#### Smtlink 2.0

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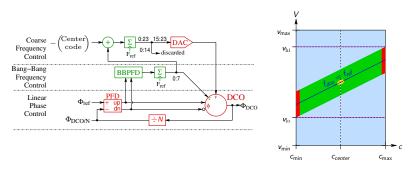
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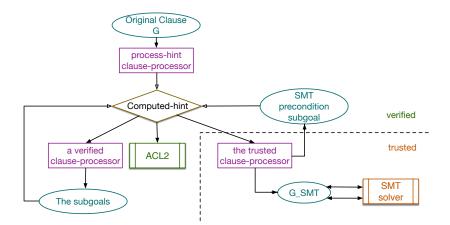




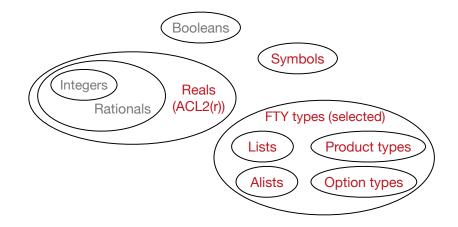


- Achievement: Smtlink's supports for linear and non-linear arithmetics of integers and rationals helps forming the DPLL global convergence proof
- Limitations: thought of as only useful when it comes to problems involving non-linear arithmetics
- But, Smtlink should be more than that.

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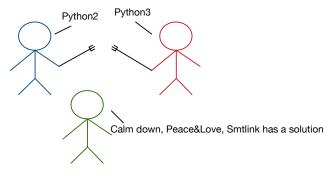


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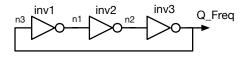








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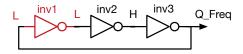


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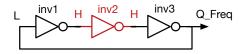


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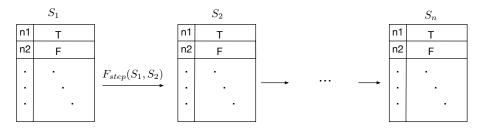


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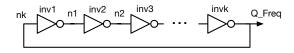


- We model circuits using *trace recognizers* (based on [Dil87])
  - A state is an alist mapping from signal paths to its state value
  - A stepping function constrains possible next state; allows nondeterministic behaviors
  - 3 A trace is a list of states

# The Theorem

- Iningoc3-one-safe-lemma: the inductive step proved using Smtlink
- Smtlink expands out definitions and z3 is able to derive enough relationships between terms to figure out the proof
- Smtlink is very good at flattened formulas with large amount of details

# Extend the Proof to Arbitrary Number of Stages



- We've proven a theorem that states the one-safe property with a ring oscillator of arbitrary number of stages
- Some statistics of the proof:

FTY types	Functions	Total thms	Smtlink thms	LOC
5	17	55	23	2375

- Smtlink is smarter than I thought it was
- There are still potential of improvements
  - Much of the lengthiness of the proof is coming from having to expand terms out enough, so that Smtlink can handle the proof



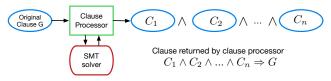






# The Story for a New Architecture

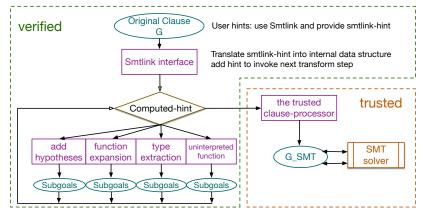
The old architecture is monolithic: one single trusted clause-processor



- After the 2015 workshop, based on Jared's suggestions, Matt, Dave, Dmitry, Mark and I discussed the possibility of using computed-hint. Lead to the file: books/hints/hint-wrapper.lisp
- The idea is to use a verified clause-processor that generates multiple clauses, and put markers on clauses that can be recognized by computed-hints for further steps
- This further leads to the new architecture

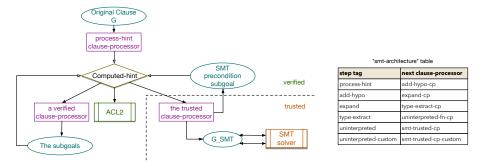
# The Architecture

The new architecture is both extensible and has a more compelling argument for soundness



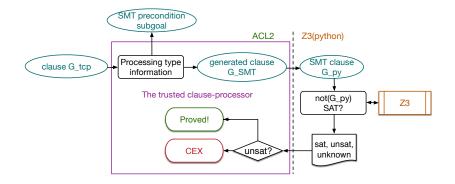
Verified clause-processors transform ACL2 goal into SMT theories. Each verified clause-processors adds a hint indicating which step to take next.

#### The Architecture - Cont'd



- Each step is a verified clause-processor that can be configured through a single table
- Only the last step uses a trusted clause-processor

#### The Trusted Clause Processor



- What's not verified? The trusted clause-processor, Z3py interface class, and Z3
- SMT precondition subgoals: subgoals that have to be satisfied to ensure soundness.

# There are Always Exceptions - Precondition Example

(or nil nil nil) = nil

A direct translation of the ACL2 goal:

But x = nil is not a counter-example to this Z3 theorem. Because IntList.car(nil) in Z3 denotes an arbitrary integer value, and the theorem trivially holds. The problem:

- ACL2: Taking car of nil gives us nil
- Z3: Taking car gives us an arbitrary value of the appropriate type

Solution: add precondition check  $x \neq \text{nil}$  in places where (car x) is applied;

Similarly, for (cdr (assoc-equal key alist)), precondition check (assoc-equal key alist)  $\neq$  nil

types	counter-example examples	
booleans	((X NIL))	
integers	((X 0))	
rationals	((X 1/4))	
algebraic numbers	((Y (CEX-ROOT-OBJ Y STATE (+ (^ X 2) (- 2)) 1)) (X -2))	
symbols	((X (SYM 0)))	
lists	((L (CONS O (CONS O NIL))))	
alists	((L (K SYMBOL (SOME 0))))	
product types	((S2 (SANDWICH 0 (SYM 2))) (S1 (SANDWICH 0 (SYM 1))))	
option types	((M2 (SOME 0)) (M1 (SOME 0)))	

- Algebraic numbers are represented by the k<sup>th</sup> root of some polynomial
- The (K s v) for alists represents an array mapping any values of s sort/type into a constant value (or an expression) v.
- Ourrently evaluable counter-examples are booleans, integers and rationals

- Types are crucial to using SMT solvers, need a type inference engine
- Reflection allowed by meta-extract: removes the necessity of proving auxiliary theorems. We plan to add:
  - Verified function expansion
  - Verified type inference
- More induction proof support
- Fully evaluable counter-examples

Conclusion: We built a new version of Smtlink that has a more compelling argument for soundness, has an extensible architecture and is more user-friendly.

How can I start using it?

```
(include-book "projects/smtlink/top" :dir :system)
(value-triple (tshell-ensure))
(add-default-hints '((SMT::SMT-computed-hint clause)))
```

- Ocumentation: :doc smtlink or go to XDOC website
- Smtlink is under active development right now. We're eager to hear any feedback!

#### Maybe you should consider asking Smtlink that question? ...

ACL2::projects



SMT Package

Tutorial and documentation for the ACL2 book, Smtlink.

#### Introduction

A framework for integrating external SMT solvers into ACL2 based on the ACL2::clauseprocessor and the ACL2::computed-hints mechanism.

#### Overview

Smtlink is a framework for representing suitable ACL2 theorems as a SMT (Satisfiability Modulo Theories) formula, and calling SMT solvers from within ACL2.



#### David L. Dill.

# *Trace Theory for Automatic Hierarchical Verification of Speed-independent Circuits.*

PhD thesis, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, 1987. AAI8814716.