

# SOLVING CONSTRAINED HORN CLAUSES AS C PROGRAMS WITH CHC2C

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# Background & Theory

What are **CHCs**?

How to **transform** them **to C**?

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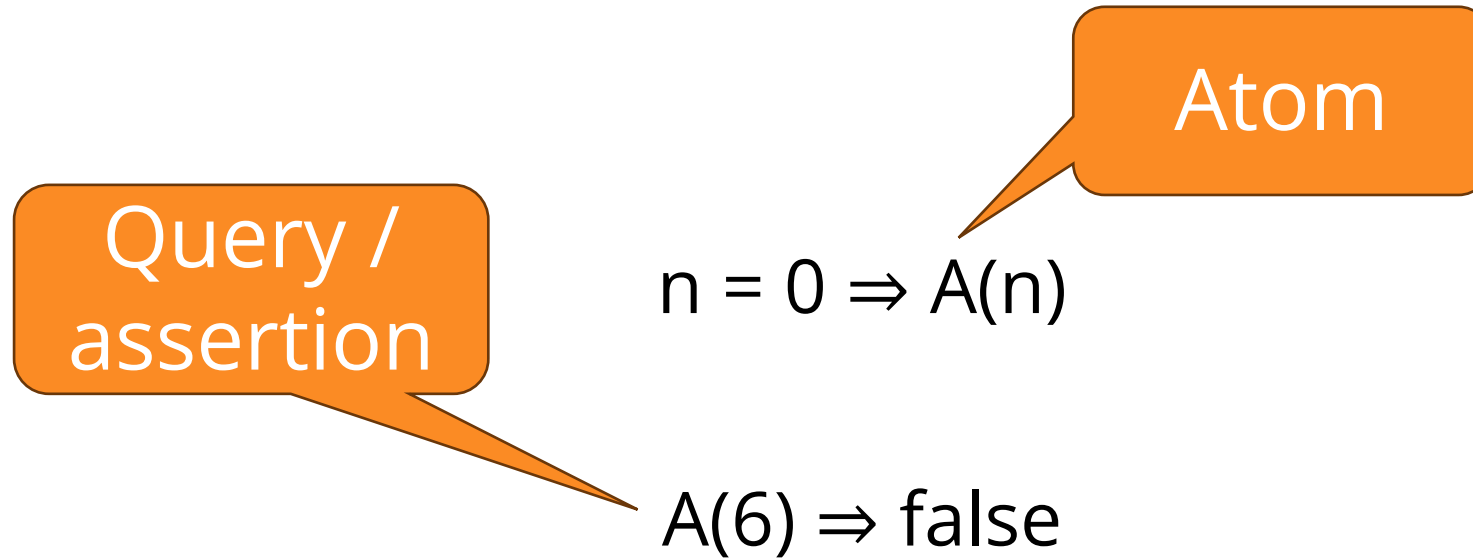
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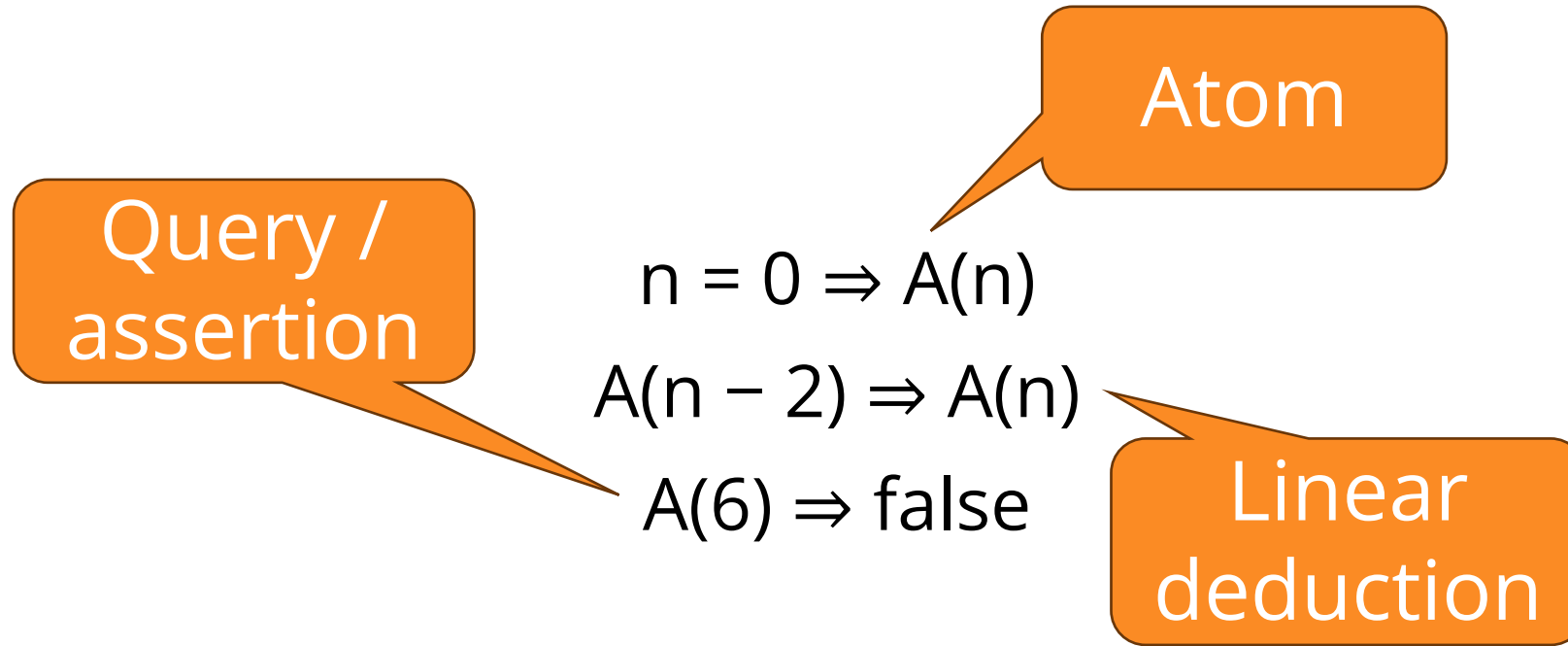
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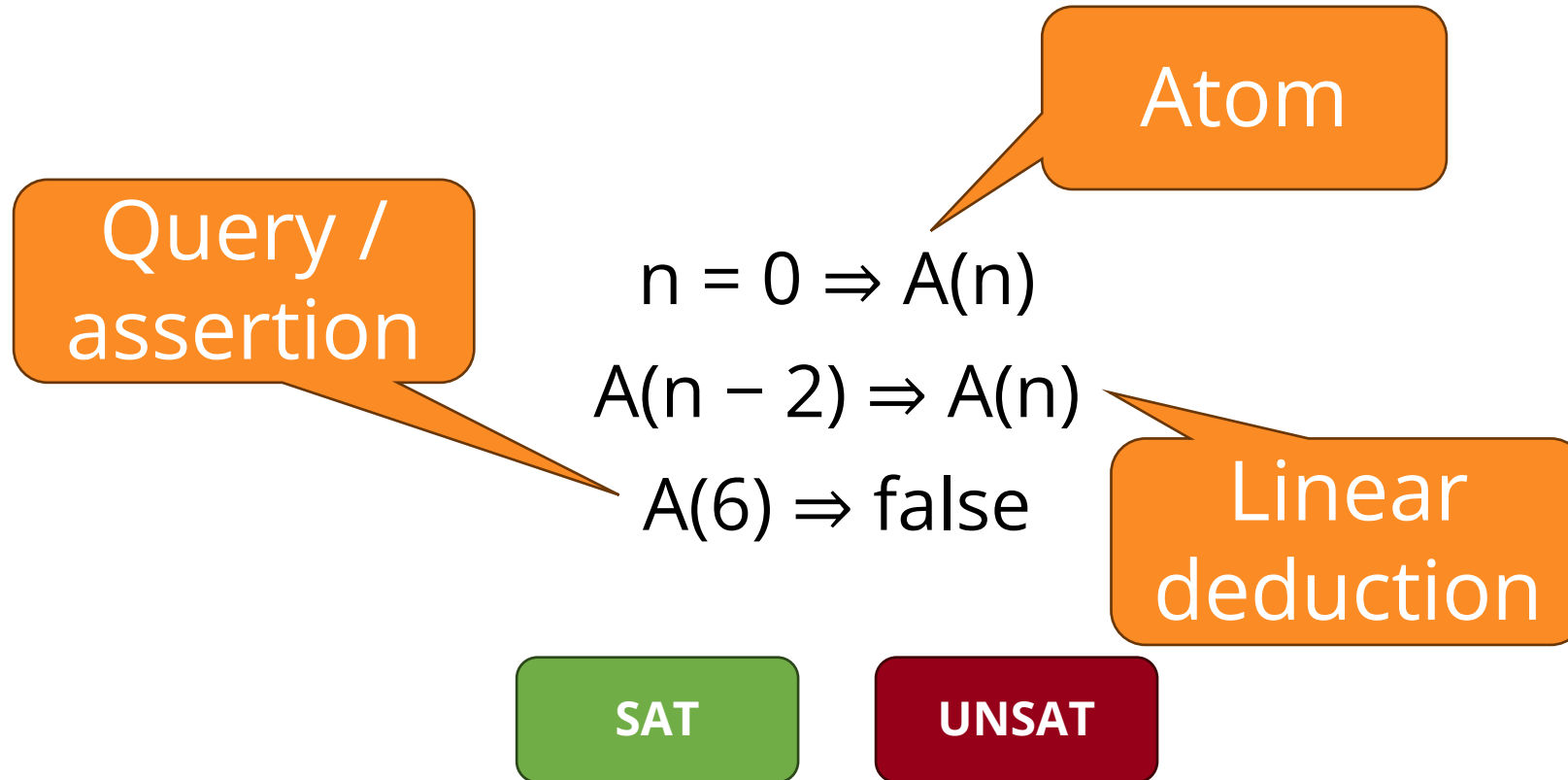
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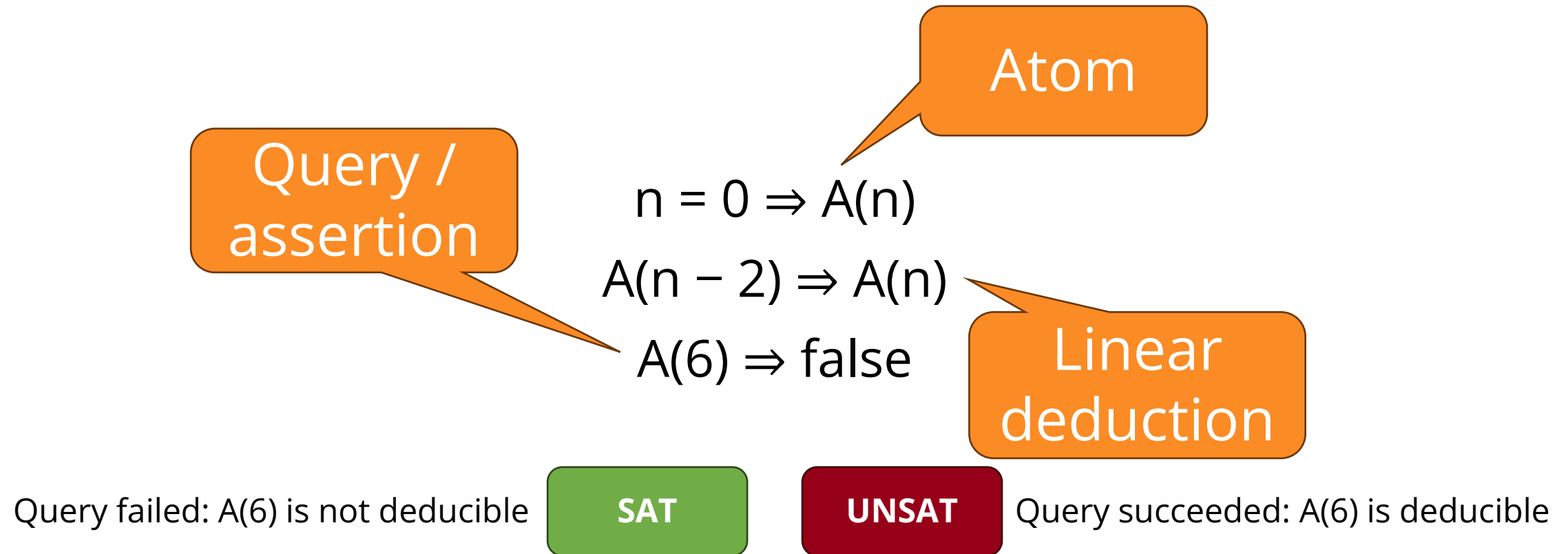
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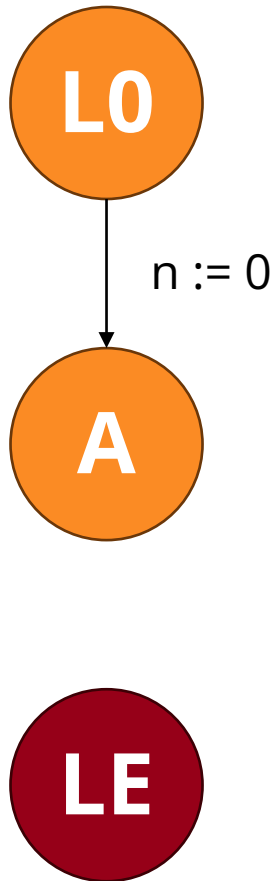
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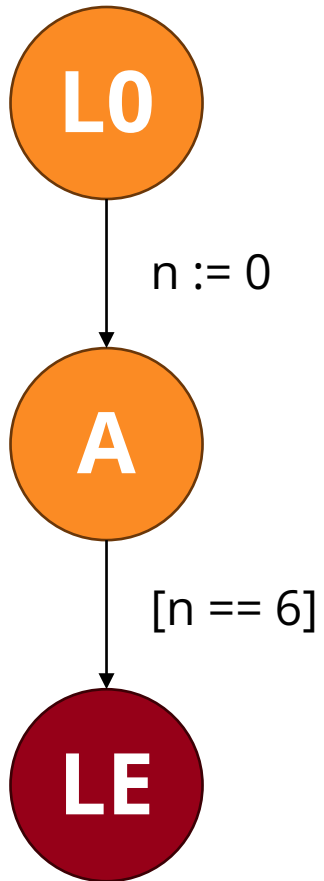
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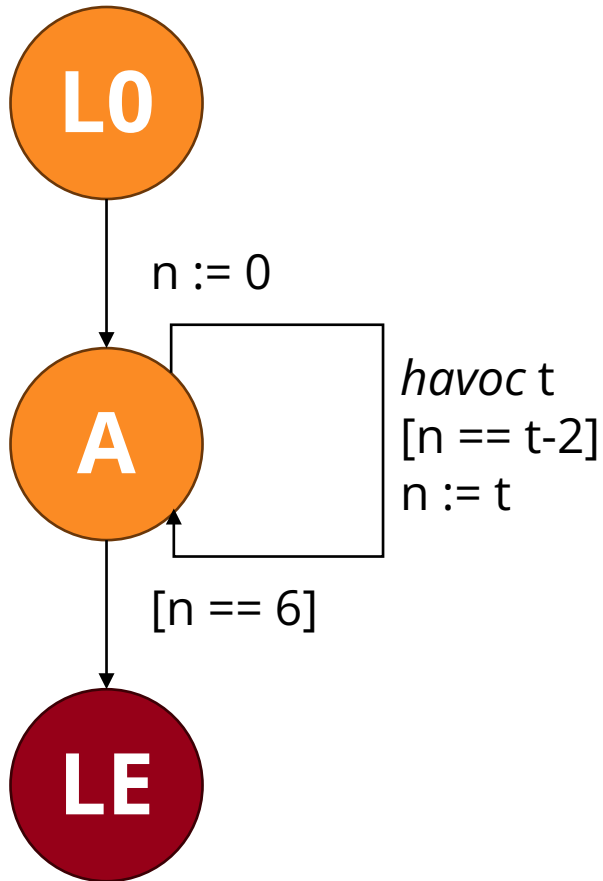
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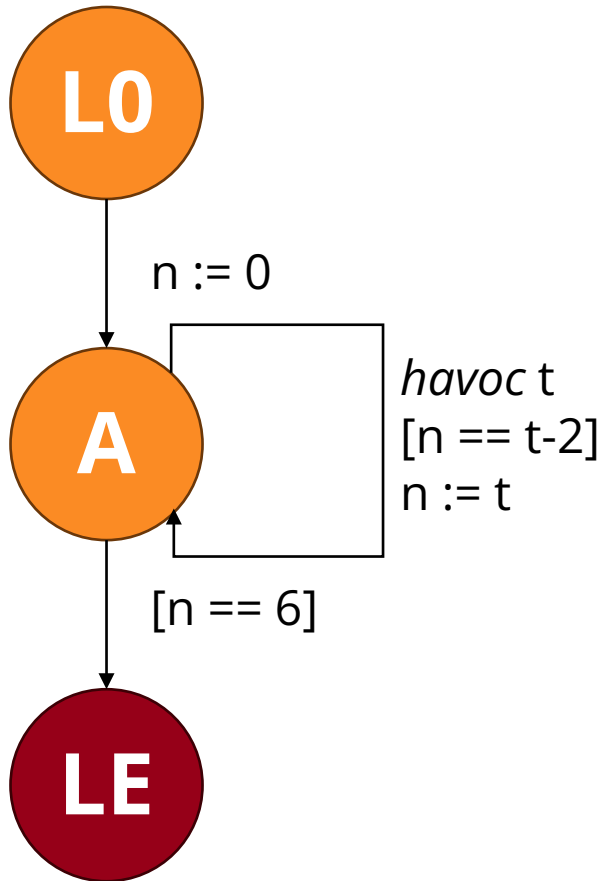
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## Bottoms Up for CHCs: Novel Transformation of Linear Constrained Horn Clauses to Software Verification

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Constrained Horn Clauses (CHCs) have conventionally been used as a low-level representation in formal verification. Most existing solvers use a diverse set of specialized techniques, including direct state space traversal or under-approximating abstraction, necessitating purpose-built complex algorithms. Other solvers successfully simplified the verification workflow by translating the problem to inputs for other verification tasks, leveraging the strengths of existing algorithms. One such approach transforms the CHC problem into a recursive program roughly emulating a *top-down* solver for the deduction task; and verifying the reachability of a safety violation specified as a control location. We propose an alternative *bottom-up* approach for linear CHCs, and evaluate the two options in the open-source model checking framework THETA on both synthetic and industrial examples. We find that there is a more than twofold increase in the number of solved tasks when the novel *bottom-up* approach is used in the verification workflow, in contrast with the *top-down* technique.

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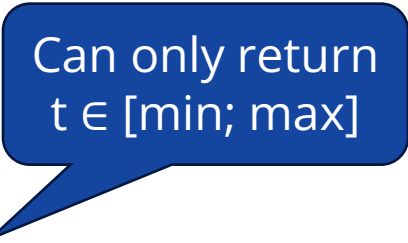
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Use *safeguarding* to prevent erroneous verdicts

- Limits verification power
  - Safe verdicts are dependent on all variables being bounded
  - Unsafe verdicts are still valid



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Can only return  
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# Goals & Contributions

What did we want to achieve?

# Goals of this Work

Broaden the field of **CHC solvers**  
with **SW verification tools**

Provide **SW verification** tools with  
valuable benchmarks to **test** and **debug**



# Experiment design & results

**What** did **we** do?

**How** did the **tools** do?

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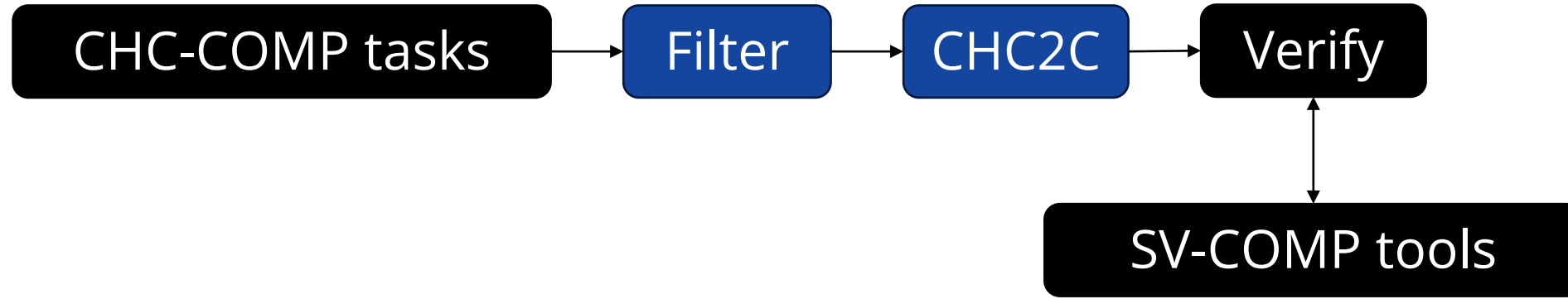
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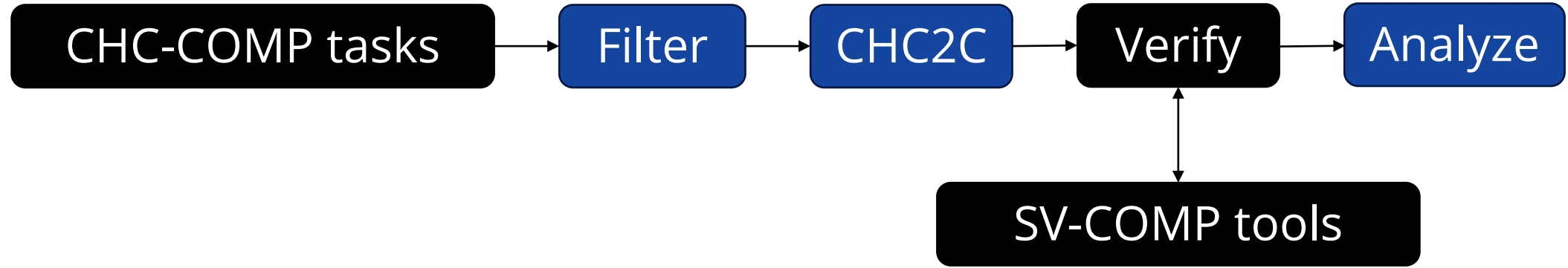


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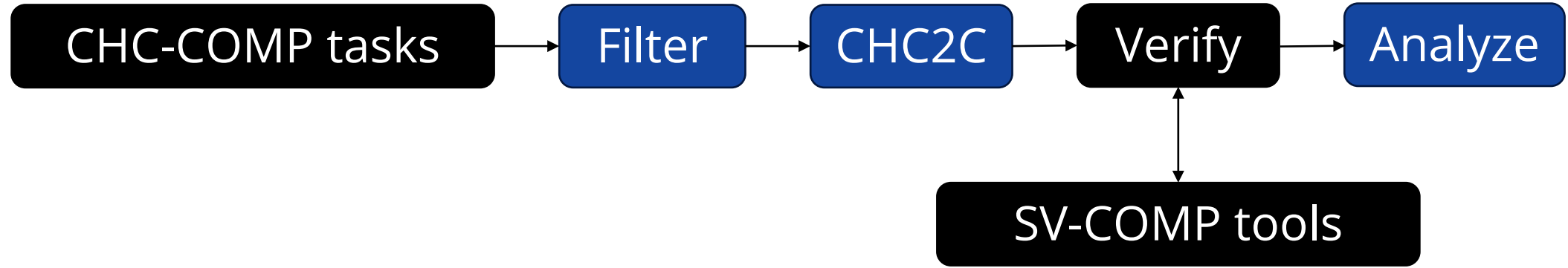




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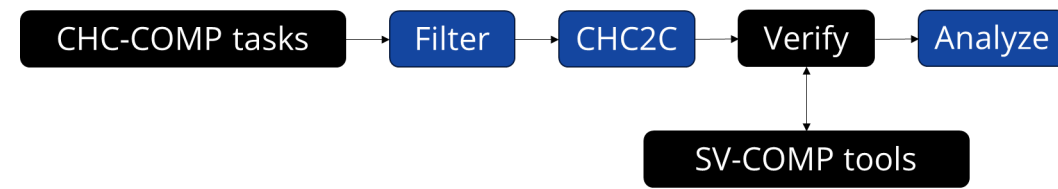


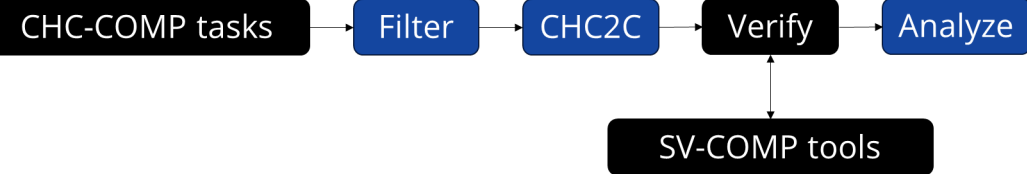
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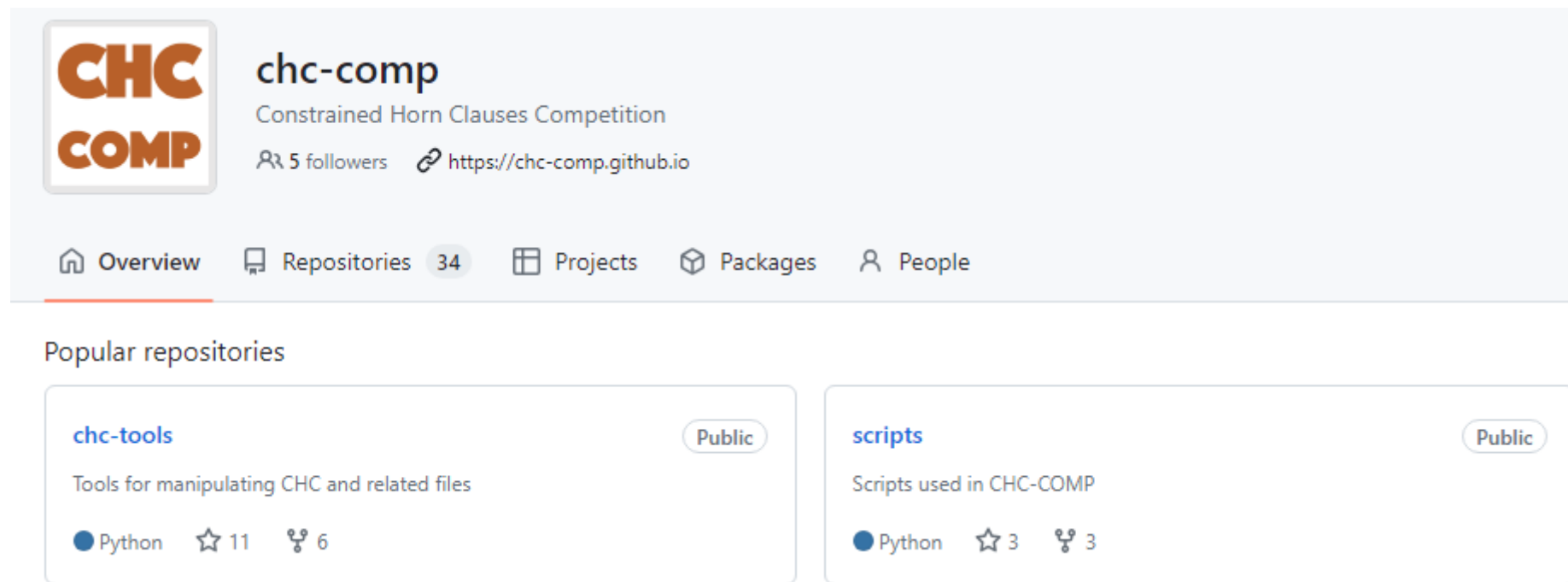
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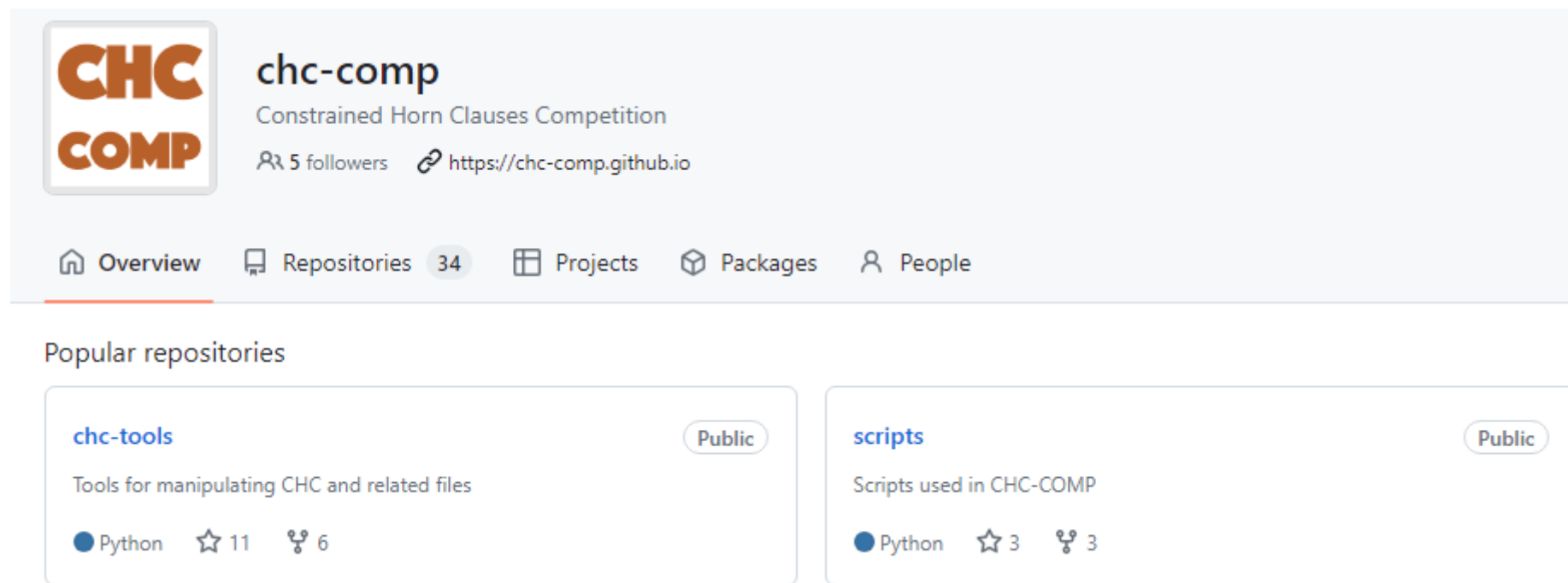
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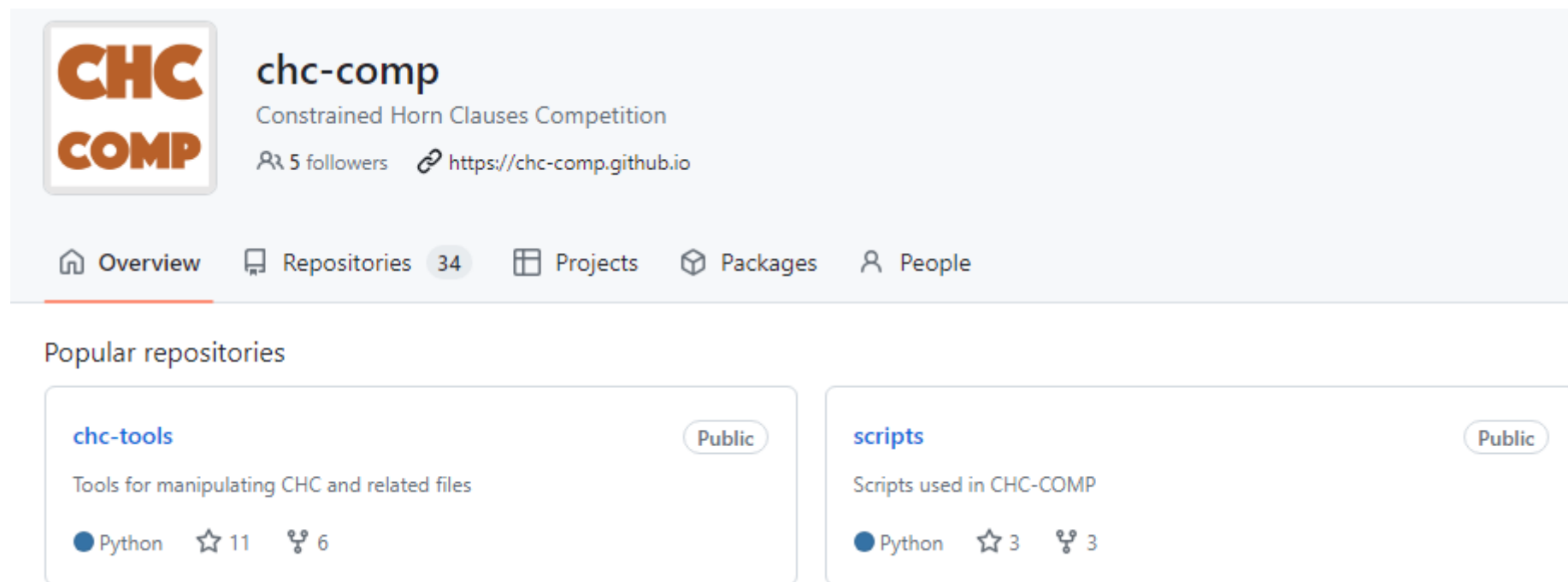
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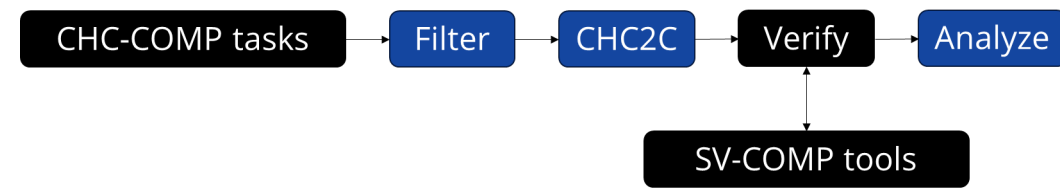
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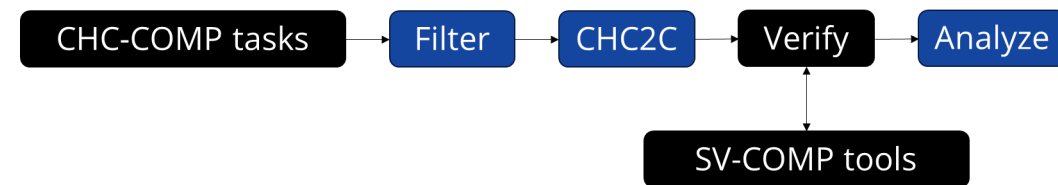
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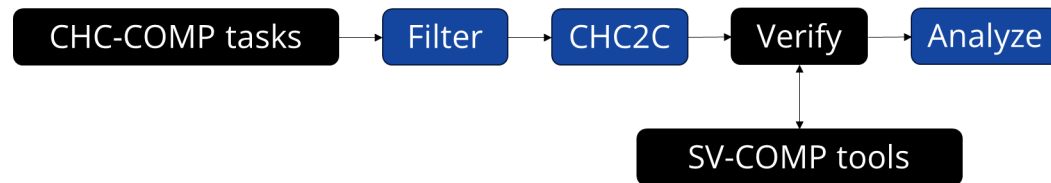


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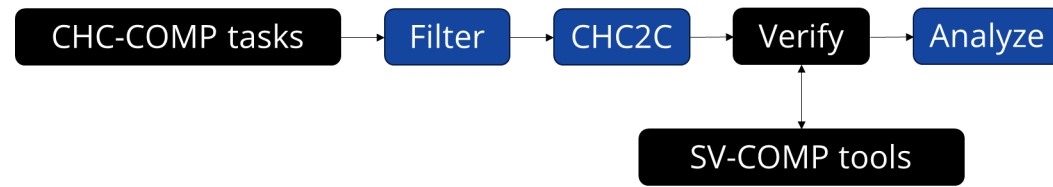
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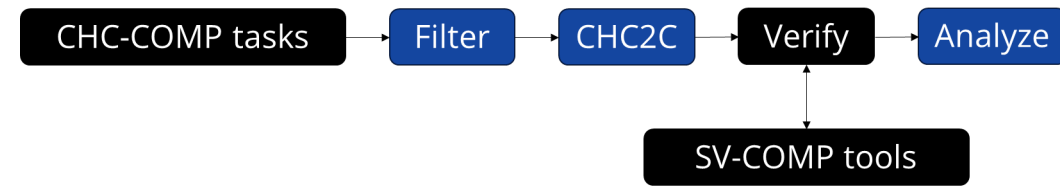
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- No support for:

- Arrays
- ADTs
- Nonlinear CHCs (with the forward transformation)



# Results – Verdicts



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uautomizer	25	0	25	38	38	0	1054	686	368	4		1054		
ukojak	24	0	24	38	38	0	1036	680	356	3		1036		
utaipan	25	0	25	35	35	0	952	621	331	4		952		
cpachecker	23	0	23	39	39	0	765	444	321	6		765		
esbmc-kind	23	0	23	4	1	3	805	427	378	8		709		
mopsa	20	0	20	1	0	1	210	210	0	0		178		
2ls	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	84	17	0		101		
infer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0		
cpv	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0		
emergent	theta	82	0	82	98	0	98	911	832	79	59		-2225	
	theta	81	0	81	191	0	191	1354	1157	197	55		-4758	
	bubaak	84	0	84	379	0	379	1183	1171	12	59		-10945	
	symbiotic	84	0	84	379	0	379	1183	1171	12	59		-10945	
	bubaak-split	84	0	84	379	0	379	1182	1170	12	59		-10946	
	variabs	70	0	70	391	0	391	1117	1117	0	59		-11395	
	variabsl	70	0	70	391	0	391	1113	1113	0	59		-11399	
	goblint	71	0	71	391	0	391	1101	1101	0	59		-11411	

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utaipan	24	0	24	36	36	0	1028	690	338	5		1028		
cpachecker	22	0	22	78	78	0	792	451	341	5		792		
esbmc-kind	22	0	22	60	57	3	827	444	383	8		731		
mopsa	22	0	22	1	0	1	212	212	0	0		180		
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infer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0		
cpv	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0		
theta	67	0	67	208	0	208	1355	1158	197	66		-5301		
emergentheta	68	0	68	210	0	210	1344	1147	197	59		-5376		
symbiotic	65	0	65	352	1	351	1190	1139	51	173		-10042		
bubaak	67	0	67	355	1	354	1229	1176	53	236		-10099		
bubaak-split	68	0	68	375	0	375	1201	1170	31	59		-10799		
goblint	66	0	66	396	0	396	1120	1120	0	59		-11552		
variabs	65	0	65	407	0	407	1169	1169	0	59		-11855		
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uautomizer	8	0	8	6	6	0	94	73	21	7		94		
cpachecker	8	0	8	6	6	0	91	71	20	11		91		
ukojak	7	0	7	6	6	0	87	68	19	9		87		
mopsa	10	0	10	0	0	0	56	56	0	9		56		
esbmc-kind	9	0	9	1	0	1	86	67	19	14		54		
2ls	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	15	2	0		17		
infer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0		
cpv	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0		
emergentheta	32	0	32	13	0	13	168	163	5	48		-248		
theta	37	0	37	14	0	14	198	190	8	48		-250		
bubaak	39	0	39	23	0	23	234	234	0	52		-502		
symbiotic	37	0	37	23	0	23	208	208	0	51		-528		
bubaak-split	34	0	34	23	0	23	198	198	0	50		-538		
variabsl	30	0	30	23	0	23	190	190	0	50		-546		
variabs	31	0	31	23	0	23	189	189	0	50		-547		
goblint	28	0	28	23	0	23	182	182	0	50		-554		

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uautomizer	8	0	8	7	6	1	116	93	23	10		84		
ukojak	7	0	7	7	6	1	114	91	23	9		82		
mopsa	12	0	12	0	0	0	76	76	0	9		76		
esbmc-kind	9	0	9	15	14	1	93	72	21	14		61		
2ls	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	15	2	0		17		
infer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0		
cpv	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0		
bubaak	34	0	34	20	0	20	258	247	11	70		-382		
symbiotic	29	0	29	20	0	20	219	209	10	63		-421		
emergentheta	31	0	31	23	0	23	226	218	8	51		-510		
theta	29	0	29	23	0	23	212	204	8	50		-524		
goblint	28	0	28	25	0	25	190	190	0	50		-610		
bubaak-split	28	0	28	28	0	28	207	204	3	50		-689		
variabs	29	0	29	31	0	31	203	203	0	51		-789		
variabsl	29	0	29	31	0	31	202	202	0	51		-790		

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- True +/-: **+1** points
- False +/-: **-16/-32** points
  - *Common* false results
  - *Tool-specific* false results
- *Unconfirmed*: **no** points

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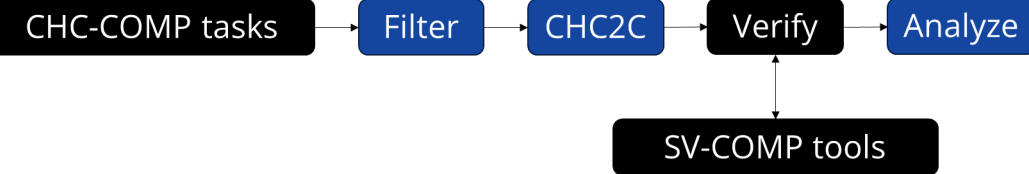
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theta	67	0	67	208	0	208	1355	1158	197	66	-5301
emergentheta	68	0	68	210	0	210	1344	1147	197	59	-5376
sybiotic	65	0	65	352	1	351	1190	1139	51	173	-10042
bubaak	67	0	67	355	1	354	1229	1176	53	236	-10099
bubaak-split	68	0	68	375	0	375	1201	1170	31	59	-10799
goblint	66	0	66	396	0	396	1120	1120	0	59	-11552
variabs	65	0	65	407	0	407	1169	1169	0	59	-11855
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	Common			Tool							
	All	+	-	All	+	-	All	+	-		
utaipan	8	0	8	4	4	0	103	82	21	9	103
uautomizer	8	0	8	6	6	0	94	73	21	7	94
cpachecker	8	0	8	6	6	0	91	71	20	11	91
ukojak	7	0	7	6	6	0	87	68	19	9	87
mopsa	10	0	10	0	0	0	56	56	0	9	56
esbmc-kind	9	0	9	1	0	1	86	67	19	14	54
2ls	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	15	2	0	17
infer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
cpv	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
emergentheta	32	0	32	13	0	13	168	163	5	48	-248
theta	37	0	37	14	0	14	198	190	8	48	-250
bubaak	39	0	39	23	0	23	234	234	0	52	-502
sybiotic	37	0	37	23	0	23	208	208	0	51	-528
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	Common			Tool							
	All	+	-	All	+	-	All	+	-		
utaipan	8	0	8	4	4	0	133	108	25	10	133
cpachecker	12	0	12	15	15	0	117	90	27	10	117
uautomizer	8	0	8	7	6	1	116	93	23	10	84
ukojak	7	0	7	7	6	1	114	91	23	9	82
mopsa	12	0	12	0	0	0	76	76	0	9	76
esbmc-kind	9	0	9	15	14	1	93	72	21	14	61
2ls	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	15	2	0	17
infer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
cpv	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
bubaak	34	0	34	20	0	20	258	247	11	70	-382
sybiotic	29	0	29	20	0	20	219	209	10	63	-421
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theta	29	0	29	23	0	23	212	204	8	50	-524
goblint	28	0	28	25	0	25	190	190	0	50	-610
bubaak-split	28	0	28	28	0	28	207	204	3	50	-689
variabs	29	0	29	31	0	31	203	203	0	51	-789
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	False						True						Unconf.	Points			
	Common			Tool			All			+					-		
	All	+	-	All	+	-	All	+	-	All	+	-			All	+	-
uautomizer	25	0	25	38	38	0	1054	686	368	4			1054				
ukojak	24	0	24	38	38	0	1036	680	356	3			1036				
utaipan	25	0	25	35	35	0	952	621	331	4			952				
cpachecker	23	0	23	39	39	0	765	444	321	6			765				
esbmc-kind	23	0	23	4	1	3	805	427	378	8			709				
mopsa	20	0	20	1	0	1	210	210	0	0			178				
2ls	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	84	17	0			101				
infer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0				
cpv	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0				
emergentheta	82	0	82	98	0	98	911	832	79	59			-2225				
theta	81	0	81	191	0	191	1354	1157	197	55			-4758				
bubaak	84	0	84	379	0	379	1183	1171	12	59			-10945				
symbiotic	84	0	84	379	0	379	1183	1171	12	59			-10945				
bubaak-split	84	0	84	379	0	379	1182	1170	12	59			-10946				
variabs	70	0	70	391	0	391	1117	1117	0	59			-11395				
variabsl	70	0	70	391	0	391	1113	1113	0	59			-11399				
goblint	71	0	71	391	0	391	1101	1101	0	59			-11411				

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	False						True						Unconf.	Points
	Common			Tool			All							
	All	+	-	All	+	-	All	+	-	All	+	-		
uautomizer	24	0	24	39	38	1	1142	769	373	5			1110	
ukojak	23	0	23	39	38	1	1097	739	358	3			1065	
utaipan	24	0	24	36	36	0	1028	690	338	5			1028	
cpachecker	22	0	22	78	78	0	792	451	341	5			792	
esbmc-kind	22	0	22	60	57	3	827	444	383	8			731	
mopsa	22	0	22	1	0	1	212	212	0	0			180	
2ls	0	0	0	3	3	0	98	81	17	0			98	
infer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	
cpv	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	
theta	67	0	67	208	0	208	1355	1158	197	66			-5301	
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2ls	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	15	2	0	17			
infer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
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uautomizer	25	0	25	38	38	0	1054	686	368	4	1054
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infer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
cpv	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
emergenttheta	89	0	89	98	0	98	911	829	79	79	999
Unbounded integers											
theta	71	0	70	391	0	391	1113	1113	0	59	-11399
emergenttheta	71	0	71	391	0	391	1101	1101	0	59	-11411

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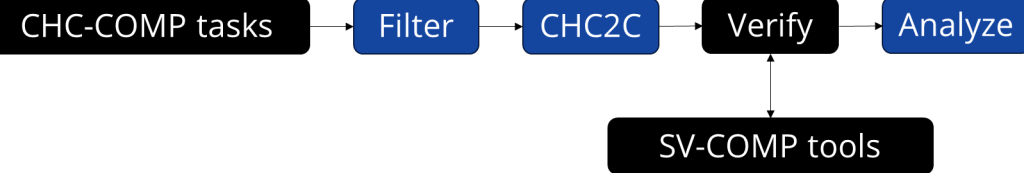
	False						True			Unconf.	Points
	Common			Tool			All				
	All	+	-	All	+	-	All	+	-		
uautomizer	24	0	24	39	38	1	1142	769	373	5	1110
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mopsa	22	0	22	1	0	1	212	212	0	0	180
2ls	0	0	0	3	3	0	98	81	17	0	98
infer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
cpv	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
theta	67	0	67	208	0	208	1355	1158	197	66	-5301
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	All	+	-	All	+	-	All	+	-		
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mopsa	10	0	10	0	0	0	56	56	0	9	56
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2ls	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	15	2	0	17
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	Common			Tool							
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esbmc-kind	22	0	22	60	57	3	827	444	383	8	731
mopsa	22	0	22	1	0	1	212	212	0	0	180
2ls	0	0	0	3	3	0	98	81	17	0	98
infer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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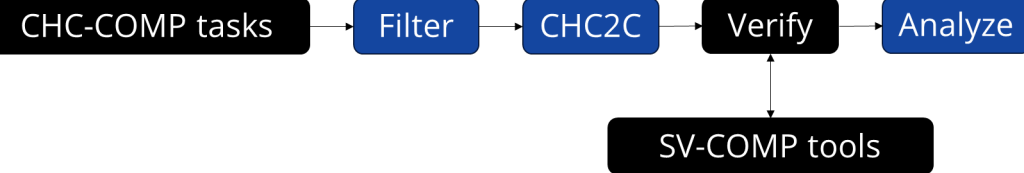
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No common **false positives**  
(low number of common **false negatives**)

ULTIMATE family, CPACHECKER, ESBMC  
work **best**

2LS produced **no wrong results**

Table 2. Safeguarded transformation (all tasks)

	False						True			Unconf.	Points
	Common			Tool							
	All	+	-	All	+	-	All	+	-		
uautomizer	25	0	25	38	38	0	1054	686	368	4	1054
ukojak	24	0	24	38	38	0	1036	680	356	3	1036
utaipan	25	0	25	35	35	0	952	621	331	4	952
cpachecker	23	0	23	39	39	0	765	444	321	6	765
esbmc-kind	23	0	23	4	1	3	805	427	378	8	709
mopsa	20	0	20	1	0	1	210	210	0	0	178
2ls	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	84	17	0	101
infer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
cpv	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
emergenttheta	89	0	89	98	0	98	911	829	79	79	999
Unbounded integers											
theta	71	0	71	391	0	391	1113	1113	0	59	-11399
emergenttheta	71	0	71	391	0	391	1101	1101	0	59	-11411

Unbounded integers

Table 3. Non-safeguarded transformation (all tasks)

	False						True			Unconf.	Points
	Common			Tool							
	All	+	-	All	+	-	All	+	-		
uautomizer	24	0	24	39	38	1	1142	769	373	5	1110
ukojak	23	0	23	39	38	1	1097	739	358	3	1065
utaipan	24	0	24	36	36	0	1028	690	338	5	1028
cpachecker	22	0	22	78	78	0	792	451	341	5	792
esbmc-kind	22	0	22	60	57	3	827	444	383	8	731
mopsa	22	0	22	1	0	1	212	212	0	0	180
2ls	0	0	0	3	3	0	98	81	17	0	98
infer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
cpv	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
theta	67	0	67	208	0	208	1355	1158	197	66	-5301
ergenttheta	68	0	68	210	0	210	1344	1147	197	59	-5376
sybiotic	65	0	65	352	1	351	1190	1139	51	173	-10042
bubaak	67	0	67	355	1	354	1229	1176	53	236	-10099
abaak-split	68	0	68	375	0	375	1201	1170	31	59	-10799
goblint	66	0	66	396	0	396	1120	1120	0	59	-11552
variabs	65	0	65	407	0	407	1169	1169	0	59	-11855
variabsl	65	0	65	407	0	407	1169	1169	0	59	-11855

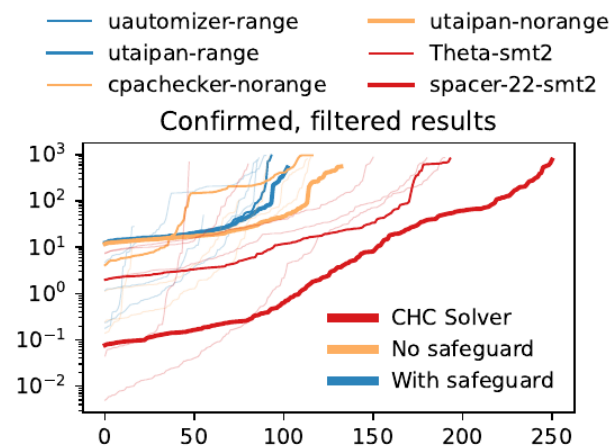
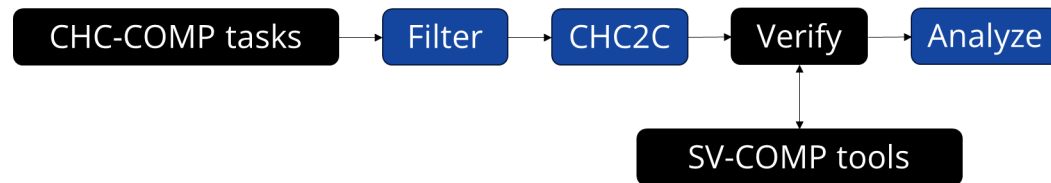
Table 4. Safeguarded transformation (CHC-COMP'23)

	False						True			Unconf.	Points
	Common			Tool			All + -				
	All	+	-	All	+	-					
utaipan	8	0	8	4	4	0	103	82	21	9	103
uautomizer	8	0	8	6	6	0	94	73	21	7	94
cpachecker	8	0	8	6	6	0	91	71	20	11	91
ukojak	7	0	7	6	6	0	87	68	19	9	87
mopsa	10	0	10	0	0	0	56	56	0	9	56
esbmc-kind	9	0	9	1	0	1	86	67	19	14	54
2ls	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	15	2	0	17
infer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
cpv	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
emergenttheta	32	0	32	13	0	13	168	163	5	48	-248
theta	37	0	37	14	0	14	198	190	8	48	-250
bubaak	39	0	39	23	0	23	234	234	0	52	-502
sybiotic	37	0	37	23	0	23	208	208	0	51	-528
bubaak-split	34	0	34	23	0	23	198	198	0	50	-538
variabsl	30	0	30	23	0	23	190	190	0	50	-546
variabs	31	0	31	23	0	23	189	189	0	50	-547
goblint	28	0	28	23	0	23	182	182	0	50	-554

Table 5. Non-safeguarded transformation (CHC-COMP'23)

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utaipan	8	0	8	4	4	0	133	108	25	10	133
cpachecker	12	0	12	15	15	0	117	90	27	10	117
uautomizer	8	0	8	7	6	1	116	93	23	10	84
ukojak	7	0	7	7	6	1	114	91	23	9	82
mopsa	12	0	12	0	0	0	76	76	0	9	76
esbmc-kind	9	0	9	15	14	1	93	72	21	14	61
2ls	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	15	2	0	17
infer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
cpv	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
bubaak	34	0	34	20	0	20	258	247	11	70	-382
sybiotic	29	0	29	20	0	20	219	209	10	63	-421
emergenttheta	31	0	31	23	0	23	226	218	8	51	-510
theta	29	0	29	23	0	23	212	204	8	50	-524
goblint	28	0	28	25	0	25	190	190	0	50	-610
bubaak-split	28	0	28	28	0	28	207	204	3	50	-689
variabs	29	0	29	31	0	31	203	203	0	51	-789
variabsl	29	0	29	31	0	31	202	202	0	51	-790

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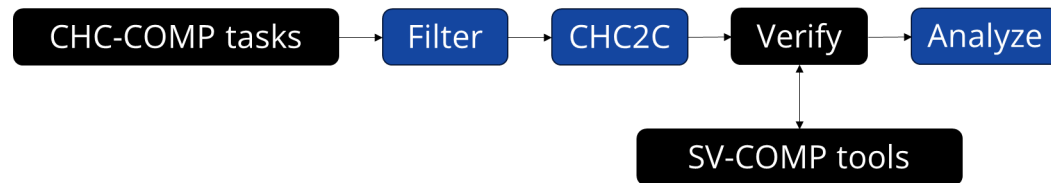
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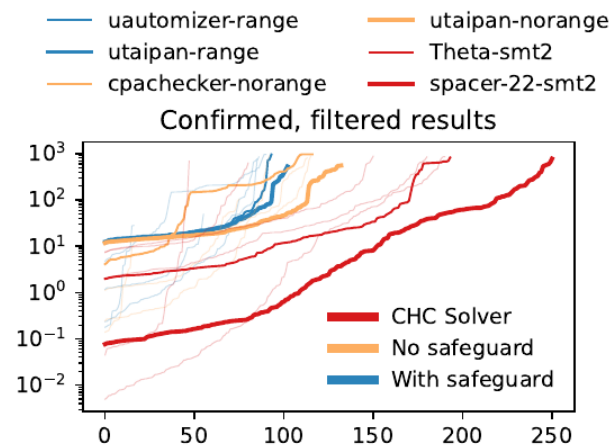
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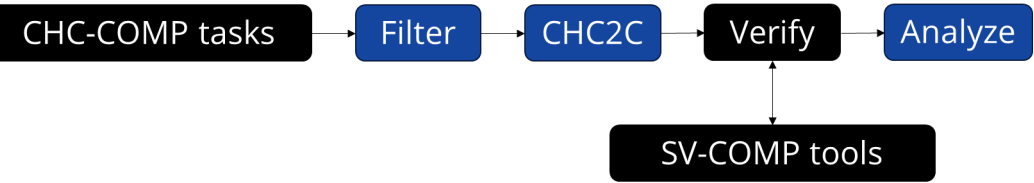


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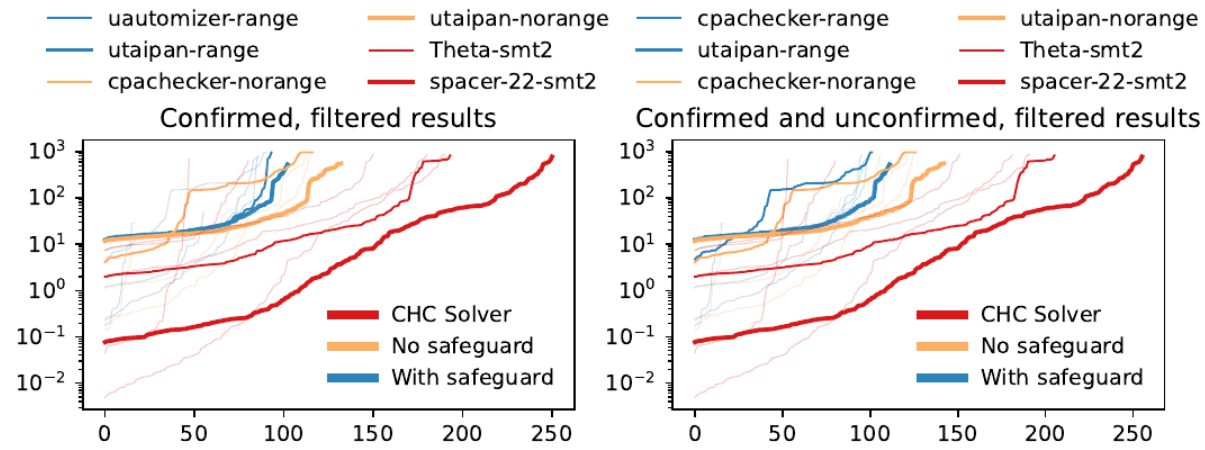


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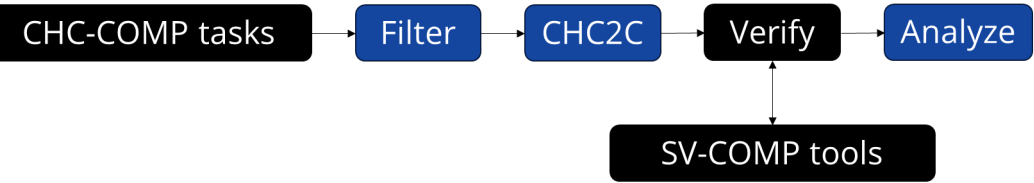
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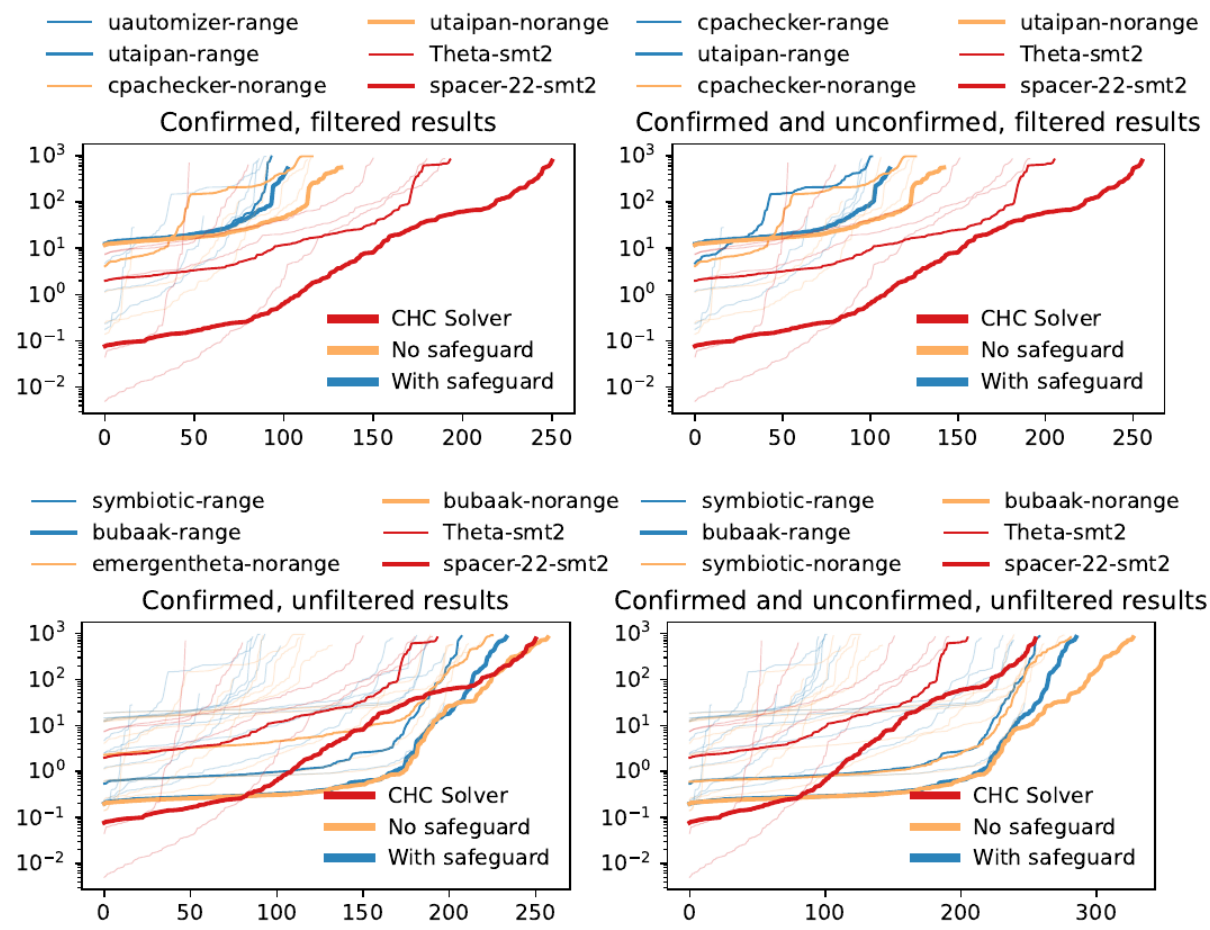
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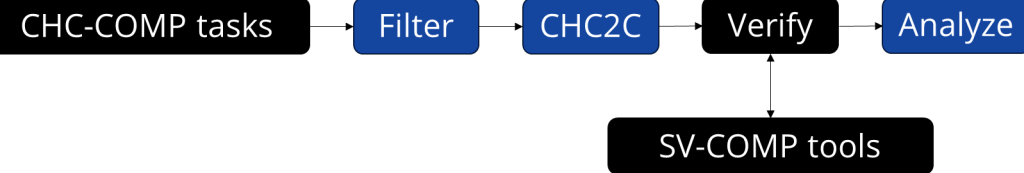
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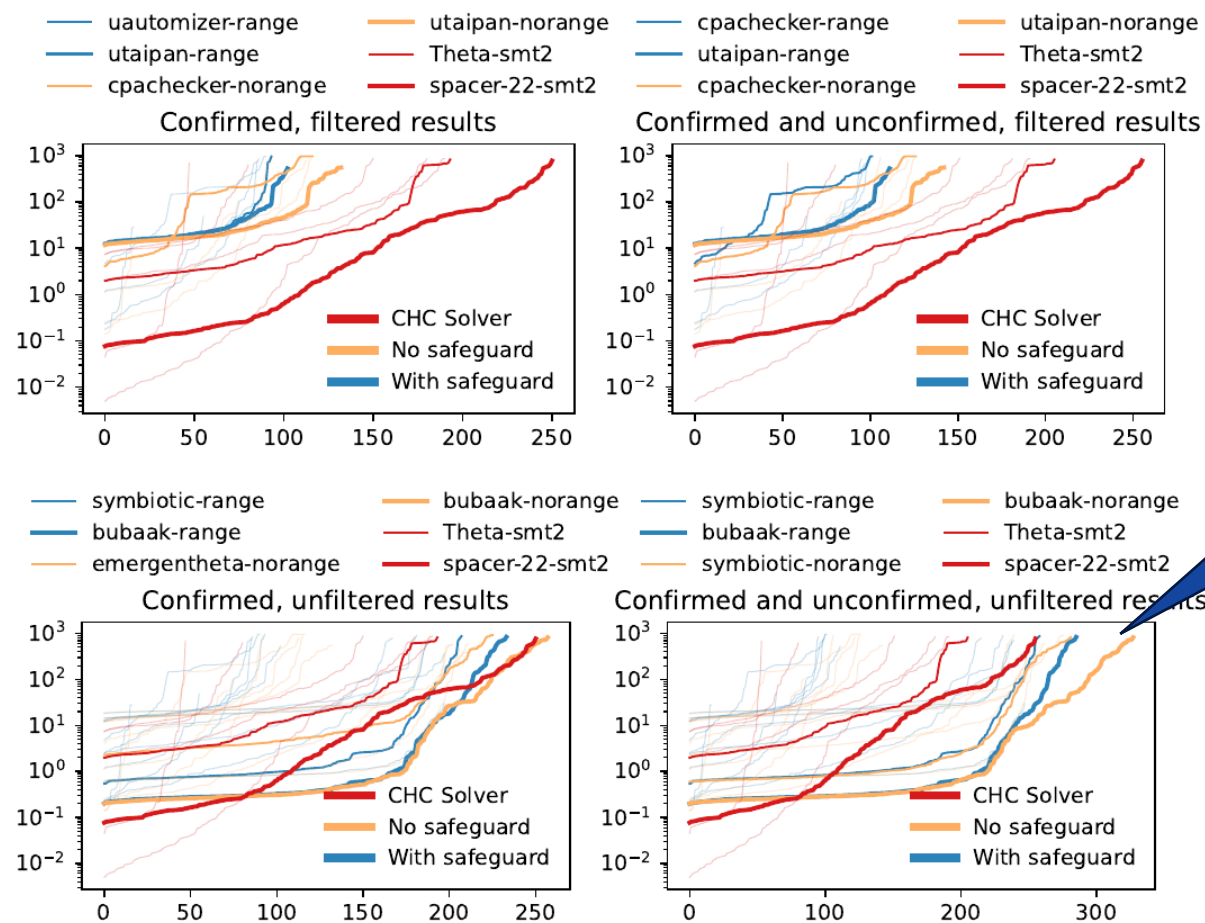
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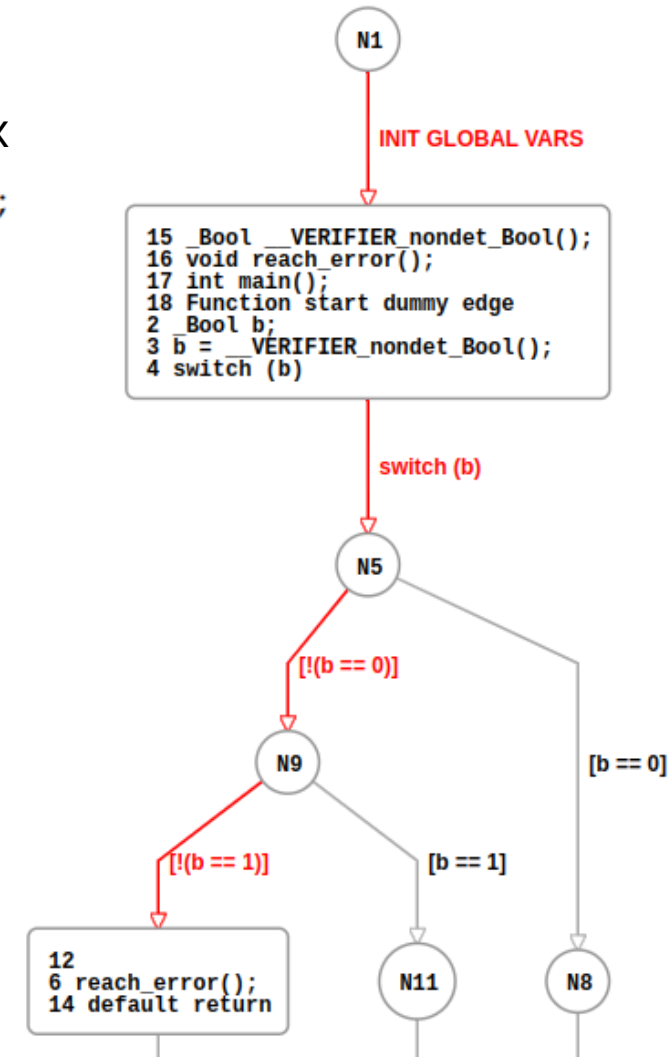
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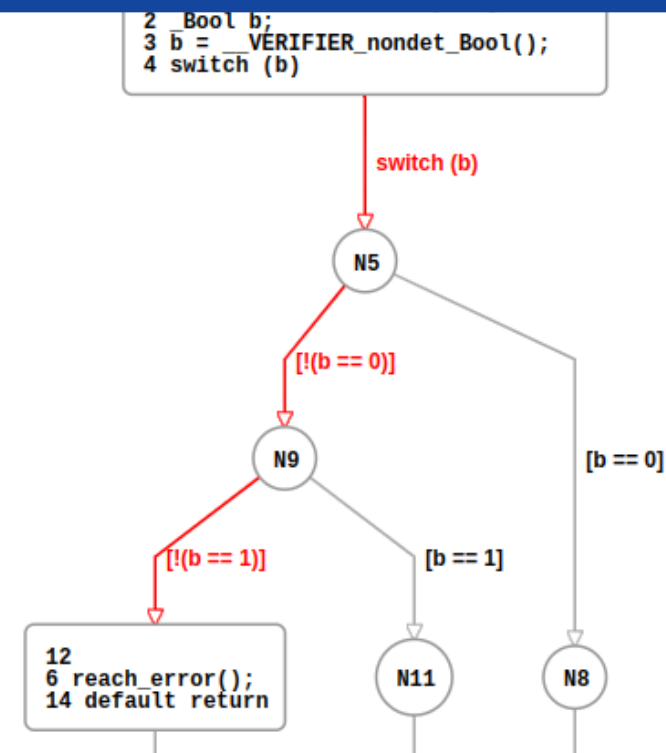
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## Added CHC benchmarks

 Open Levente Bajczi requested to merge [levente.bajczi/sv-benchm...](#) into [main](#) 5 months ago

Overview **4** Commits **10** Pipelines **6** Changes **333+**

This PR adds 2774 new benchmarks to the repository. These are transformed CHC benchmarks, originally sourced from the <https://github.com/chc-comp/> organization to be used for CHC-COMP, which have been converted into CFAs and then to C files. See our (accepted, pending publication) paper at HCVS'23 on the transformation of CHC problems to CFAs: [submitted.pdf](#)

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