

Lazy Sequentialization for TSO and PSO via Shared Memory Abstractions

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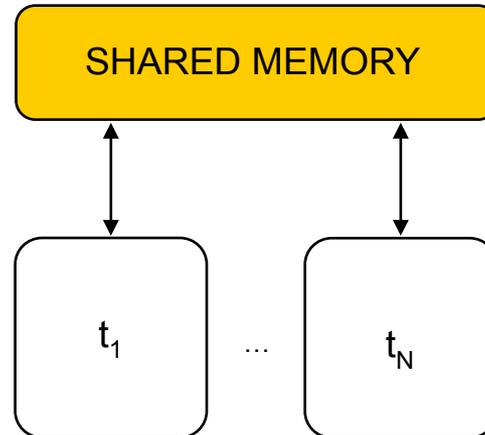
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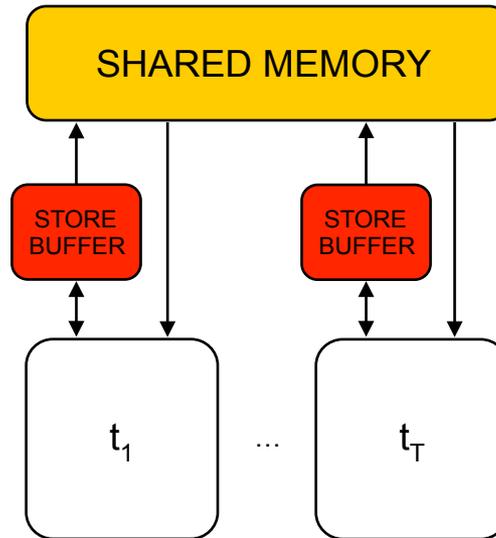
sequential consistency (SC)

- memory operations executed in program order within each thread
- changes to the shared memory immediately visible to all threads
- relatively simple to reason about but not realistic

weak memory models (WMMs)

- memory operations may be reordered
- used in practice to fully exploit modern hardware

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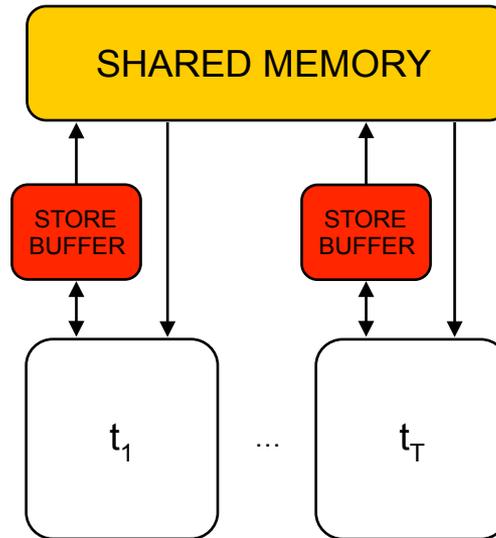
total store order (TSO)

- writes executed in their order for each thread
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partial store order (PSO)

- writes to the same location executed in their order for each thread
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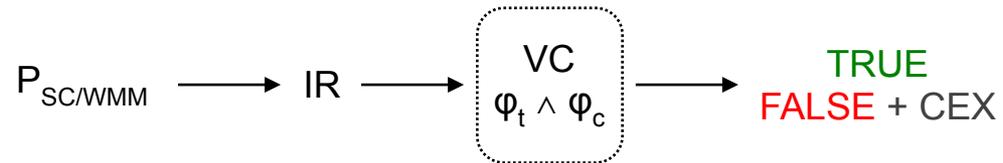
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limitations of testing

- generally ineffective for rare concurrency errors
- cannot control additional nondeterminism introduced by WMMs
- need to be complemented with symbolic analysis

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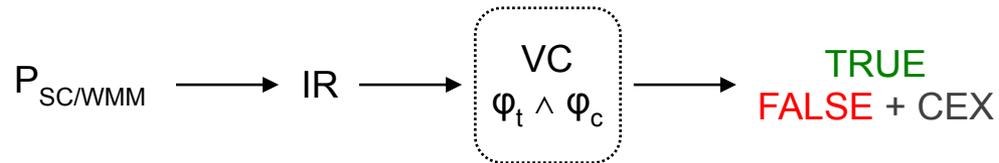


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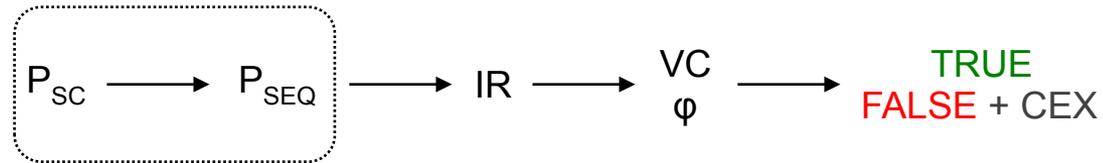
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extension to WMMs is natural

- change φ_c to capture extra interactions due to weaker consistency

[Alglave, Kroening, Tautschnig – CAV 2013]

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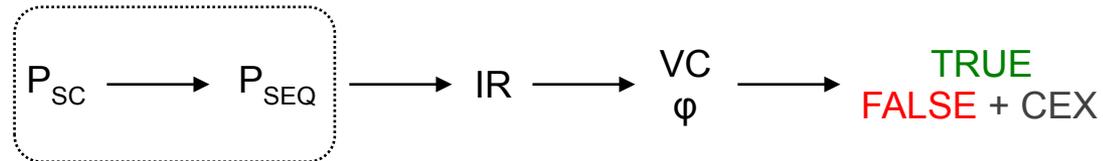


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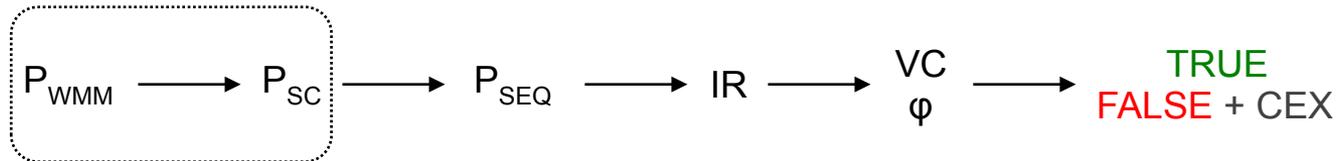
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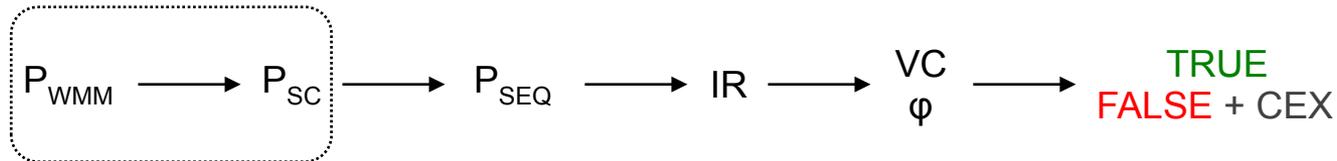
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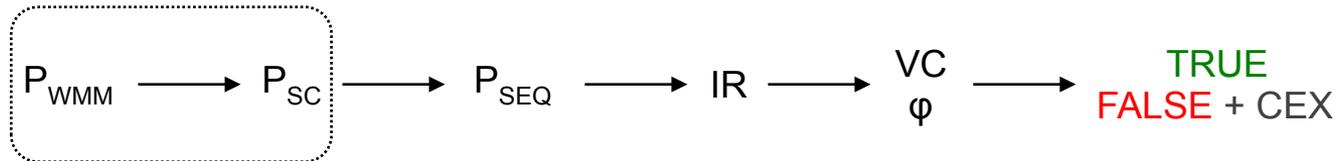
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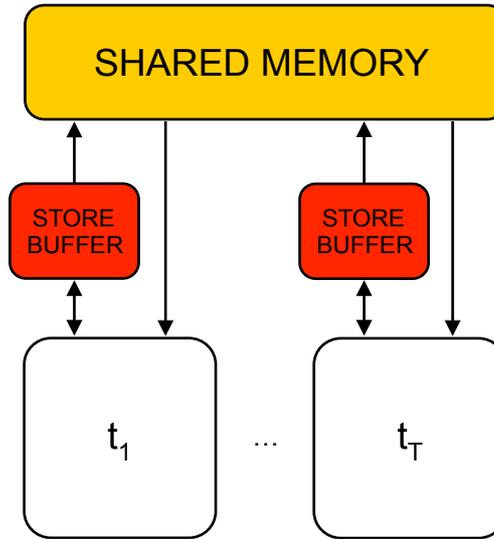
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 - plug in implementation for specific semantics
 - TSO-SMA** - simple implementation
 - eTSO-SMA** - efficient implementation
 - PSO-SMA** - extension to PSO

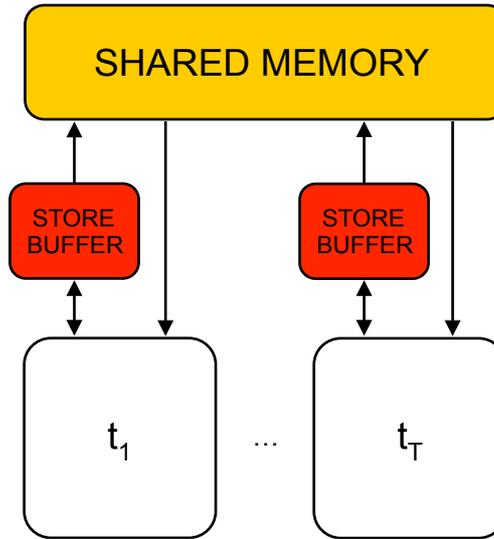
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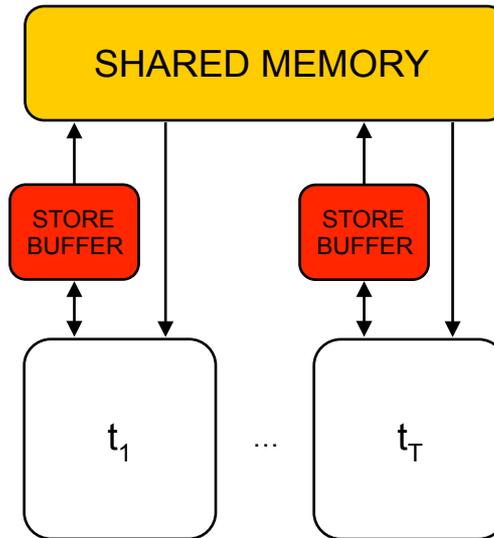


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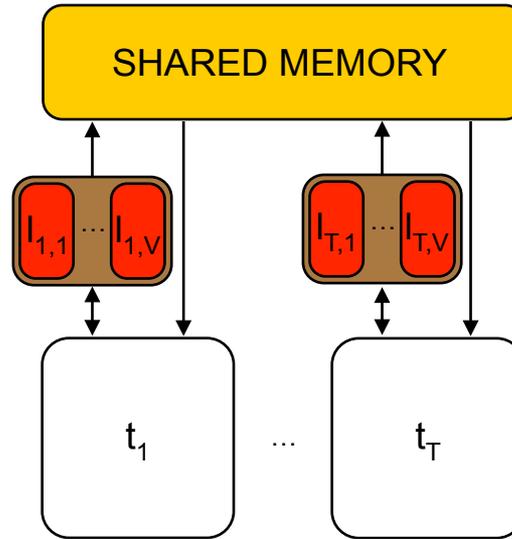
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formula size proportional to
no. memory accesses
no. of store buffers
max no. of elems in the buffer

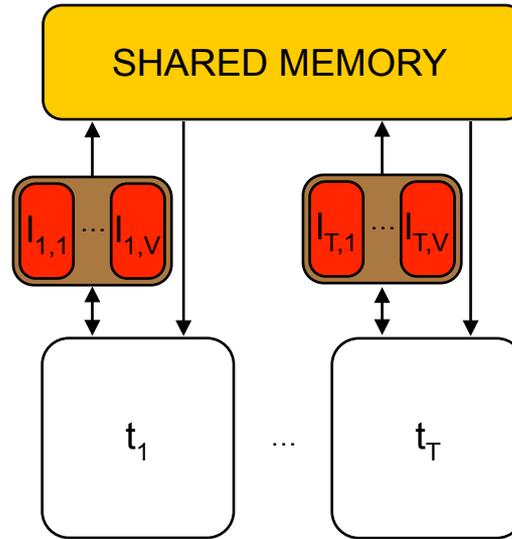
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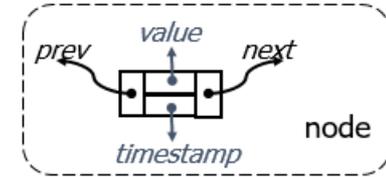
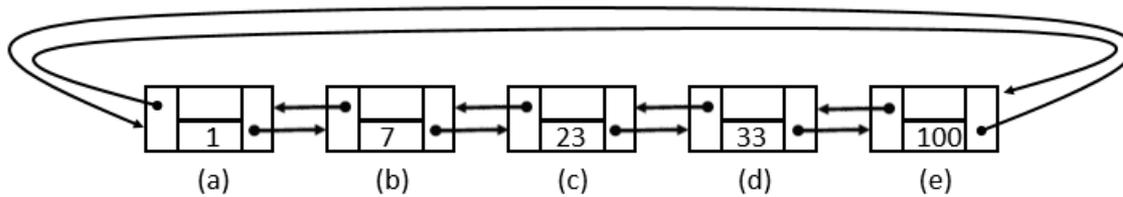


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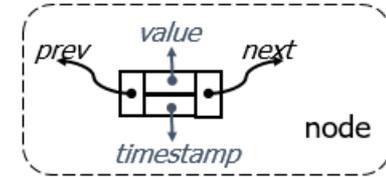
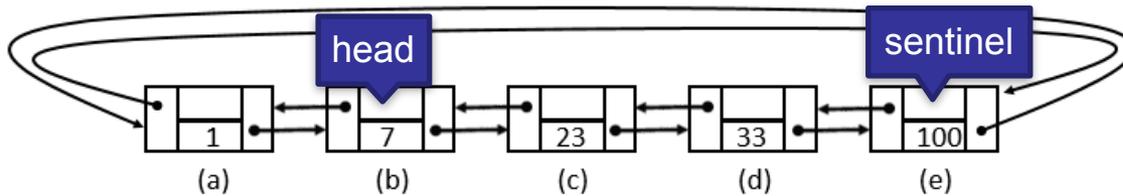
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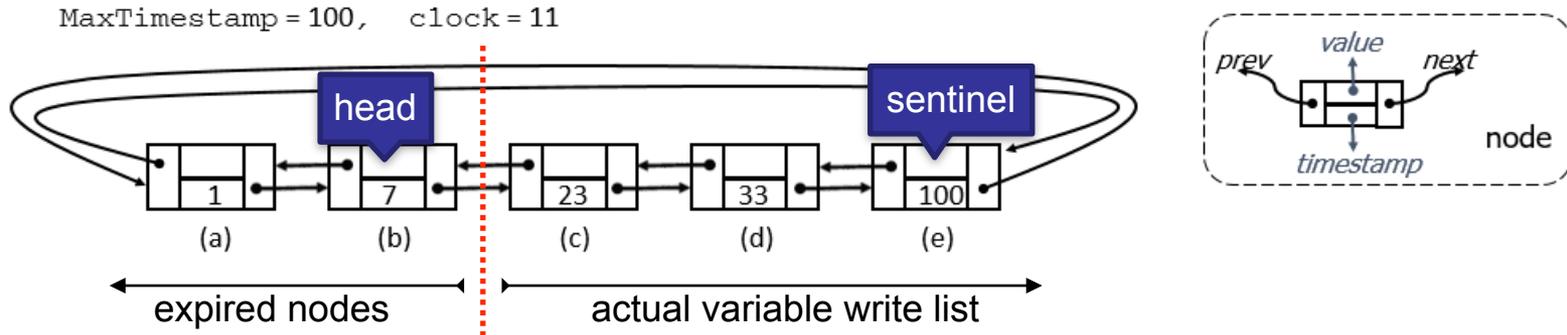


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Auxiliary Data Structures

parameters

- T** max no. of threads
- V** max no. of tracked locations (or write lists)
- N** max no. of nodes for each variable write list
- K** max timestamp

variables

```
int clock;
```

- variable write lists

```
int value[V][N+1],  
    tstamp[V][N+1],  
    prev[V][N+1],  
    next[V][N+1];
```

- last values and timestamps

```
int last_value[V][T],  
    last_tstamp[V][T];
```

- max timestamp so far

```
int max_tstamp[T];
```

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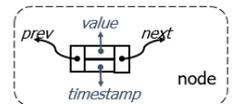
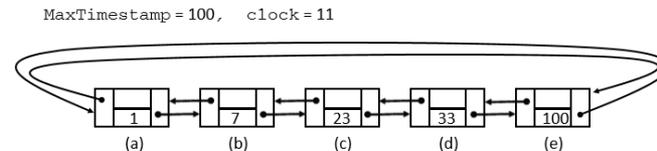
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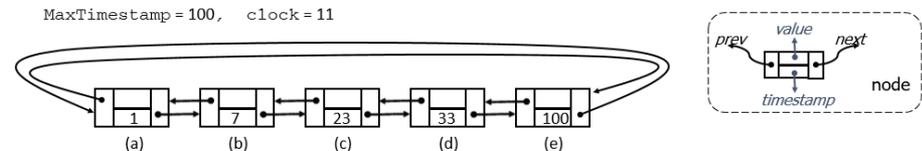


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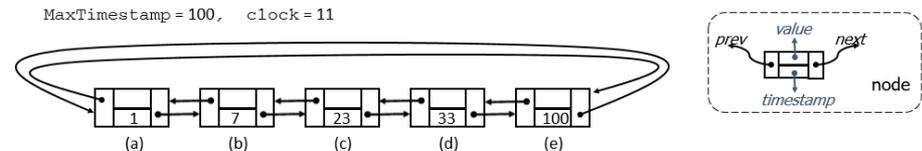
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update variable write list and auxiliary variables

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`ts >= max_tstamp[t]`

guessed timestamps may be smaller than the max timestamp:

`max_tstamp[t] = max(max_tstamp[t], ts)`

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fib_longer_unsafe	●	6	2	0	0	10	6	2	6.47	8.19	94.84	6.51	1.69	135.45
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parker	●	1	2	0	0	4	2	3	1.68	0.31	0.05	2.19	0.28	0.05
stack_unsafe	●	2	2	1	2	5	2	2	1.50	0.41	0.05	1.49	0.35	0.05
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timeout = 600s

transformation overhead shows on small programs

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fib_longer_safe		6	2	0	0	10	6	2	9.78	22.5	t.o.	8.82	31.8	t.o.
parker	●	1	2	0	0	4	2	3	1.68	0.31	0.05	2.19	0.28	0.05
stack_unsafe	●	2	2	1	2	5	2	2	1.50	0.41	0.05	1.49	0.35	0.05
litmus_safe (avg)		5	2	0	0	10	2	20	1.26	0.17	2.35	1.22	0.15	6.65
litmus_unsafe (avg)	●	5	2	0	0	10	2	20	1.27	0.16	3.86	1.26	0.12	1.58

timeout = 600s

competitive on twisted interleavings

Experimental Evaluation: common benchmarks

	bug?	parameters							TSO runtime (s)			PSO runtime (s)		
		unwind	qsize (N)	naddr	nmalloc	bitwidth	rounds	maxclock (K)	LazySMA	CBMC	NIDHUGG	LazySMA	CBMC	NIDHUGG
dekker	●	1	2	0	0	4	2	2	0.77	0.29	0.04	0.75	0.25	0.05
lamport	●	1	2	0	0	4	2	2	0.88	0.31	0.05	0.88	0.29	0.05
peterson	●	1	3	0	0	4	2	2	0.66	0.26	0.04	0.65	0.25	0.04
szymanski	●	1	3	0	0	4	2	3	0.81	0.34	0.07	0.80	0.32	0.04
fib_longer_unsafe	●	6	2	0	0	10	6	2	6.47	8.19	94.84	6.51	1.69	135.45
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litmus_safe (avg)		5	2	0	0	10	2	20	1.26	0.17	2.35	1.22	0.15	6.65
litmus_unsafe (avg)	●	5	2	0	0	10	2	20	1.27	0.16	3.86	1.26	0.12	1.58

timeout = 600s

slower

Experimental Evaluation: common benchmarks

	bug?	parameters							TSO runtime (s)			PSO runtime (s)		
		unwind	qsize (N)	naddr	nmalloc	bitwidth	rounds	maxclock (K)	LazySMA	CBMC	NIDHUGG	LazySMA	CBMC	NIDHUGG
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lamport	●	1	2	0	0	4	2	2	0.88	0.31	0.05	0.88	0.29	0.05
peterson	●	1	3	0	0	4	2	2	0.66	0.26	0.04	0.65	0.25	0.04
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litmus_safe (avg)		5	2	0	0	10	2	20	1.26	0.17	2.35	1.22	0.15	6.65
litmus_unsafe (avg)	●	5	2	0	0	10	2	20	1.27	0.16	3.86	1.26	0.12	1.58

timeout = 600s

faster than Nidhugg

Experimental Evaluation: Safestack

parameters			TSO analysis (3 bits)			CEX check (32 bits)		PSO analysis (3 bits)		CEX check (32 bits)	
K	N	rounds	Time	Mem.	Reach?	CEX?	Time	Time	Reach?	CEX?	Time
1	2	4	10m18s	0.8GB	Yes	Yes	23s	11m42s	Yes	Yes	4.82s
1	2	3	12m2s	0.6GB	No	-	-	11m16s	No	-	-
1	3	4	13m45s	1.2GB	Yes	Yes	30s	21m6s	Yes	Yes	6.40s
1	3	3	12m50s	0.9GB	No	-	-	12m20s	No	-	-
3	2	4	26m55s	1.4GB	Yes	Yes	24s	20m47s	Yes	Yes	4.33s
3	2	3	24m34s	1.0GB	No	-	-	27m15s	No	-	-
3	3	4	74m22s	3.4GB	Yes	Yes	31s	31m16s	Yes	Yes	5.47s
3	3	3	62m22s	1.0GB	Yes	Yes	30s	20m7s	Yes	Yes	2.84s
3	3	2	12m14s	0.6GB	No	-	-	11m14s	No	-	-
7	2	4	47m17s	2.4GB	Yes	Yes	27s	104m35s	Yes	Yes	6.05s
7	2	3	35m7s	1.3GB	No	-	-	36m14s	No	-	-

maxclock=K=1 forces SC analysis,
 TSO puts 3x-4x overhead on lazy schema (SC times not shown in table)

Experimental Evaluation: Safestack

parameters			TSO analysis (3 bits)			CEX check (32 bits)		PSO analysis (3 bits)		CEX check (32 bits)	
K	N	rounds	Time	Mem.	Reach?	CEX?	Time	Time	Reach?	CEX?	Time
1	2	4	10m18s	0.8GB	Yes	Yes	23s	11m42s	Yes	Yes	4.82s
1	2	3	12m2s	0.6GB	No	-	-	11m16s	No	-	-
1	3	4	13m45s	1.2GB	Yes	Yes	30s	21m6s	Yes	Yes	6.40s
1	3	3	12m50s	0.9GB	No	-	-	12m20s	No	-	-
3	2	4	26m55s	1.4GB	Yes	Yes	24s	20m47s	Yes	Yes	4.33s
3	2	3	24m34s	1.0GB	No	-	-	27m15s	No	-	-
3	3	4	74m22s	3.4GB	Yes	Yes	31s	31m16s	Yes	Yes	5.47s
3	3	3	62m22s	1.0GB	Yes	Yes	30s	20m7s	Yes	Yes	2.84s
3	3	2	12m14s	0.6GB	No	-	-	11m14s	No	-	-
7	2	4	47m17s	2.4GB	Yes	Yes	27s	104m35s	Yes	Yes	6.05s
7	2	3	35m7s	1.3GB	No	-	-	36m14s	No	-	-

quicker to spot the bug under PSO
as it requires a smaller number of thread interactions;
performance comparable when no bugs are found

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3	2	4	26m55s	1.4GB	Yes	Yes	24s	20m47s	Yes	Yes	4.33s
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7	2	4	47m17s	2.4GB	Yes	Yes	27s	104m35s	Yes	Yes	6.05s
7	2	3	35m7s	1.3GB	No	-	-	36m14s	No	-	-

increase maxlock to covers more reorderings,
more resource demanding..

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