

SSTraGen

A (semi-)Automated Extraction Method for Behavioral Models

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Behavioral Models are Great!

Models can be used for:

- The automated generation of tests via MBT;
- Software verification using safety/liveness requirements;
- Detecting behavioral regression via equivalence checking;
- Visualization of behavior.

Don't learn models! Use the code instead

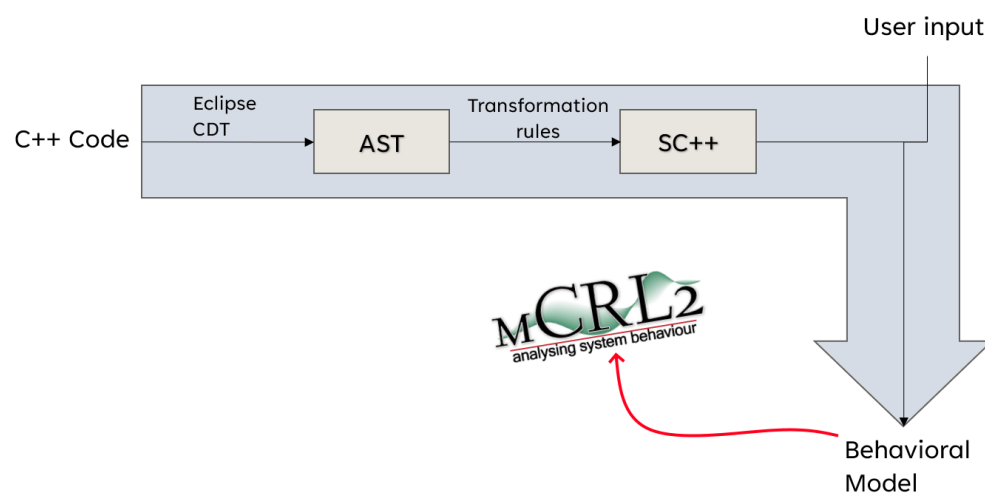


Figure 1: Eclipse CDT is used for parsing C++; the AST is then transformed according to our rules into an unbounded model; with user input, the model is bounded and ready.

Using mCRL2[1] as modeling formalism, gives us access to efficient and reliable model-based techniques for model generation, reduction, verification, and manipulation.

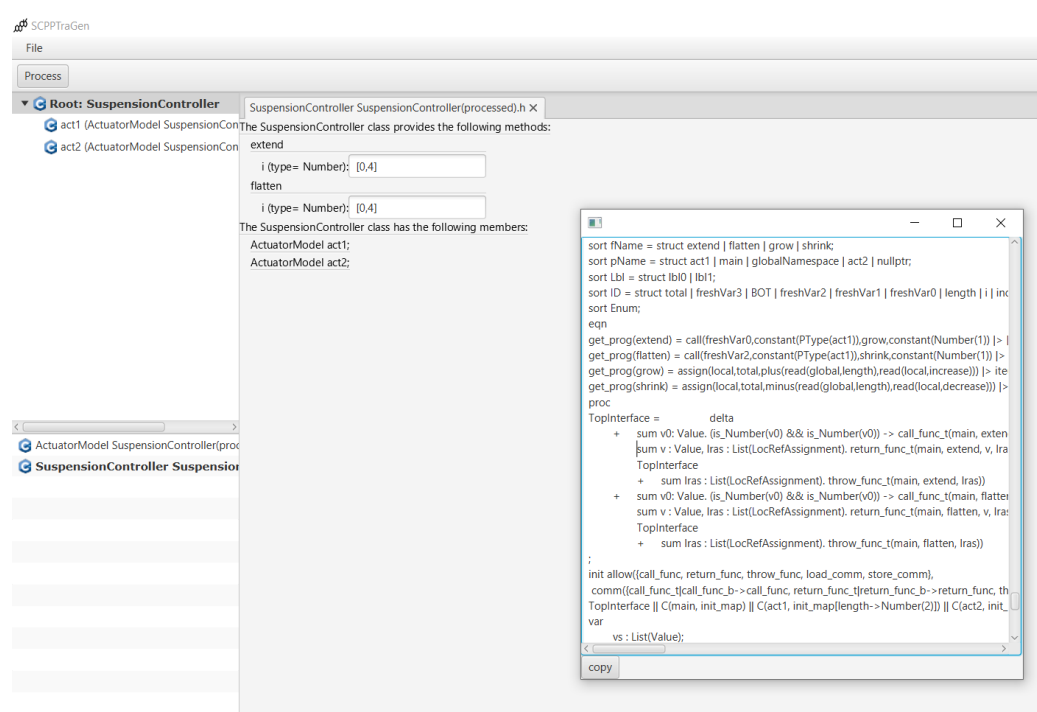


Figure 2: The tool provides a GUI for manipulation of the intermediate SC++ model; allowing the user to submit bounds, abstract away components, and generate models.

Handling Scalability

One potential technique aimed towards avoiding state-space explosion and thus improving the scalability of the tool:

Component-wise generation and reduction Generating models for individual sub-components first and then reducing these models, reduces potential exponential growth caused by parallel composition.

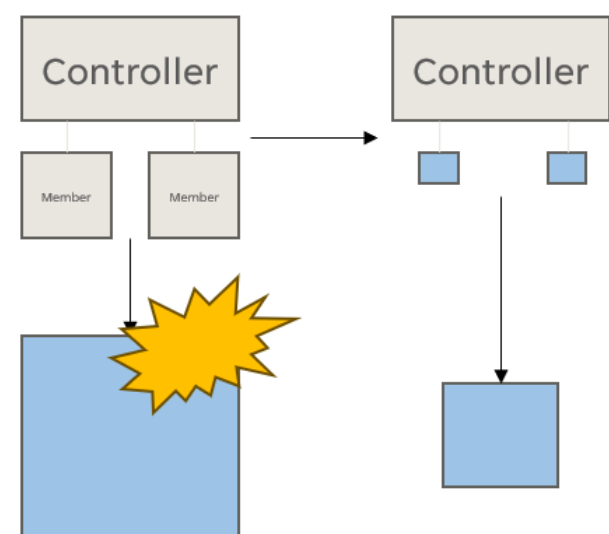


Figure 3: Using reduced models of sub-components, can allow circumvention of a potential state-space explosion.

Extensive Programming Feature Support

SSTraGen supports most modern OOP features, including:

- Pass-by-reference,
- higher order functions, e.g. lambda functions,
- recursion,
- alias'ing,
- inner classes

Case Studies

So far, we have successfully used the tool on several components within Philips, including:

- A component of 300 LOC, that was used to visualize an invariant over its instances.
- A component of 600 LOC, that we have shown to fit within a preexisting UML diagram.

References

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