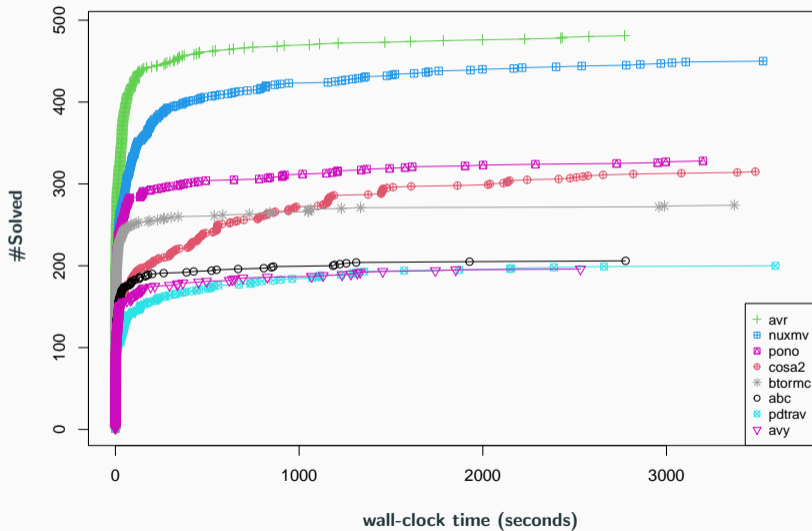
Combined (sat)



Combined (sat)

		total	slvd	sat	to	unk	real	time	best	uniq
1	avr	83	66	66	0	17	28685	409752	3	1
	btormc	83	59	59	24	0	30608	30603	6	0
	cosa2	83	58	58	25	0	17989	72410	17	0
2	pono	83	58	58	24	1	18759	89266	12	0
3	abc •	64	56	56	8	0	17368	200348	20	6
	nuxmv	83	50	50	33	0	13351	53270	9	0
	pdtrav •	64	45	45	16	3	29746	166427	6	3
	avy •	64	40	40	24	0	20110	199809	10	0

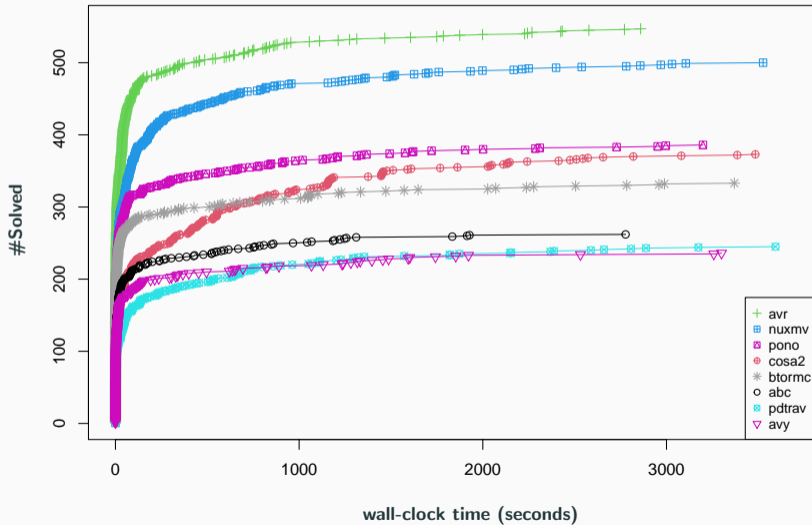
Combined (unsat)



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		total	slvd	unsat	to	mo	unk	real	time	best	uniq
1	avr	499	481	481	0	0	18	42771	639897	103	22
2	nuxmv	499	450	450	49	0	0	86313	286423	23	2
3	pono	499	328	328	144	18	9	45030	199671	32	1
	cosa2	499	315	315	173	1	10	118164	465262	4	0
	btormc	499	274	274	224	0	1	23214	23194	218	2
	abc •	225	206	206	19	0	0	19137	228731	67	0
	pdtrav •	225	200	200	25	0	0	45145	263503	8	1
	avy •	225	196	196	29	0	0	23945	237719	44	0

Combined (all)



Combined (all)

		total	slvd	sat	unsat	to	mo	unk	real	time	best	uniq
1	avr	639	547	66	481	0	0	92	71456	1049649	106	23
2	nuxmv	639	500	50	450	139	0	0	99664	339693	32	2
3	pono	639	386	58	328	219	22	12	63789	288937	44	1
	cosa2	639	373	58	315	252	1	13	136153	537672	21	0
	btormc	639	333	59	274	305	0	1	53822	53797	224	2
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Results Summary

	gold	silver	bronze
avr	7	1	1
abc	2	1	1
nuxmv		5	2
pono		2	4
pdtrav			1

Congratulations to the winners!



Submissions

- 3 word-level and 3 bit-level model checkers
- only 10 new word-level benchmarks with 36 safety properties

Next Edition

- BTOR2 witnesses required
- (maybe) bit-blasting of array benchmarks

Thanks to all submitters!

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