

SaTC: CORE: Small Techniques for Software Model Checking of Hyperproperties

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Challenge:

- Verification of *information-flow security policies* requires reasoning about multiple executions simultaneously.
- This increases the computation complexity significantly.
- Existing model checking tools are not able to handle verification of such policies.

Solution:

- We use the framework of *hyperproperties*.
- We have designed new specification languages for hyperproperties (A-HLTL and HyperPCTL) to reason about hyperproperties.
- Effective *bounded model checking* algorithms.

Information leak due to nondeterminism

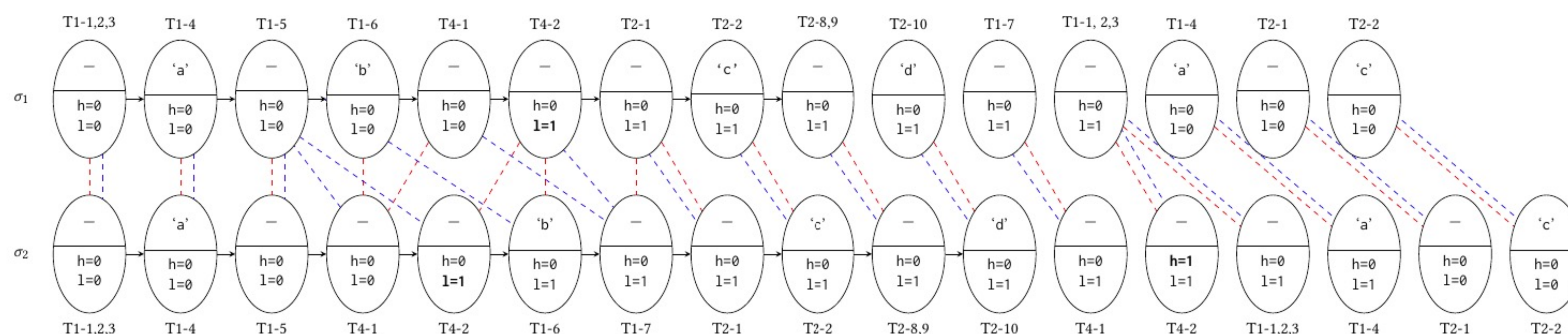
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T1
1 while (true) {
2   await sem > 0 then
3     sem = sem - 1;
4     print('a');
5     v = v + 1;
6     print('b');
7     sem = sem + 1;
8 }

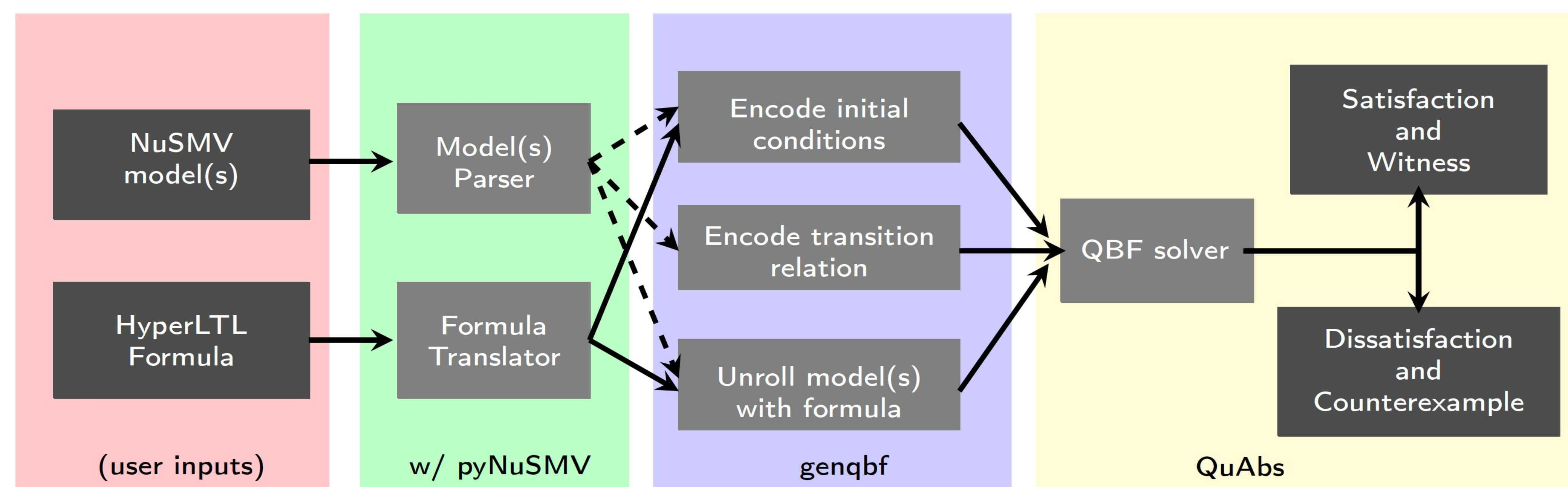
T2
1 while (true) {
2   print('c');
3   if (h == 1) then
4     await sem > 0 then
5       sem = sem - 1;
6       v = v + 2;
7       sem = sem + 1;
8   else
9     skip;
10  print('d');
11 }

T3
1 while (true)
2   h = read(Channel1);

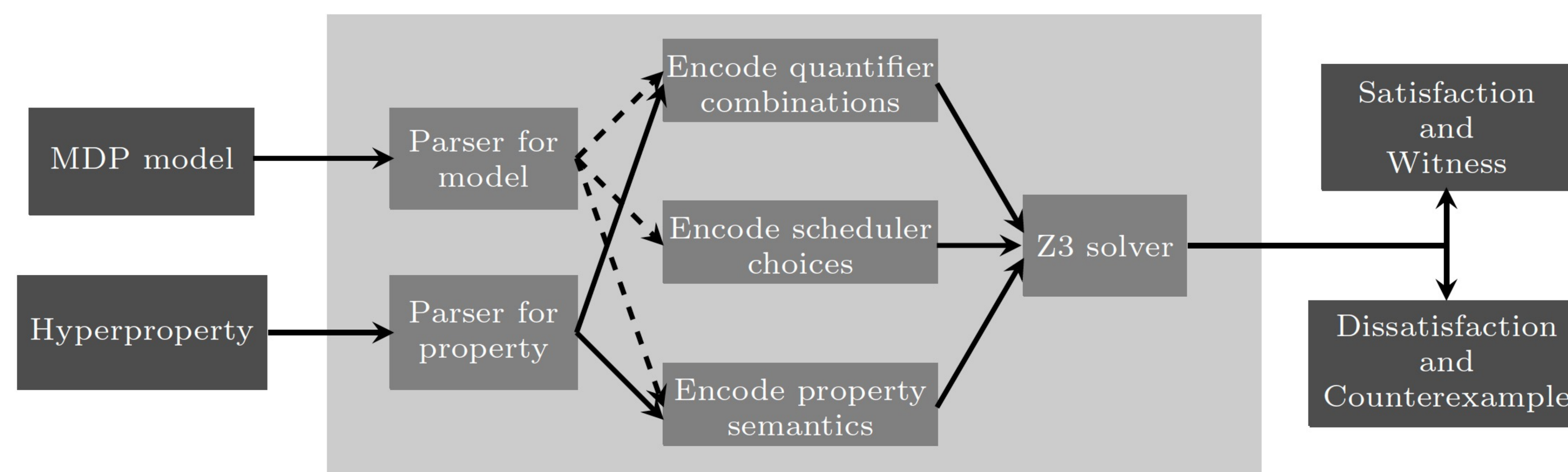
T4
1 while (true)
2   l = read(Channel2);
    
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The Tool HyperQube



The Tool HyperProb



Scientific Impact:

- Verification of:
 - Scheduling attacks
 - Timing attacks
 - Secure compilation
 - Speculative execution
 - Concurrent information leaks
 - Cache flush attacks
 - Differential privacy

Broader Impact and Broader Participation:

- Partnership with Okemos High School in Michigan
- Partnership with women in computing and engineering clubs

