

# Generating System-Agnostic Runtime Verification Benchmarks from MLTL Formulas

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<sup>1</sup> <https://robonaut.jsc.nasa.gov/R2/>

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**We need a procedure to check satisfiability for properties, and return a satisfying assignment**

# Mission-Time Linear Temporal Logic <sup>2</sup>

**Mission-Time Linear Temporal Logic (MLTL)** reasons about *finite, integer-bounded* timelines:

Symbol	Operator	Timeline
$G_{[2,6]}p$	ALWAYS <sub>[2,6]</sub>	
$F_{[0,7]}p$	EVENTUALLY <sub>[0,7]</sub>	
$pU_{[1,5]}q$	UNTIL <sub>[1,5]</sub>	

<sup>2</sup>T. Reinbacher, K.Y. Rozier, J. Schumann. "Temporal-Logic Based Runtime Observer Pairs for System Health Management of Real-Time Systems." TACAS 2014.



# Mission-Time Linear Temporal Logic

## Why?

Naturally aligns with (some) real mission applications  
e.g. actual UAS flights are predictably bounded

Bounded logics may provide faster procedures for determining SAT  
Can we just use BMC?



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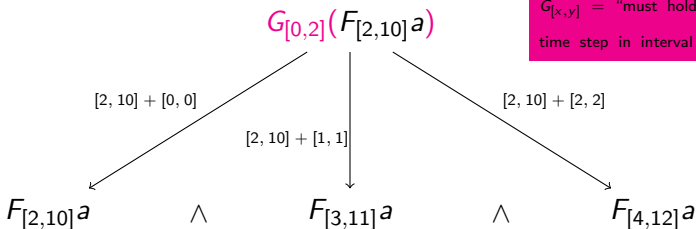
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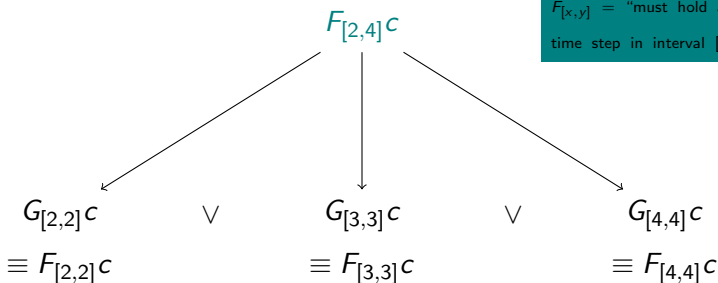


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\* $a, b$  could resolve to FO properties with respect to some theories



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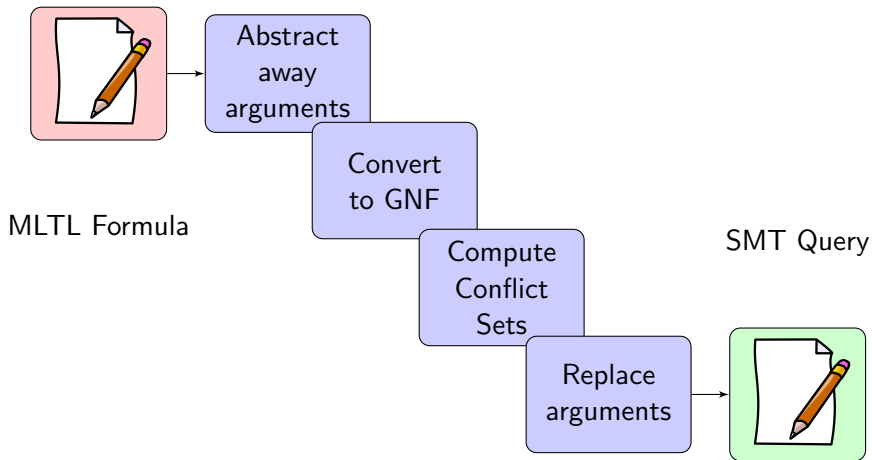
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- Doesn't utilize intervals beyond expanding formulas  
e.g.  $G[0, 10]a \wedge G[20, 30]b \rightarrow$  can check  $a$  and  $b$  separately

# Reducing Our Encoding

How can we use the explicitly bounded nature of MLTL *effectively* to support checking satisfiability and generating benchmarks?

# Interval-Aware Encoding



# Procedure

## 1. Abstract away arguments

$$\varphi = (G_{[0,4]}(\textit{altitude} > 1000\textit{ft} \vee \textit{!airborne}) \vee G_{[5,10]}(\textit{altitude} > 1000\textit{ft} \vee \textit{!airborne})) \wedge G_{[0,10]}(\textit{AMS1.valid} \wedge \textit{AMS2.valid}) \wedge F_{[1,3]}(\textit{received\_takeoff\_command})$$

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# Procedure

## 2. Convert to Globally Normal Form (GNF)

### i. Convert all temporal operators to *Globally*

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### ii. Rewrite as a disjunction of conjunctions

$$\varphi' = (G_{[0,4]}a \vee G_{[5,10]}a) \wedge G_{[0,10]}b \wedge (G_{[1,1]}c \vee G_{[2,2]}c \vee G_{[3,3]}c)$$

$$\downarrow$$

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# Procedure

3. For each clause, compute the overlap between sub-formula intervals  
(*conflict set*)

$$C_1 = (G_{[0,4]}a \wedge G_{[0,10]}b \wedge G_{[1,1]}c)$$

...

$$C_6 = (G_{[5,10]}a \wedge G_{[0,10]}b \wedge G_{[3,3]}c)$$

↓

$$S_{C_1} = \{a \wedge b, a \wedge c, b \wedge c, b\}$$

...

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**If, for any clause,  $C_i \in \varphi'_{GNF}$ , every formula in  $S_{C_i}$  is satisfiable, then  $\varphi$  is satisfiable.**

# Procedure

4. Substitute the original arguments back in

$$S_{C_1} = \{a \wedge b, a \wedge c, b \wedge c, b\}$$

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for  $a = (\textit{altitude} > 1000\textit{ft} \vee \textit{!airborne})$ ,

$b = (\textit{AMS1.valid} \wedge \textit{AMS2.valid})$ ,

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Check the corresponding sets of formulas for satisfiability

## Procedure (for Benchmark Generation)

(5.) Conjoin the satisfying clause, increment bounds, and repeat

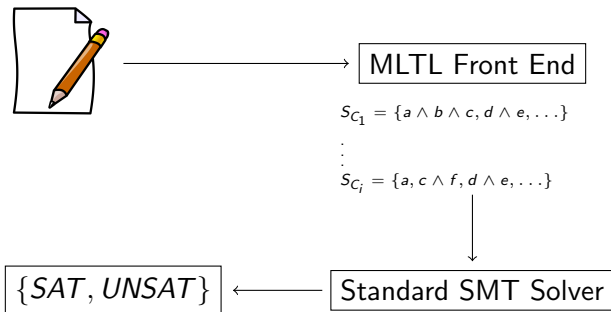
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# An MLTL Front End (SAT)

Conflict sets need only be computed once (not *online*)



# An MLTL Front End (Benchmark Generation)

A satisfiable conflict set can be backpropagated to generate a valid benchmark



$t$	$alt$	$airborne$	$speed$	$\mathcal{O}$
0	1040m	$T$	812m/s	$T$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$

MLTL Benchmark Generator

$S_{C_2} = \{a, d \wedge e, \dots\}$

Standard SMT Solver

# Questions?

What have we proposed?

- Rewrite rules
- SAT procedure
- System-Agnostic Benchmark Generation
- Integration with existing SMT infrastructure

Open Questions

- ① Can we perform this technique with CNF instead of DNF?
- ② How can we avoid recomputing the same conflicts multiple times?
- ③ How do our assumptions on formulas hold up in the literature?  
e.g. Is nesting operators deeply really uncommon?
- ④ How might data structures be altered to support the problem?

# Eliminating Nested Temporal Operators

Let  $\circ^1, \circ^2$  be either of the temporal operators  $G$  or  $F$ . The appropriate rewrite rule for  $\circ^1, \circ^2 = U$  follows intuitively from the other two.

$$F_{[x,y]}(\circ_{[a,b]}^1 \varphi_1) = \bigvee_{i=x}^y \circ_{[a+i,b+i]}^1 \varphi_1$$

$$G_{[x,y]}(\circ_{[a,b]}^1 \varphi_1) = \bigwedge_{i=x}^y \circ_{[a+i,b+i]}^1 \varphi_1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \circ_{[a,b]}^1 \varphi_1 \quad U_{[x,y]} \quad \circ_{[c,d]}^2 \varphi_2 = \\ \circ_{[c+x,d+x]}^2 \varphi_2 \vee \bigvee_{i=x+1}^y \circ_{[a+i-1,b+i-1]}^1 \varphi_1 \wedge \circ_{[c+i,c+i]}^2 \varphi_2 \end{aligned}$$

# Converting Temporal Operators to Globally

$$F_{[x,y]} \varphi_1 = \bigvee_{i=x}^y G_{[i,i]} \varphi_1$$

$$\varphi_1 U_{[x,y]} \varphi_2 = G_{[x,x]} \varphi_2 \vee \bigvee_{i=x+1}^y (G_{[x,i-1]} \varphi_1 \wedge G_{[i,i]} \varphi_2)$$