CPV: A Circuit-Based Program Verifier

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Motivation

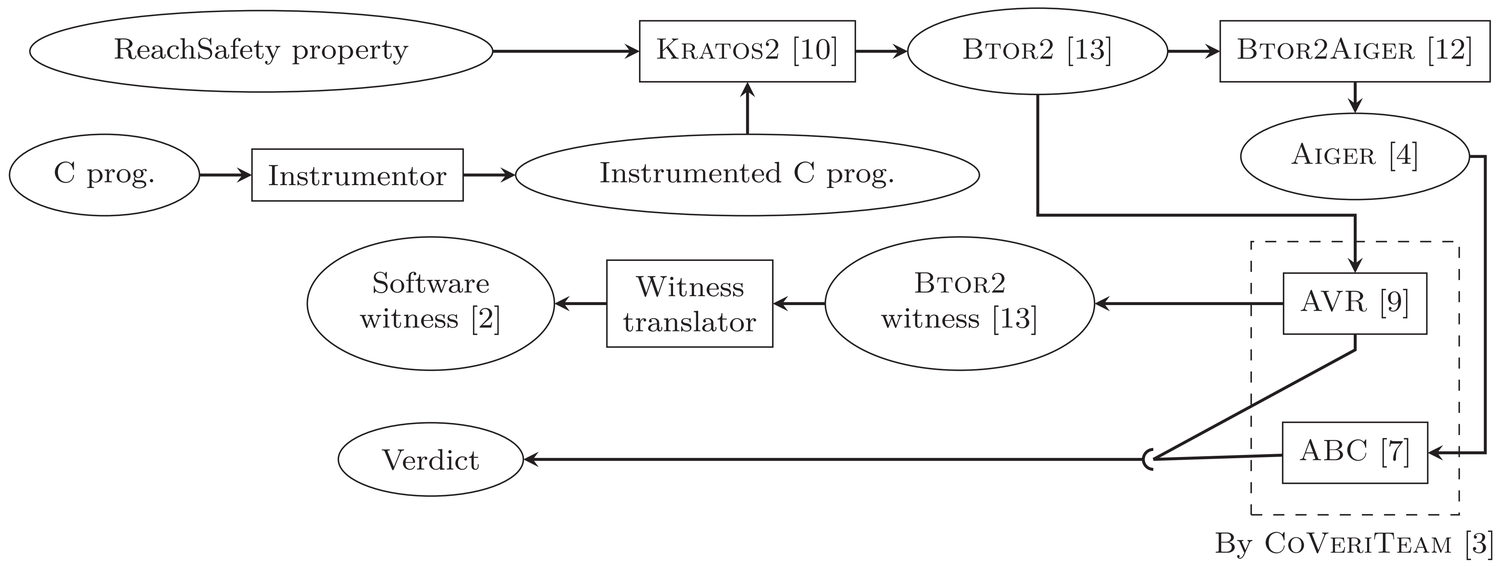
HWMCC [5]
(Input: Btor2 circuit)

ABC [7], AVR [9], ...

Applicable?

SV-COMP [1]
(Input: C program)

Software Architecture



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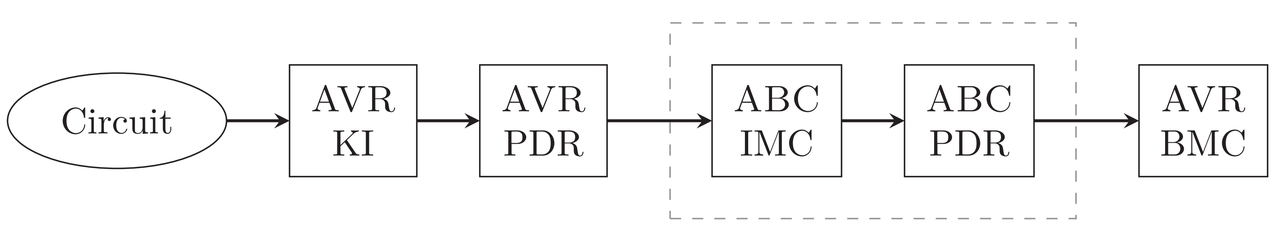
Strategy for SV-COMP 2024

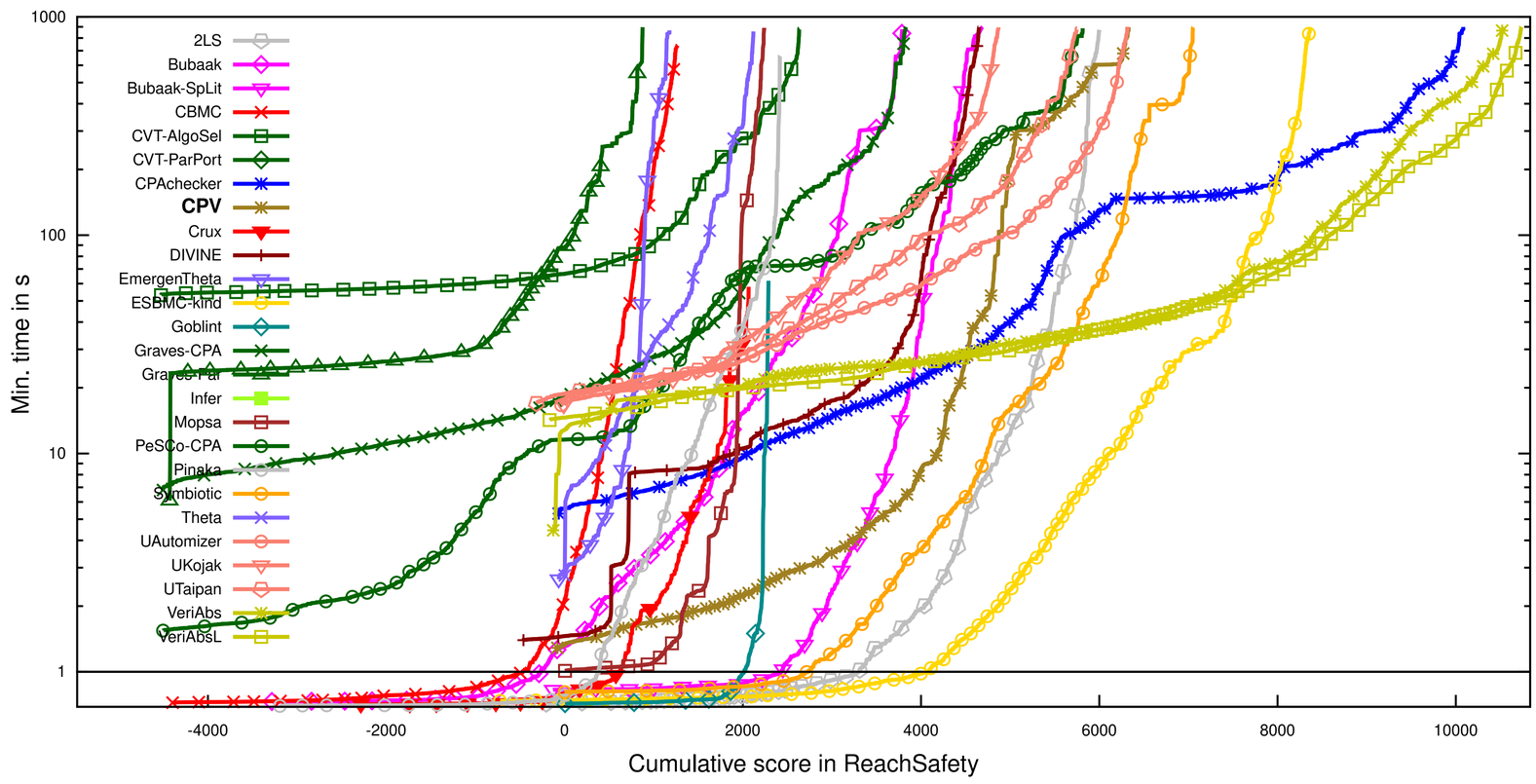
CPV runs a sequential portfolio consisting of property-directed reachability (PDR) [8], interpolation-based model checking (IMC) [11], k-induction (KI) [14], and bounded model checking (BMC) [6].

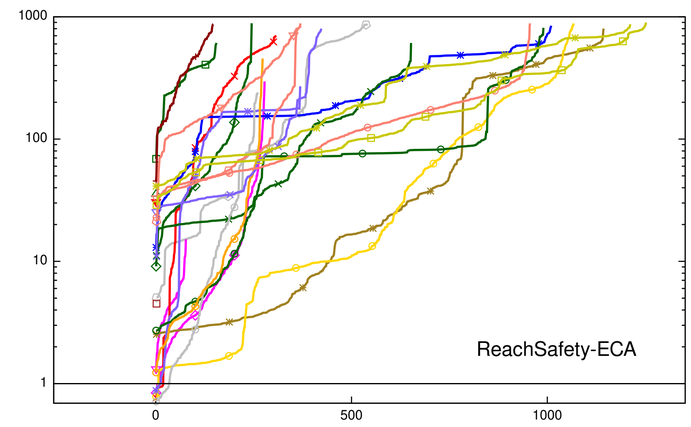


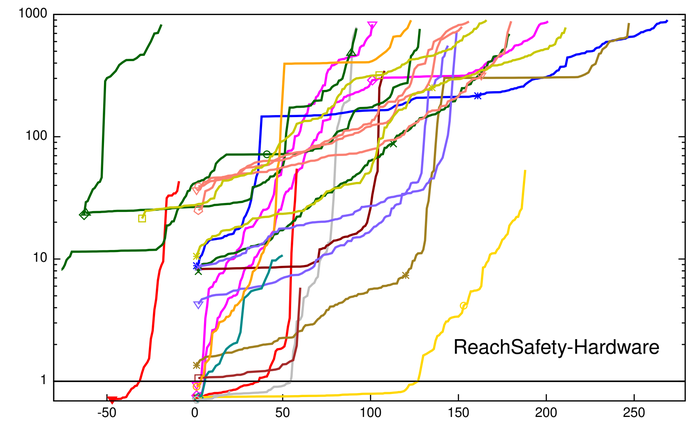
if Btor2-to-Aiger translation succeeds

Evaluation Results at SV-COMP 2024

6th, 3rd, and 2nd place in *ReachSafety*, *ReachSafety-ECA*, *ReachSafety-Hardware*, respectively







Summary

- It is feasible to utilize sequential circuits as intermediate representations for software verification
- CPV can employ different hardware verifiers as the backend
- CPV competed well against other mature verifiers in SV-COMP
- Future work:
  - Support more verification properties (e.g., no-overflow and termination)
  - Export correctness witnesses
  - Incorporate more backend verifiers
  - Apply circuit optimization to improve the performance of verification

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