

# Finite Model Finding in Satisfiability Modulo Theories

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# Motivation

- Many aspects of modern life are dependent upon **software**
- Correctness of software is often **highly critical**
  - Flight control, Bank records, Medical Devices, ...
- Growing need for ***automated reasoning***
  - For software verification and other applications

# Approaches to Automated Reasoning

- **Boolean Satisfiability** Solvers
  - Fast, Handle Decidable Logic
  - Cons : May be difficult to encode problem into SAT
- **Automated First-Order Theorem** Provers
  - Handle problems in an expressive natural encoding
  - Cons : Logic can be Undecidable
- *Alternative* : **Satisfiability Modulo Theories** (SMT)
  - Incorporate specialized procedures for **theories**
    - Arithmetic, bitvectors, arrays, datatypes, ...
  - Many problems can be expressed as SMT problems

# SMT Solvers

- **SMT solvers** are powerful tools that
  - Are used in many formal methods applications
  - Have optimized performance due to combination of:
    - Off-the-shelf **SAT solver**
    - Fast **decision procedures** for (ground) constraints
  - May generate:
    - **Proofs**
      - Theorem proving, software/hardware verification
    - **Models**
      - Failing instances of aforementioned applications
      - Invariant synthesis, scheduling, test case generation

# SMT: Limitations

- Ongoing challenge: *quantified* formulas
  - Are useful for:
    - Frame axioms in software verification
    - Universal safety properties
    - Axiomatization of unsupported theories
    - ...
  - Needed by a growing number of SMT-based applications
- Current methods for handling quantifiers in SMT:
  - **Heuristic** methods for answering “**UNSAT**”
  - **Limited** capability of answering “**SAT**”
    - Often will return “**UNKNOWN**” after some effort

# Contributions

- **Finite Model Finding in SMT**
  - New approach for handling quantifiers in SMT
  - Different from **ATP** finite model finders:
    - Native support for **background theories**
  - Different from **SMT** solvers:
    - Increased ability to answer “**satisfiable**”

# Outline

- **Intro** to Satisfiability Modulo Theories (SMT)
- Finite Model Finding in SMT
  - **Details** of Approach
  - **Theoretical** Properties
  - **Experimental** Results
- Extension to Bounded Integer Quantification

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↓ Abstract to propositional logic

$$(A \vee B) \wedge C \wedge D$$

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$\Rightarrow$  This can be done with ground **theory solver**

# SMT with Quantified Formulas

$$(f(a) = b \vee f(a) = c) \wedge c+1 = b \wedge \forall x. f(x) = g(x)$$

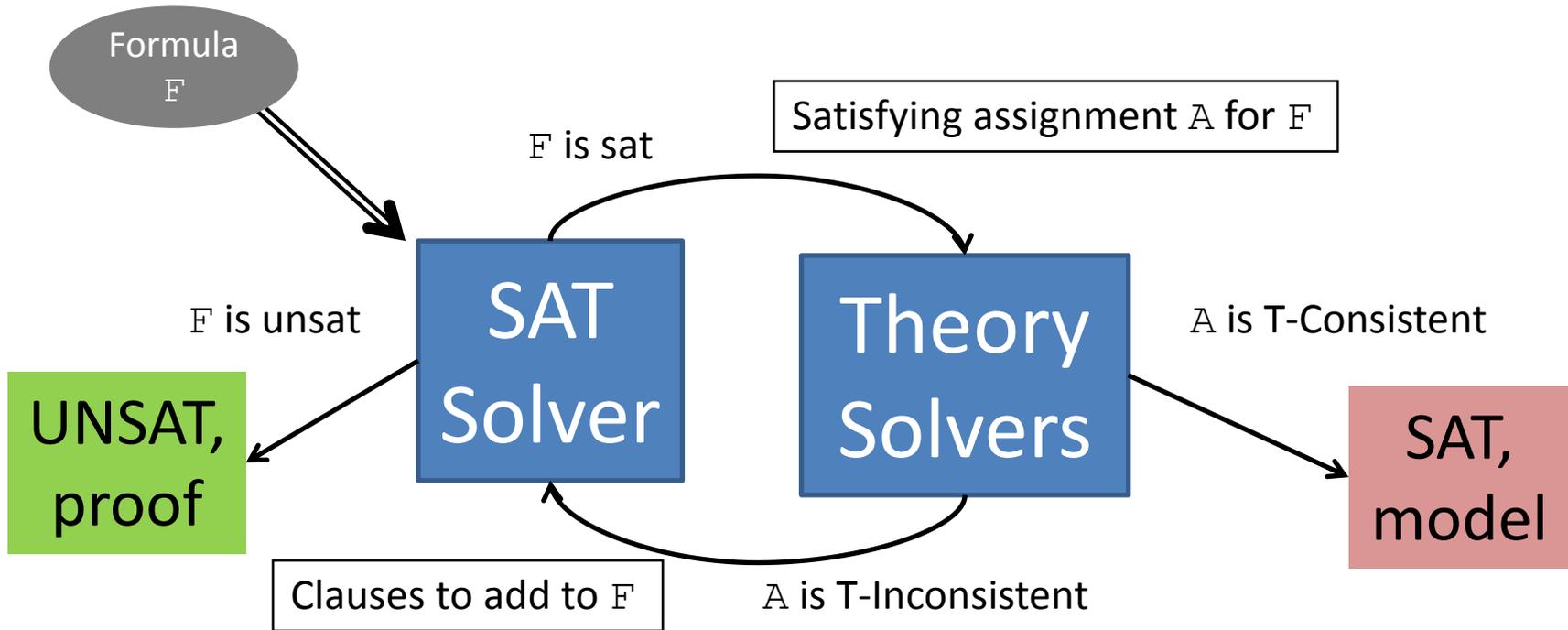
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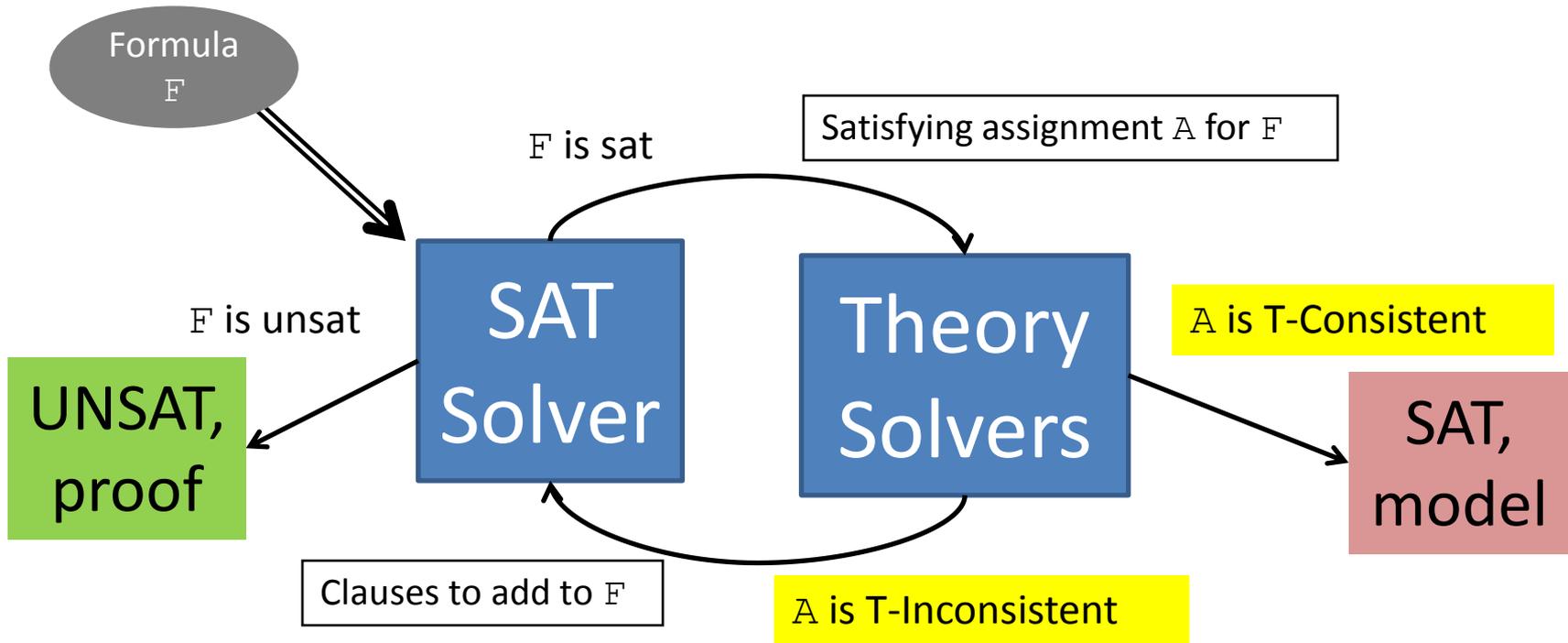
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- Satisfying assignment contains *quantified formulas*  
 $\Rightarrow$  Challenge: This is generally **undecidable**

# DPLL(T) Architecture

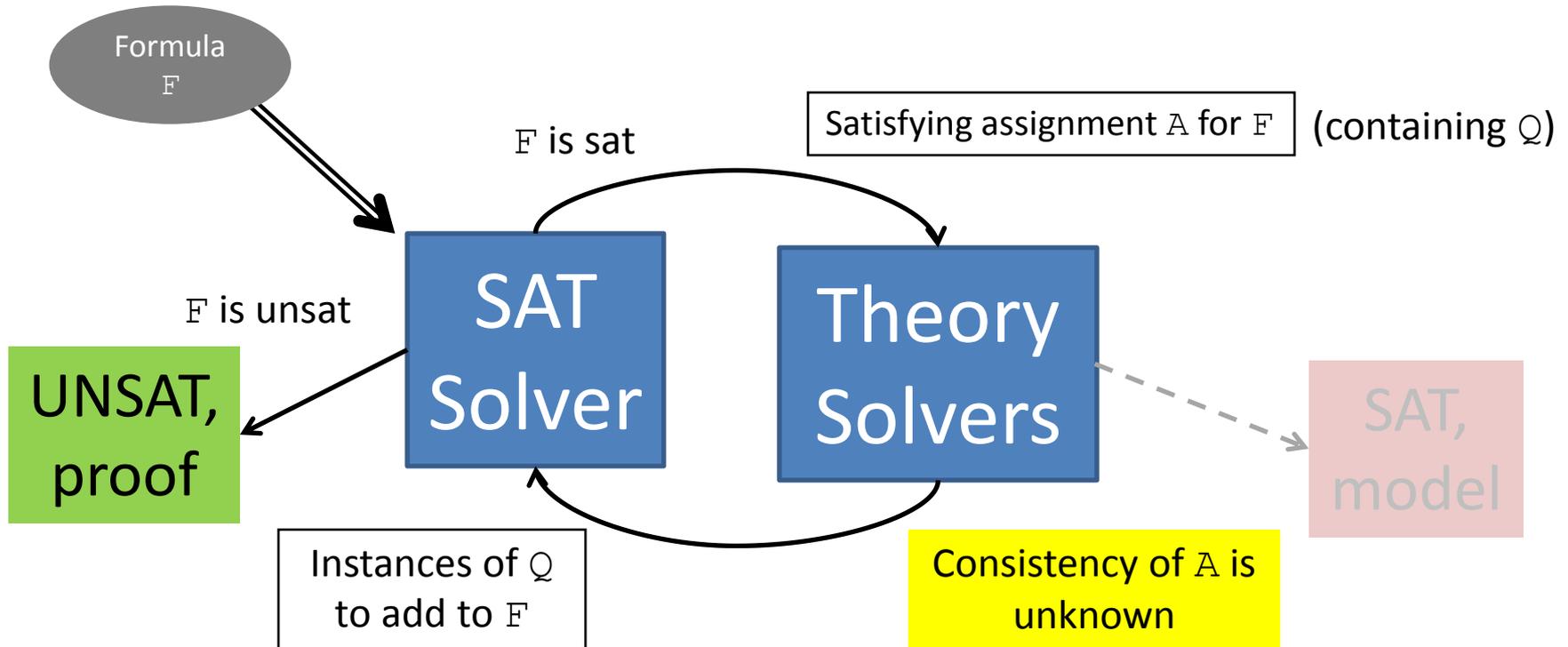


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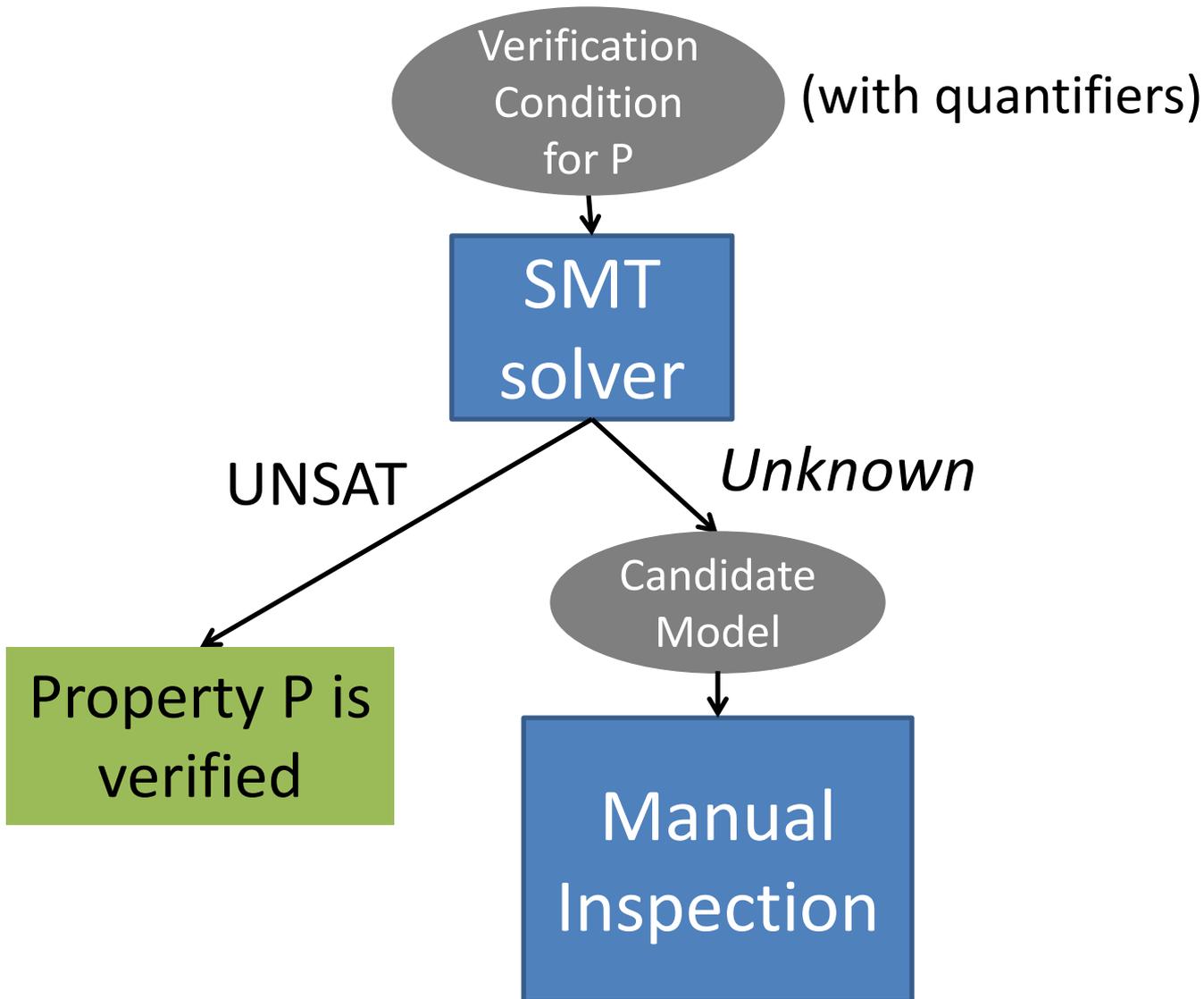
- Challenge: What if determining the consistency of  $A$  is difficult?
- For quantified formulas, determining T-consistency is *undecidable*

# Heuristic Instantiation

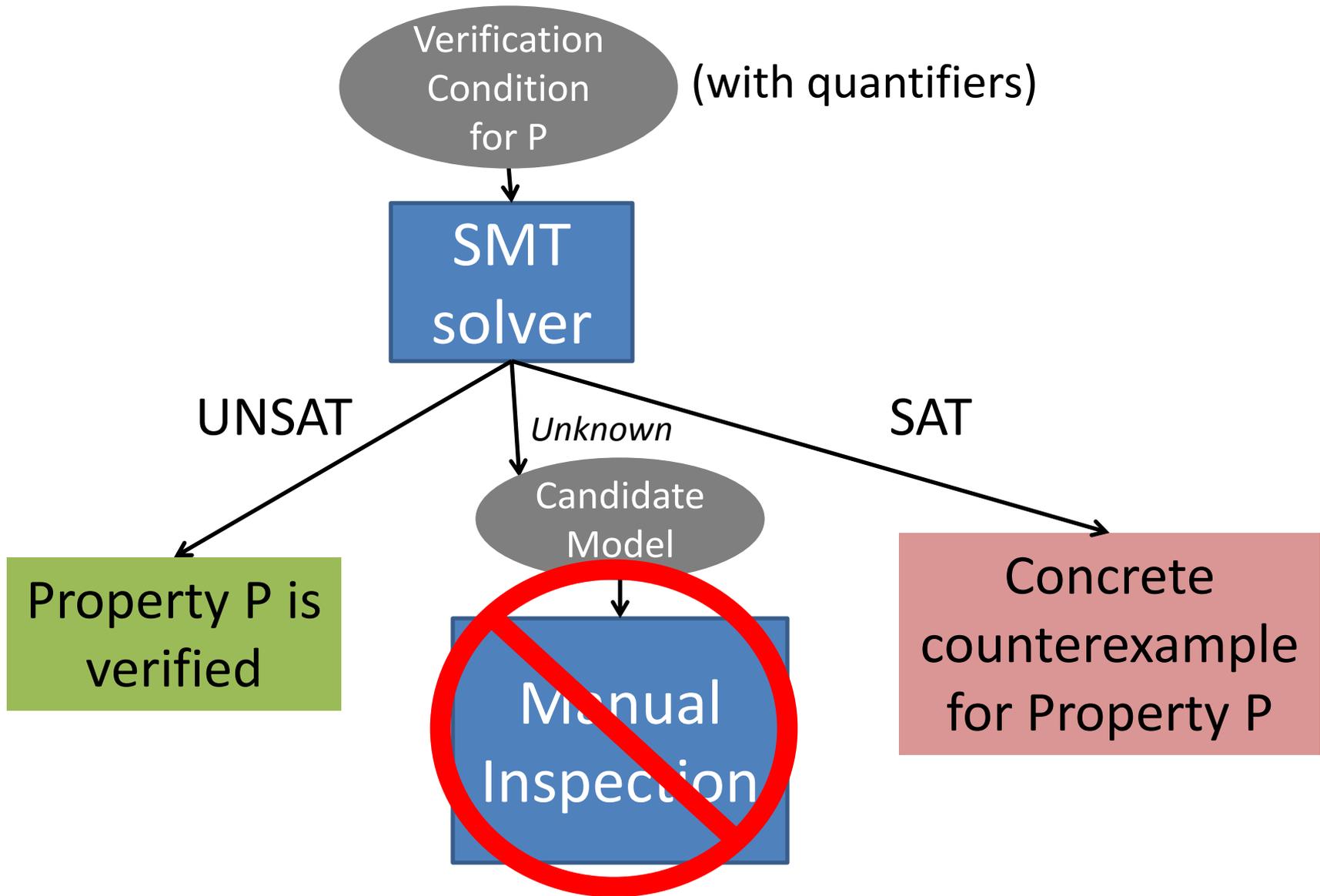


- If sat assignment contains quantified formula  $Q$ ,
  - **Heuristically** add instances of  $Q$  to  $F$  [Detlefs et al 2003]
    - Typically based on pattern matching
    - May discover refutation, if right instances are added
    - ***No way to answer SAT***

# Why Models are Important



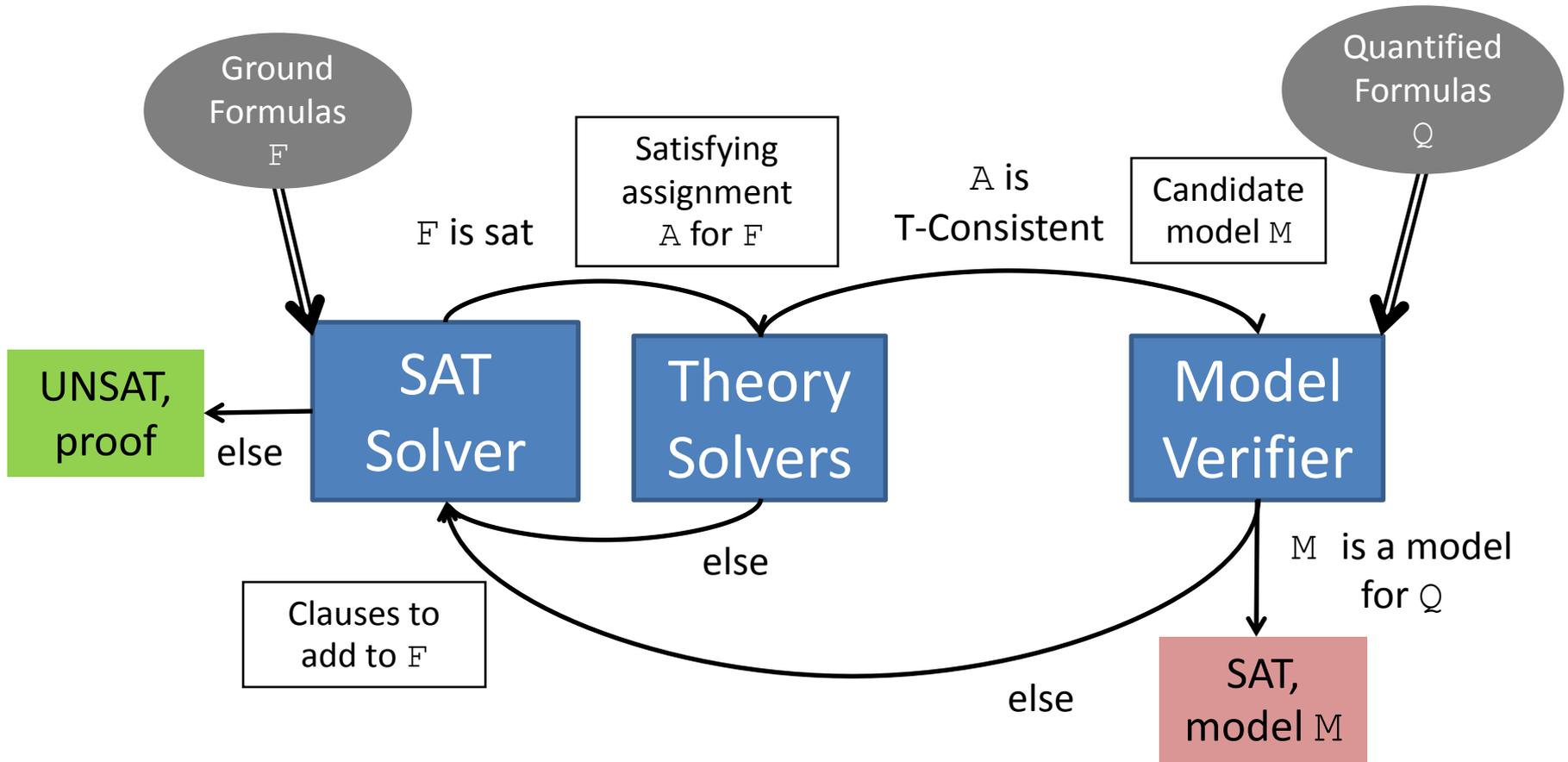
# Why Models are Important



# Model-Based Approach for Quantifiers

- Given:
  - Set of **ground formulas**  $F$
  - Set of **universally quantified formulas**  $Q$
- To determine the satisfiability of  $F \wedge Q$ ,
  - Construct **candidate models** for  $Q$ , based on **satisfying assignments** for  $F$ 
    - Model-Based Quantifier Instantiation (MBQI)
      - [Ge/deMoura 2009]

# DPLL(T) Architecture (Extended)



# When can we represent/check models for $\mathcal{Q}$ ?

- **Focus of thesis:** Finite Model Finding
  - Limited to quantifiers over:
    - **Uninterpreted sorts**
      - Can represent memory addresses, values, sets, etc.
    - Other **finite sorts**
      - Fixed width bitvectors, datatypes, ...
- Useful in applications:
  - Software verification, automated theorem proving

# Running Example

person<sub>1</sub>, person<sub>2</sub>, person<sub>3</sub> : Person  
NewYork, Boston, Seattle : City  
salesman: Person → Bool  
travels : Person × City → Bool

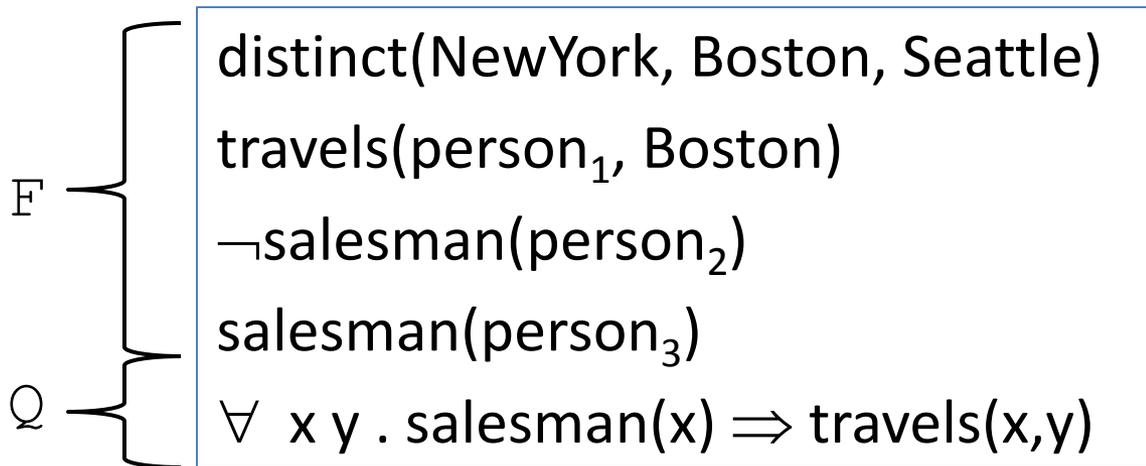
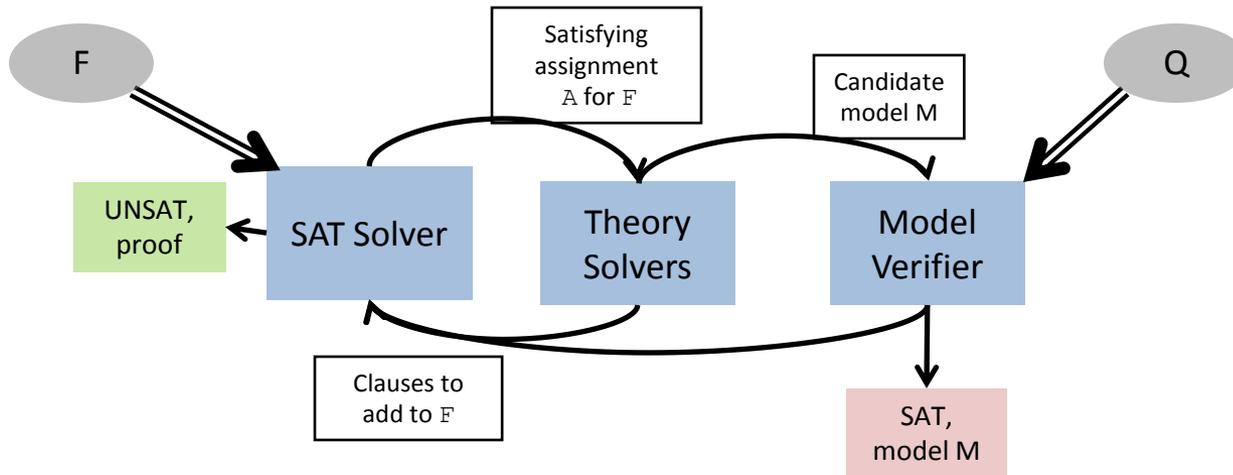
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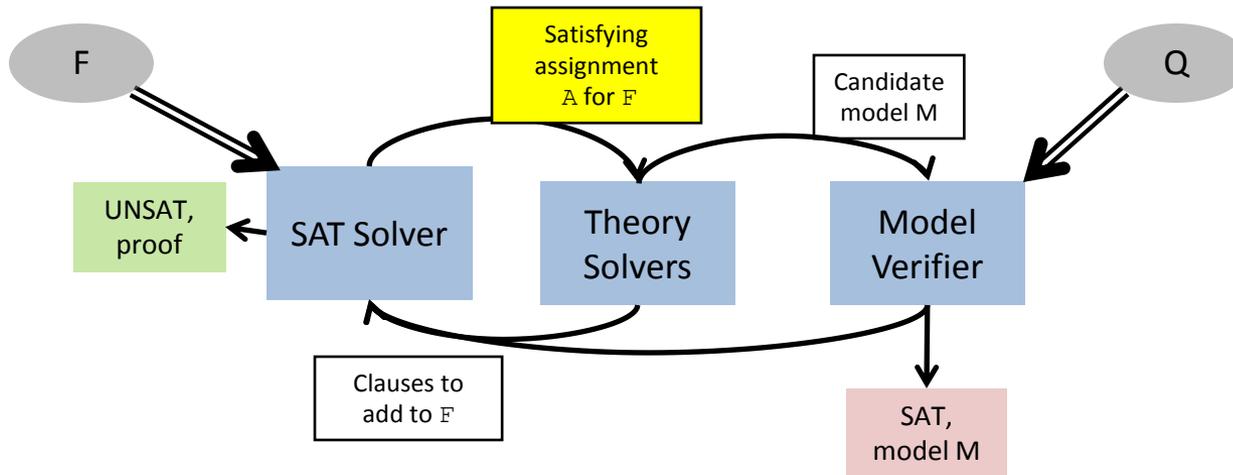
Q

∀ x : Person, y : City.  
salesman(x) ⇒ travels(x,y)

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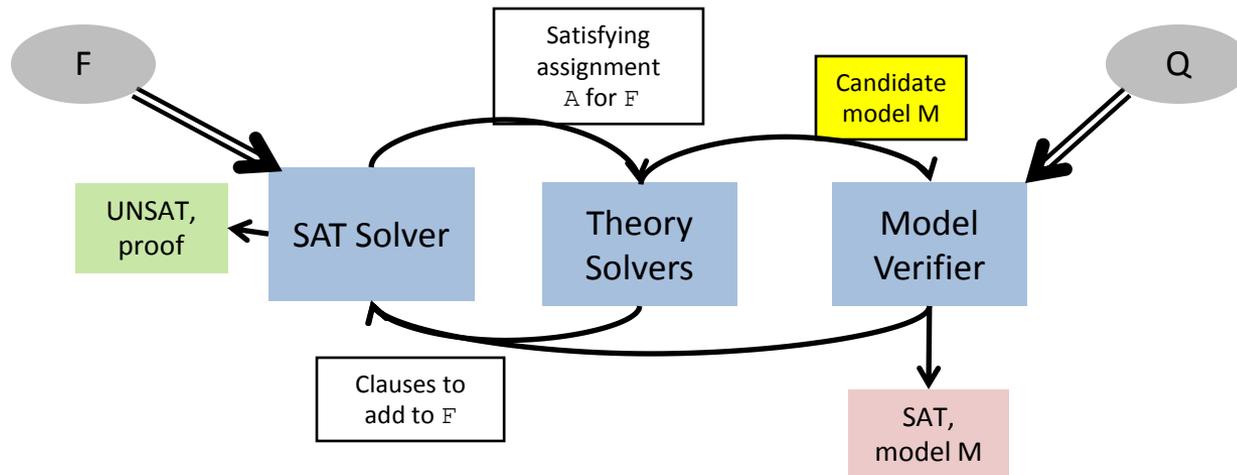
# Find Satisfying Assignment $A$ for $F$



true { distinct(NewYork, Boston, Seattle)  
true { travels(person<sub>1</sub>, Boston)  
true { ¬salesman(person<sub>2</sub>)  
true { salesman(person<sub>3</sub>)  
∀ x y . salesman(x) ⇒ travels(x,y)

- $A$  is Theory-Consistent according to the theory of equality

# Construct Candidate Model $M$ from $A$



$A :=$

{ distinct(NewYork, Boston, Seattle),  
travels(person<sub>1</sub>, Boston),  
¬salesman(person<sub>2</sub>),  
salesman(person<sub>3</sub>) }

$\Rightarrow$

$M :=$

travels :

person<sub>1</sub>, Boston → true

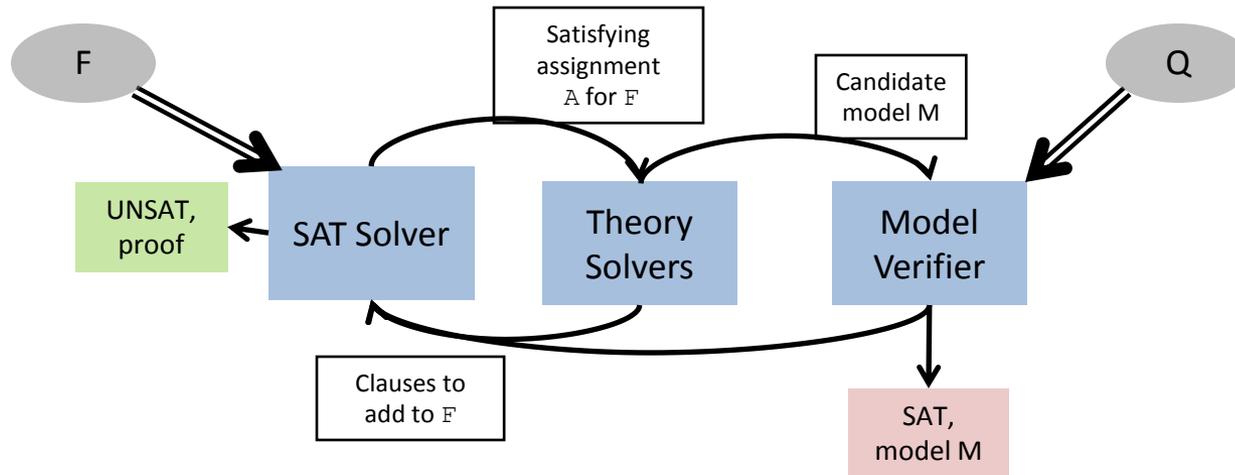
... → false

salesman :

person<sub>3</sub> → true

... → false

# Determine if $M$ satisfies $Q$



$M :=$

travels :

person<sub>1</sub>, Boston  $\rightarrow$  true

...  $\rightarrow$  false

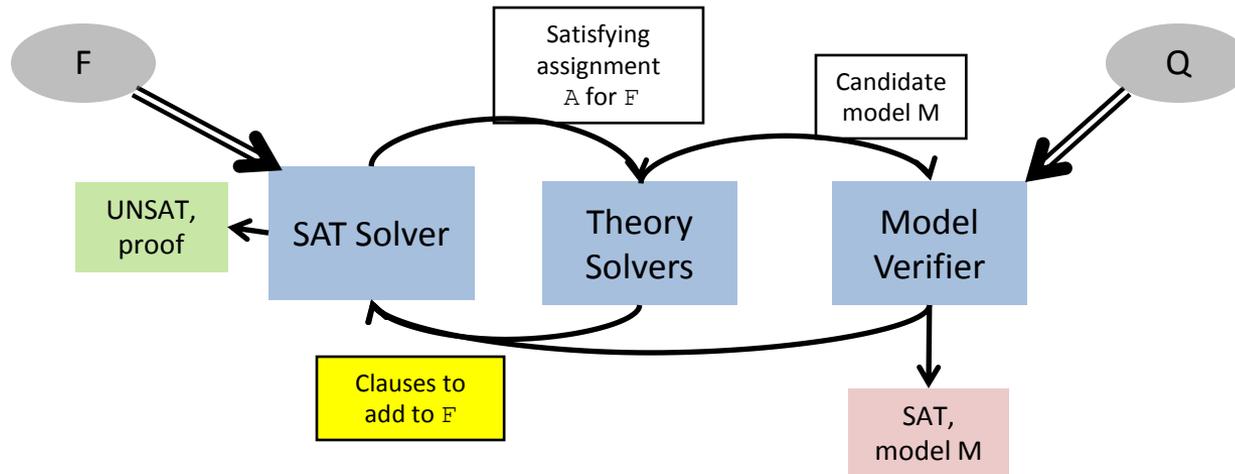
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...  $\rightarrow$  false

$Q : \forall xy. \text{salesman}(x) \Rightarrow \text{travels}(x,y)$

# Add Clauses back to $\mathbb{F}$



$M :=$

travels :

person<sub>1</sub>, Boston → true

... → false

salesman :

person<sub>3</sub> → true

... → false

$Q : \forall xy. \text{salesman}(x) \Rightarrow \text{travels}(x,y)$

$\Psi[x, y]$

- *$\Psi$  is false for person<sub>3</sub>, NewYork*
- Add  $\Psi[\text{person}_3, \text{NewYork}]$  to  $\mathbb{F}$
- Will rule out  $M$  on next iteration
  - Model “refinement” process

# Finding Small Models : Motivation

$M :=$

Person : { person<sub>1</sub>, person<sub>2</sub>, person<sub>3</sub> }

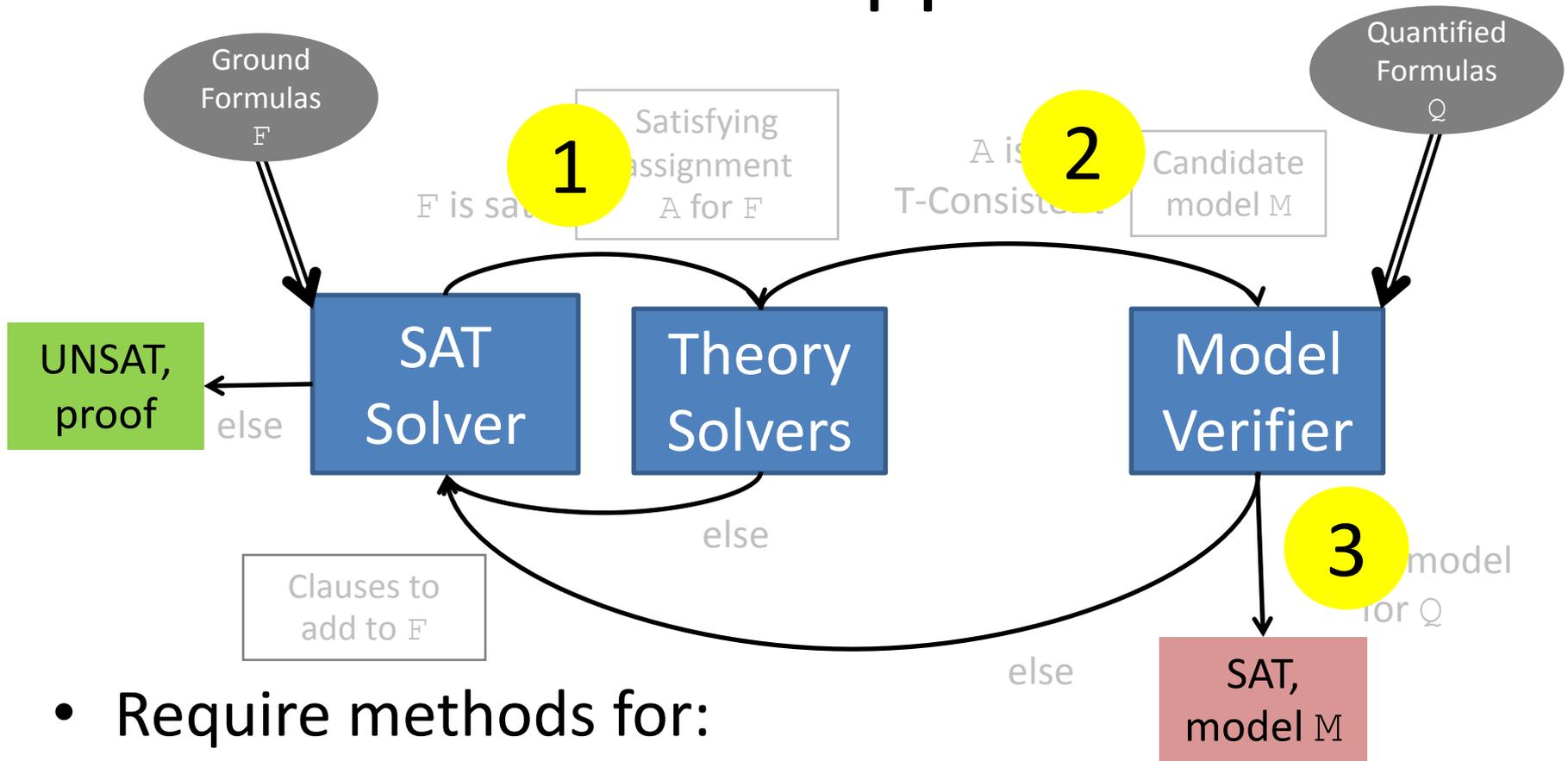
City : { NewYork, Boston, Seattle }

...

$Q : \forall x : \text{Person}, y : \text{City}.$   
salesman(x)  $\Rightarrow$  travels(x,y)

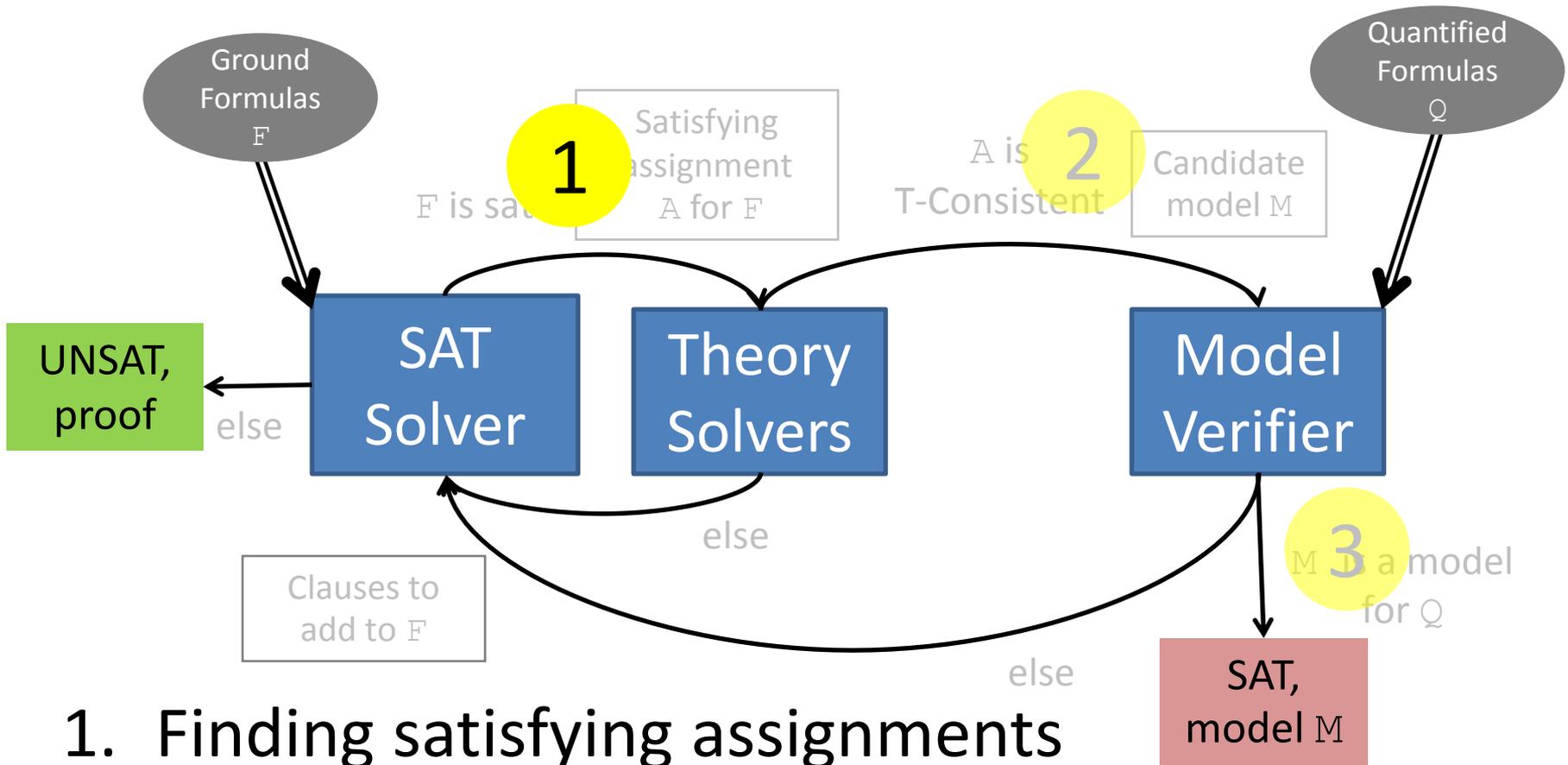
- Naïvely, to determine whether  $M$  is model for  $Q$ :
  - Check if  $M$  satisfies *all instances*  $S$  of  $Q$
- **Challenge:**  $S$  can be very large
  - For  $Q$  with  $n$  vars, domain size  $d$ ,  $|S|$  can be  $O(d^n)$ 
    - In example,  $3 * 3 = 9$
- **Solution:**
  - Search for candidate models with small domain sizes
    - Use finite cardinality constraints [CAV 2013]

# Outline of Approach



- Require methods for:

1. Finding satisfying assignments
  - Esp. ones that induce models with small domain sizes
2. Building candidate models
3. Checking candidate models

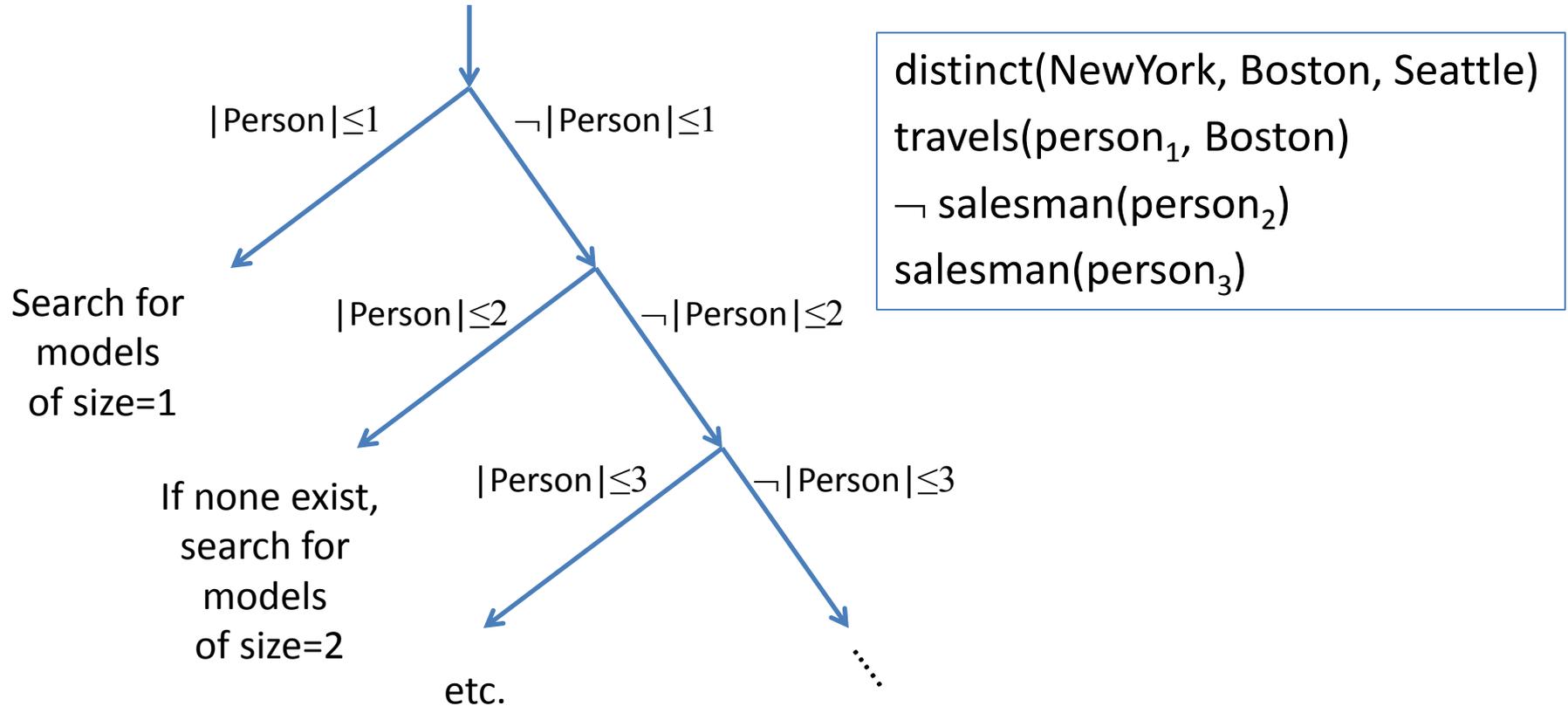


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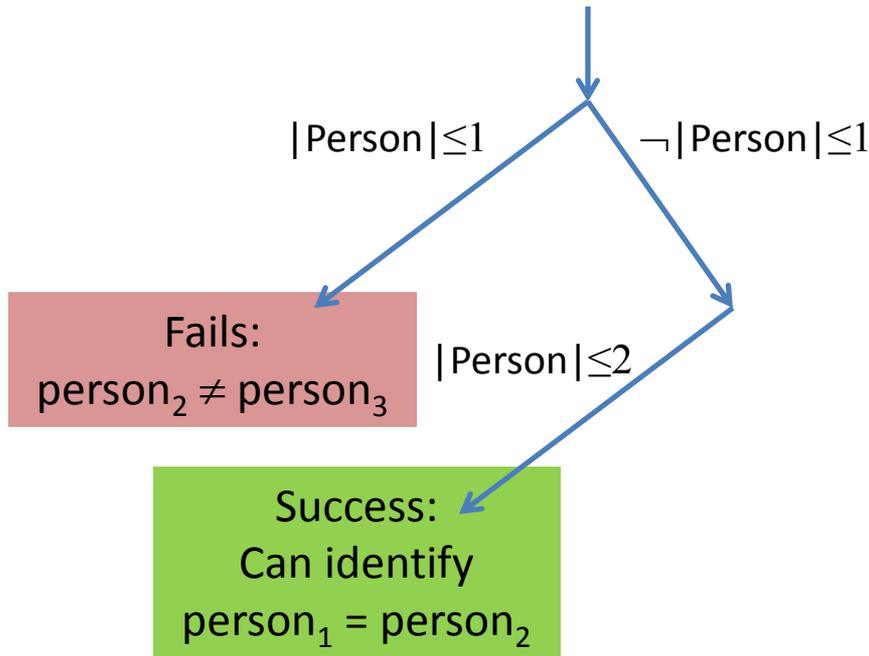
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# Finding Minimal Models in DPLL(T)



- **Idea:** fix domain sizes incrementally 1,2,3,....  
⇒ *Fixed-Cardinality DPLL(T)*

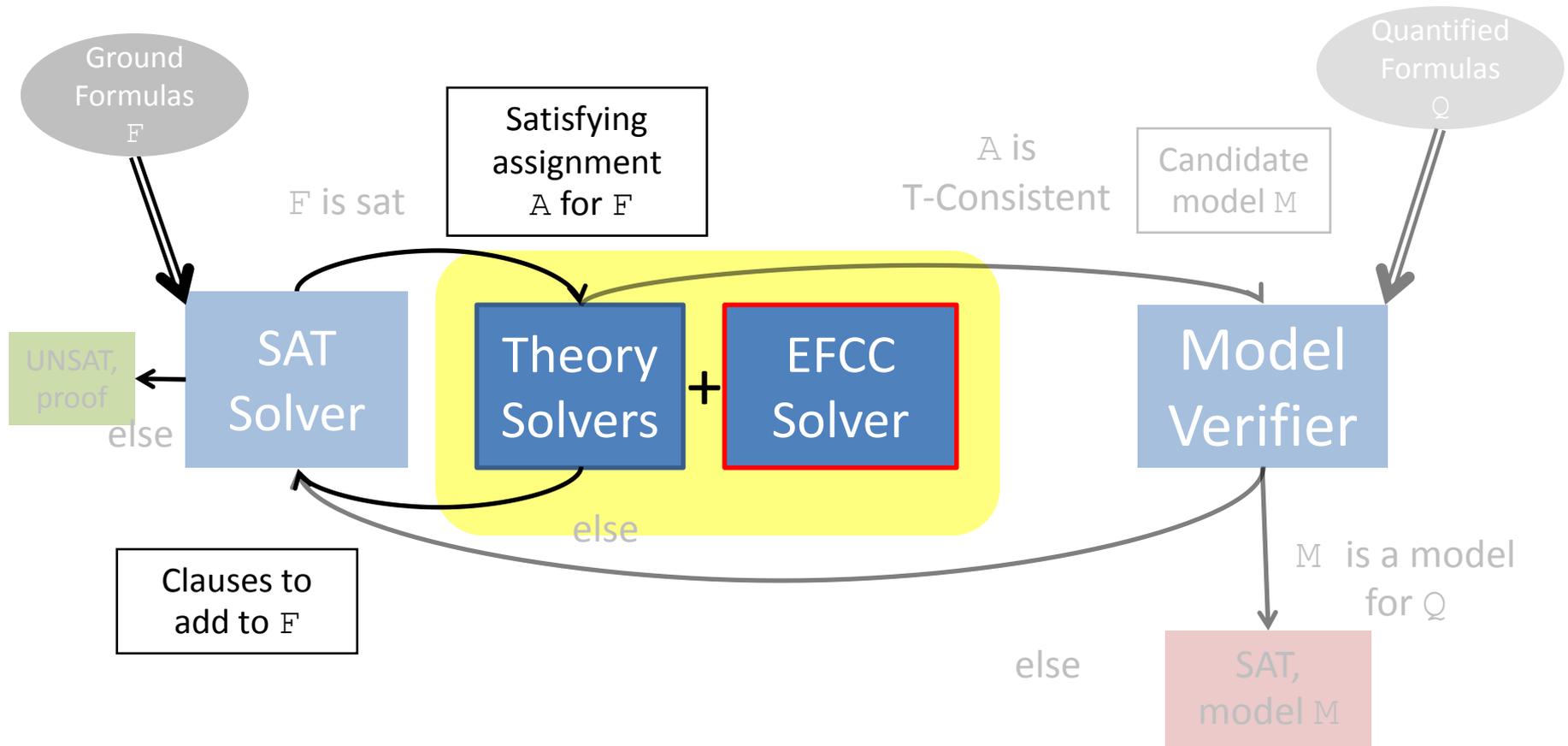
# Finding Minimal Models in DPLL(T)



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distinct(NewYork, Boston, Seattle)
travels(person1, Boston)
¬ salesman(person2)
salesman(person3)
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- **Requires:** method to find cardinality conflicts
  - E.g. determine when  $> 1, 2, 3, \dots$  "Person" must exist

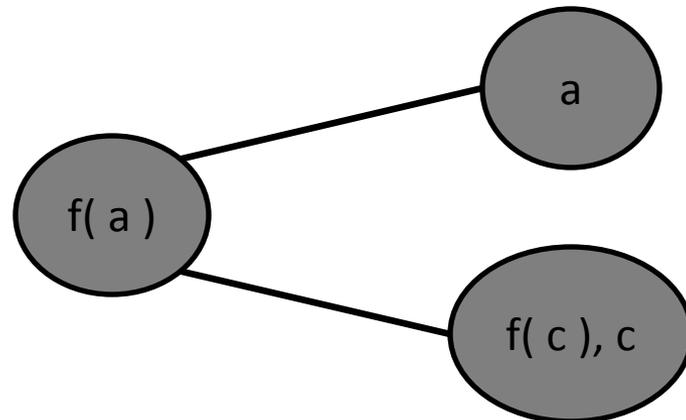
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- Extend SMT solver with theory solver for:  
 $\Rightarrow$  Theory of ***EUF + finite cardinality constraints (EFCC)***

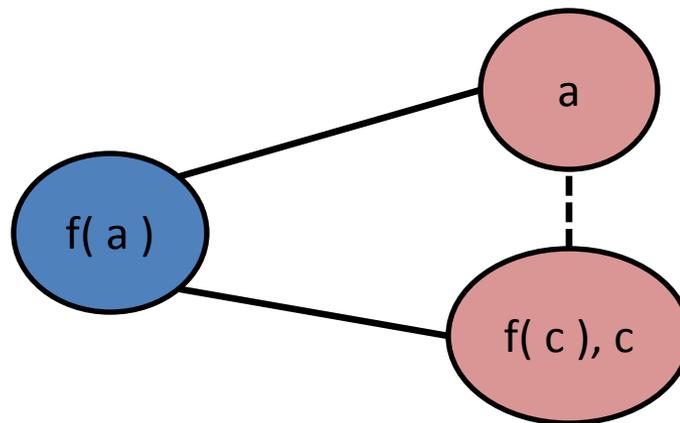
# Theory Solver for EFCC

- Interested in models  $\mathbb{M}$  where:
  - Domain elements of  $\mathbb{M}$  are equivalence classes of terms
- Thus, signature of EFCC has predicates of form  $|S| \leq k$ 
  - Satisfied iff  $\leq k$  **equivalence classes** of terms of sort  $S$  exist
- To check if cardinality constraints are satisfied:
  - Based on *disequality graph*  $(\mathbb{V}, \mathbb{E})$ 
    - Vertices  $\mathbb{V}$  are equivalence classes of sort  $S$
    - Edges  $\mathbb{E}$  are disequalities between terms of sort  $S$
  - So,  $f(a) \neq a, f(a) \neq c, f(c) = c$  becomes:



# Theory of EFCC and k-Colorability

- Assume a single sort  $S$  with cardinality  $k$ 
  - Check if corresponding  $(V, E)$  is **k-colorable**
    - If no, then report a cardinality conflict ( $C \Rightarrow \neg |S| \leq k$ )
      - where  $C$  is an *explanation* of subgraph that is not k-colorable
    - If yes, we *cannot* be sure that a model of size  $k$  exists
      - Due to theory reasoning:



$\Rightarrow$  *Must explicitly merge equivalence classes*

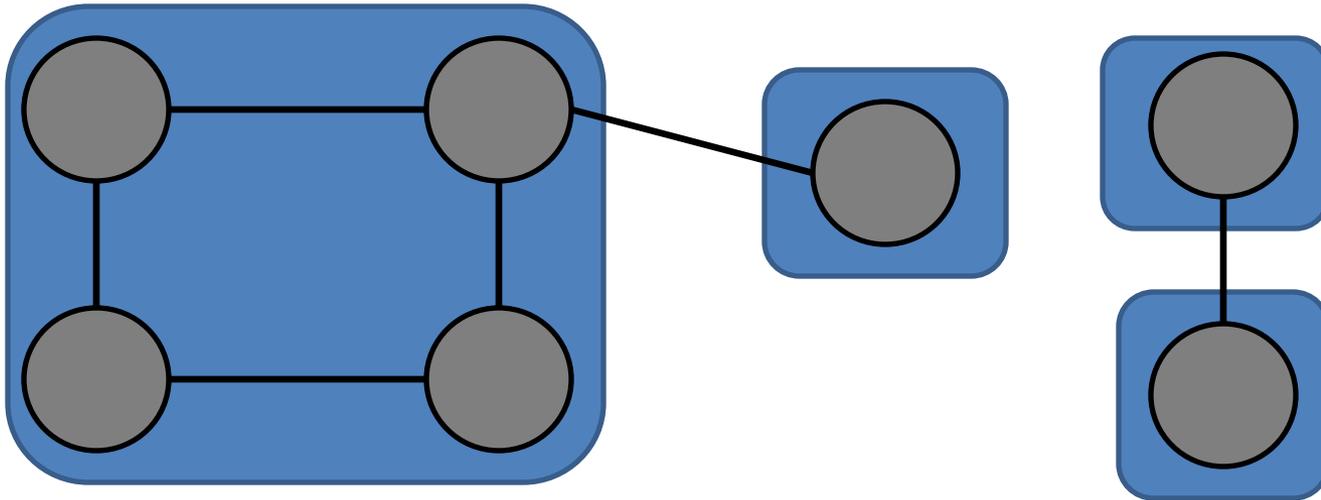
$|S| \leq 2$

# Theory of EFCC : Challenges

- Why finite cardinality constraints are challenging:
  - Interaction with **theory reasoning**
  - k-colorability is **NP-complete**
  - Analysis must be **incremental**
- Solution:
  - Explicitly merge equivalence classes
  - Use heuristic **region-based** approach which:
    - May quickly detect when disequality graph is not k-colorable
    - Suggests pairs of equivalence classes to merge

# Region-Based Approach

- Partition the graph  $(V, E)$  into *regions* with high edge density



$$|S| \leq 2$$

- For  $|S| \leq k$  we maintain the invariant:
  - No **clique of size  $k+1$**  exists having nodes from multiple regions
- Thus, we only need to search for cliques **local to regions**
  - Region can be ignored if it has  $\leq k$  nodes

# Extension to Multiple Sorts

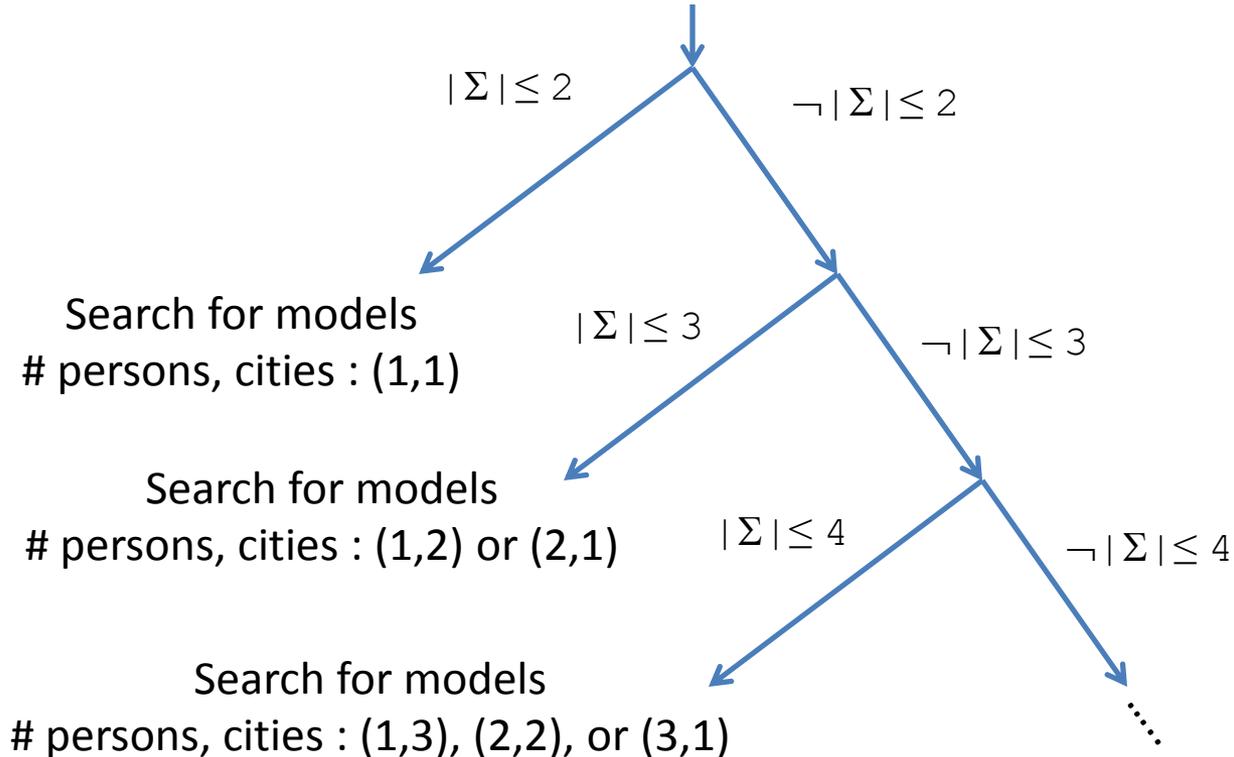
- **Challenge:**
  - Fair Strategy for enumerating cardinalities
- Example:

$person_1 \neq person_2 \vee (city_1 \neq city_2 \dots city_1 \neq city_{1000} \dots city_{999} \neq city_{1000})$

- Formula has model with 2 persons, 1 city
- But we may search for models where
  - # persons, cities : (1, 1), (1, 2), ..., (1,1000)
- With quantified formulas, this leads to *incompleteness*
  - May imply no finite models exist **in a branch**

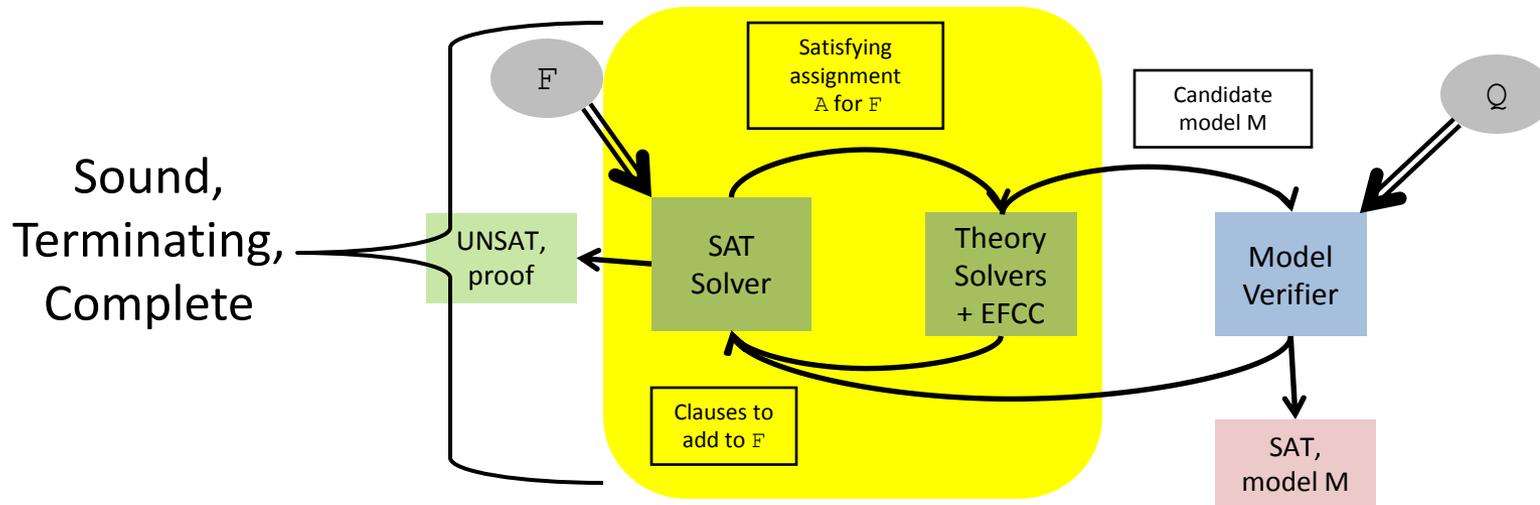
# Fixed-Cardinality DPLL(T) for Multiple Sorts

- Uses extended signature containing:
  - Boolean predicates of form  $|\Sigma| \leq k$ 
    - Satisfied if and only if  $\leq k$  equivalence classes *for all* sorts exist

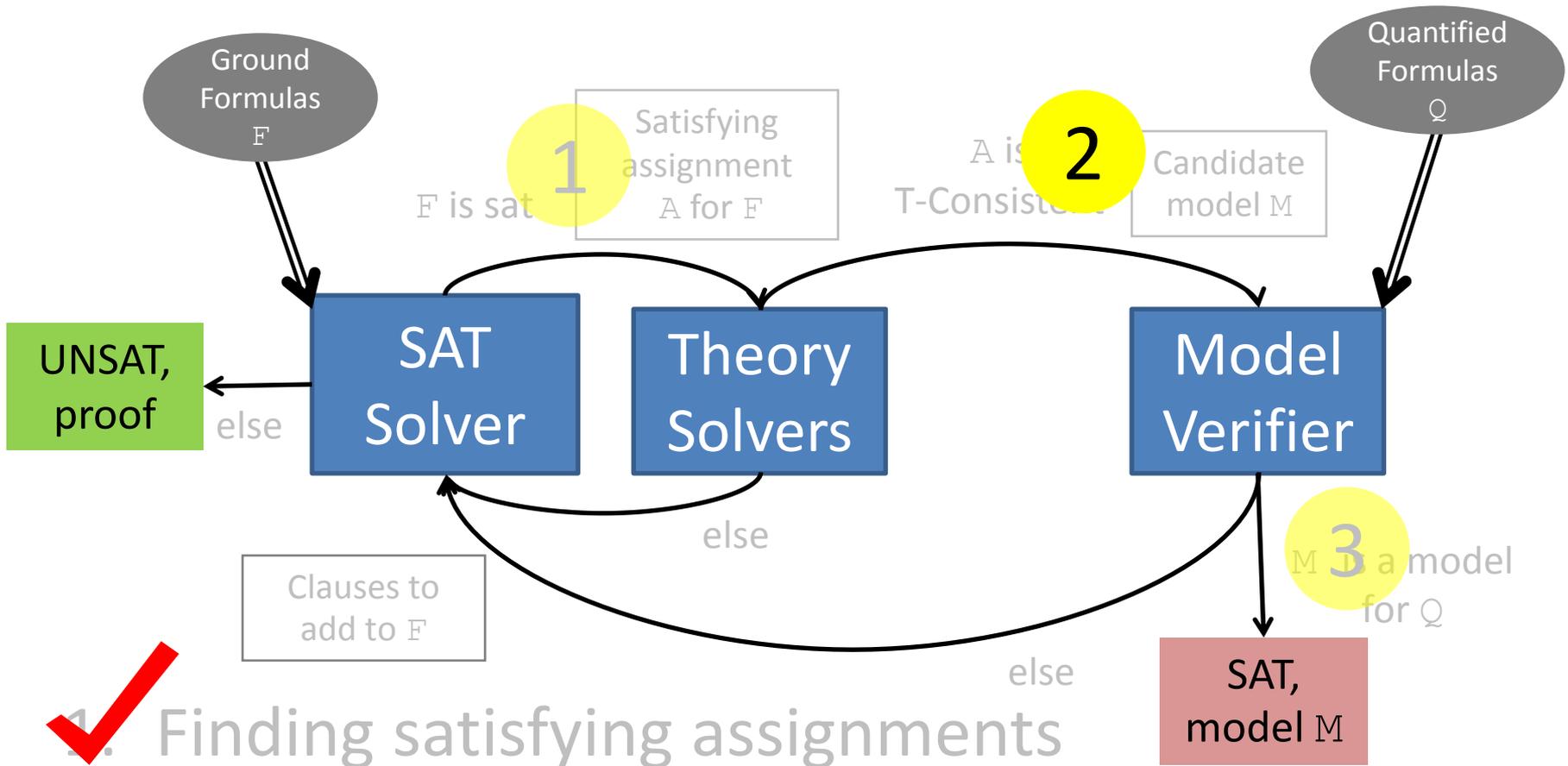


⇒ Gives a **fair strategy**

# Properties : Ground Solver



- For ground inputs  $F$ ,
  - Fixed-cardinality DPLL(T), using Theory EFCC:
    - **Sound, terminating, and complete**
      - Eventually either:
        - » Determines  $F$  is unsatisfiable
        - » Constructs candidate model  $M$  of finite (minimal) size



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# Model Representation

- Represent a function/predicate as a list of **entries**:

$$C_1 \rightarrow v_1, \dots, C_n \rightarrow v_n$$

– Where

- $C_1, \dots, C_n$  are “**conditions**”
  - $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are “**values**”
- E.g. unary predicate “P” true only for  $v$  represented as:

$$(v) \rightarrow \top, (* ) \rightarrow \perp$$

– Interpreted as an if-then-else:

$$\lambda x. \text{ite}(x = v, \top, \perp)$$

# Model Construction

- Candidate models  $M$ :
  - Domain elements are equivalence classes  $[t_1], [t_2], \dots$
  - Are constructed from sat assignment  $\mathbb{A}$  for  $F$
  - Consist of definitions  $D_f$  for each  $f \in \Sigma$ , where each  $D_f$ :
    - Is partially determined by **ground equalities** from  $\mathbb{A}$ 
      - For each equality  $f(t_1, \dots, t_n) = t$  in  $\mathbb{A}$ ,
        - » Entry  $( [t_1], \dots, [t_n] ) \rightarrow [t] \in D_f$
    - Has **default** value
      - Determined by *distinguished  $f$ -application*  $e$ 
        - » Entry  $( *, \dots, * ) \rightarrow [e] \in D_f$

# Constructing Models : Example

person<sub>1</sub>, person<sub>2</sub>, person<sub>3</sub> : Person  
NewYork, Boston, Seattle : City  
salesman: Person → Bool  
travels : Person × City → Bool

F

distinct(NewYork, Boston, Seattle)  
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¬salesman(person<sub>2</sub>)  
salesman(person<sub>3</sub>)

salesman(person<sub>1</sub>) ⇒ travels(person<sub>1</sub>, NewYork)

Q

∀ x y . salesman(x) ⇒ travels(x,y)

- Guide choice of default values based on :
  - person<sub>1</sub> for Person
  - NewYork for City
- Assume Q has been instantiated with these terms

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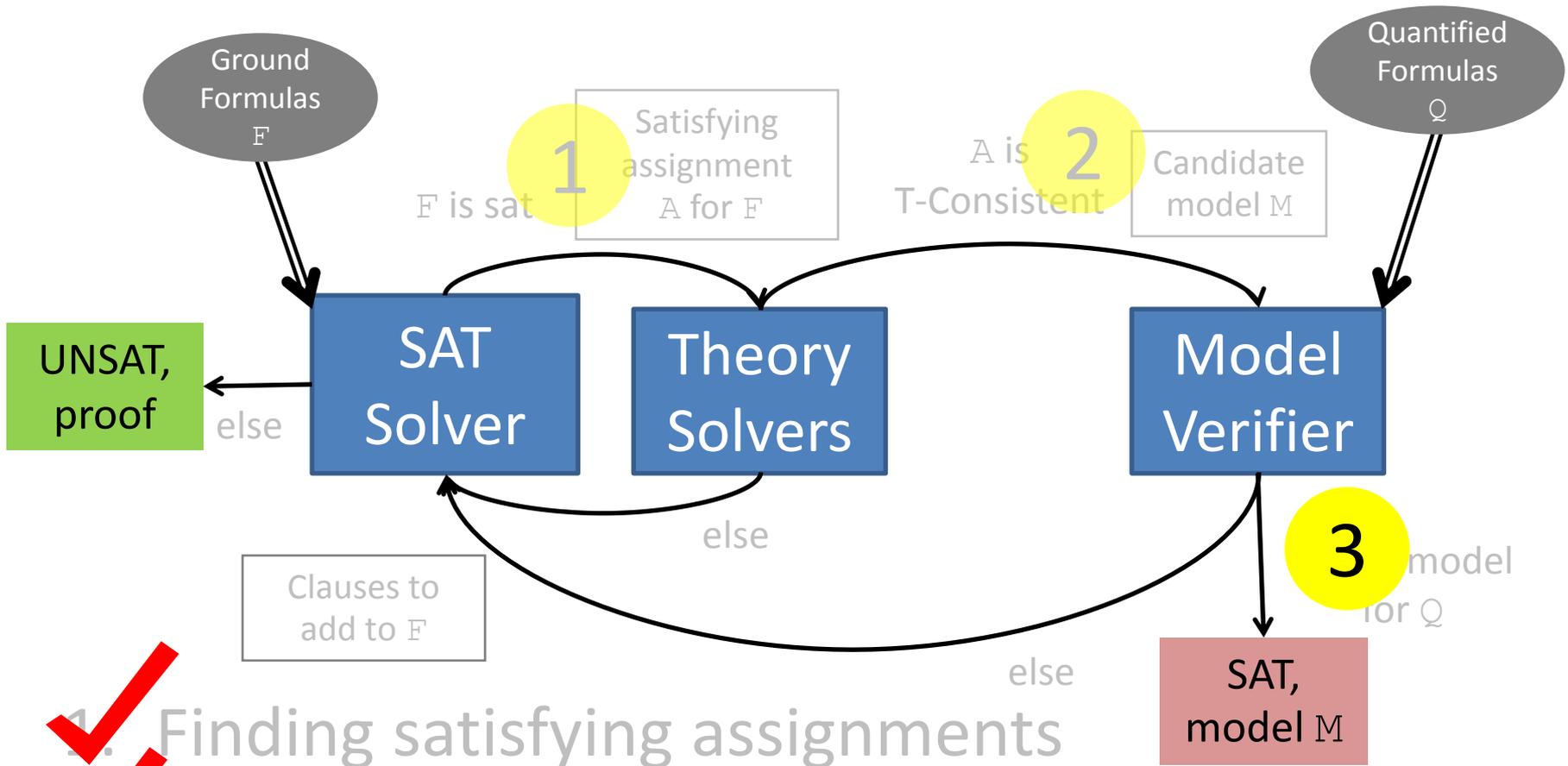
- Choose default based on value of travels( person<sub>1</sub>, NewYork)

A :=

{ ...,  
travels(person<sub>1</sub>, Boston) = T,  
travels(person<sub>1</sub>, NewYork) = T }

D<sub>travels</sub>:

(person<sub>1</sub>, NewYork) → T,  
(person<sub>1</sub>, Boston) → ⊥,  
(\* , \* ) → T

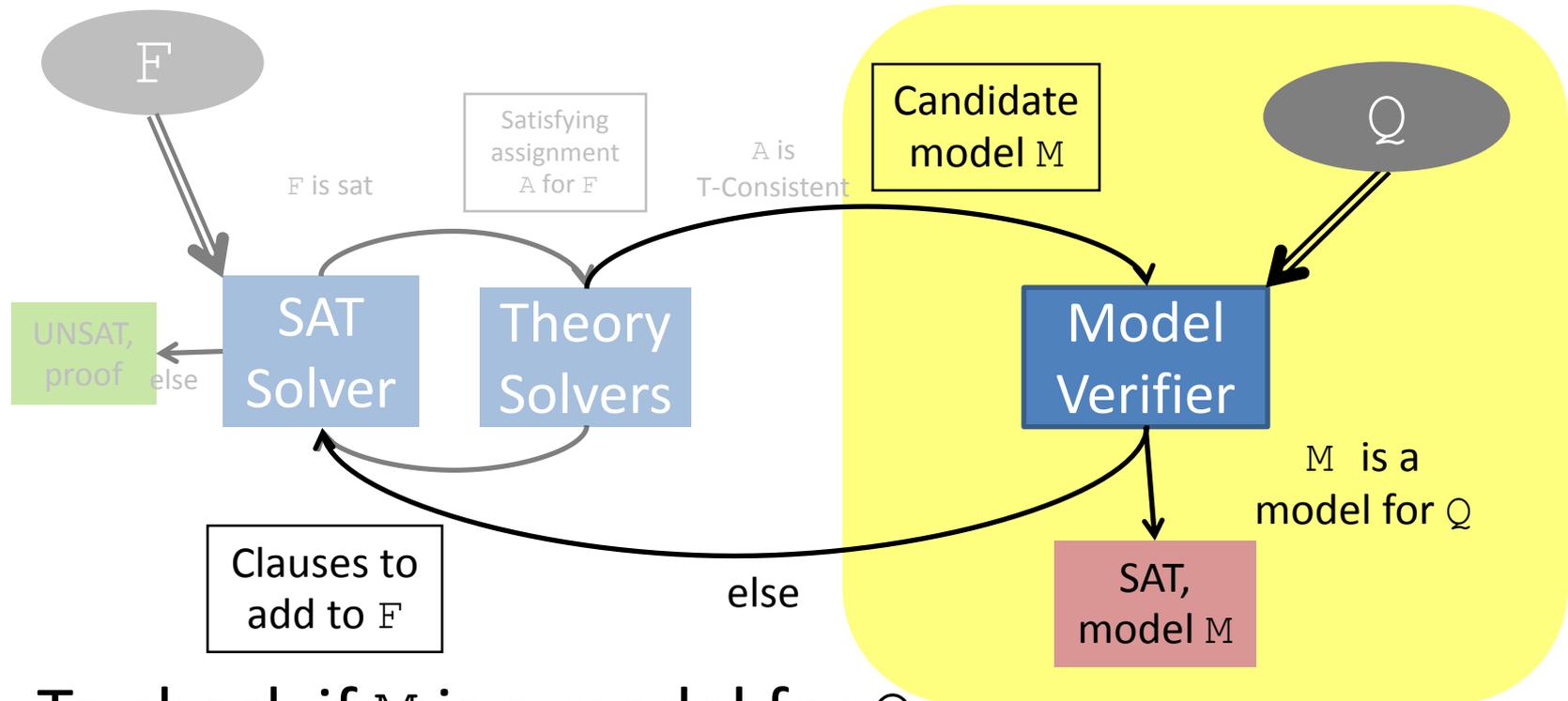


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# Checking Candidate Models



- To check if  $M$  is a model for  $Q$ :
  - Naïvely, test if every instance of  $Q$  is true in  $M$
  - **Or**, choose a **representative** set of instances of  $Q$ 
    - Only add instances that are **false** in  $M$
    - Identify **sets of instances** of  $Q$  that are equisatisfiable

# Checking Candidate Models

$person_1, person_2, person_3 : \text{Person}$   
 $\text{NewYork, Boston, Seattle} : \text{City}$   
 $\text{salesman} : \text{Person} \rightarrow \text{Bool}$   
 $\text{travels} : \text{Person} \times \text{City} \rightarrow \text{Bool}$

F

$\text{distinct}(\text{NewYork, Boston, Seattle})$   
 $\neg \text{travels}(\text{person}_1, \text{Boston})$   
 $\neg \text{salesman}(\text{person}_2)$   
 $\text{salesman}(\text{person}_3)$

$\text{salesman}(\text{person}_1) \Rightarrow \text{travels}(\text{person}_1, \text{NewYork})$

Q

$\forall x y . \text{salesman}(x) \Rightarrow \text{travels}(x,y)$

$D_{\text{salesman}}$ :

$(\text{person}_2) \rightarrow \perp,$

$(\text{person}_3) \rightarrow \text{T},$

$(*) \rightarrow \text{T}$

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$Q[\text{person}_1, \text{NewYork}]$

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# Checking Candidate Model $M$

- To check if  $M$  satisfies quantified formula  $Q$  :
  - Choose representative set of instances  $S$  of  $Q$ 
    - ⇒ This is somewhat **heuristic**
  - For each  $\Psi$  in  $S$ ,
    - If  $M(\Psi) = \text{false}$ , add  $\Psi$  to  $F$
  - If no instances added, then  $M$  satisfies  $Q$
- **Alternate, improved approach** :
  - Directly compute the interpretation of  $Q$  in  $M$ 
    - Using same data structure that represents functions in  $M$

# Computing Interpretations of Terms

$Q : \forall x y . \text{salesman}(x) \Rightarrow \text{travels}(x,y)$

$D_{\text{salesman}(x)}$ :

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$(\text{person}_3, *) \rightarrow \text{T},$

$(*, *) \rightarrow \text{T}$

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$(\text{person}_1, \text{NewYork}) \rightarrow \text{T}$

$(\text{person}_1, \text{Boston}) \rightarrow \perp,$

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$(\text{person}_1, \text{NewYork}) \rightarrow (\top, \top)$

$(\text{person}_1, \text{Boston}) \rightarrow (\top, \perp),$

$(*, *) \rightarrow (\top, \top)$

Compute product

# Computing Interpretations of Terms

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Apply interpreted predicate

# Computing Interpretations of Terms

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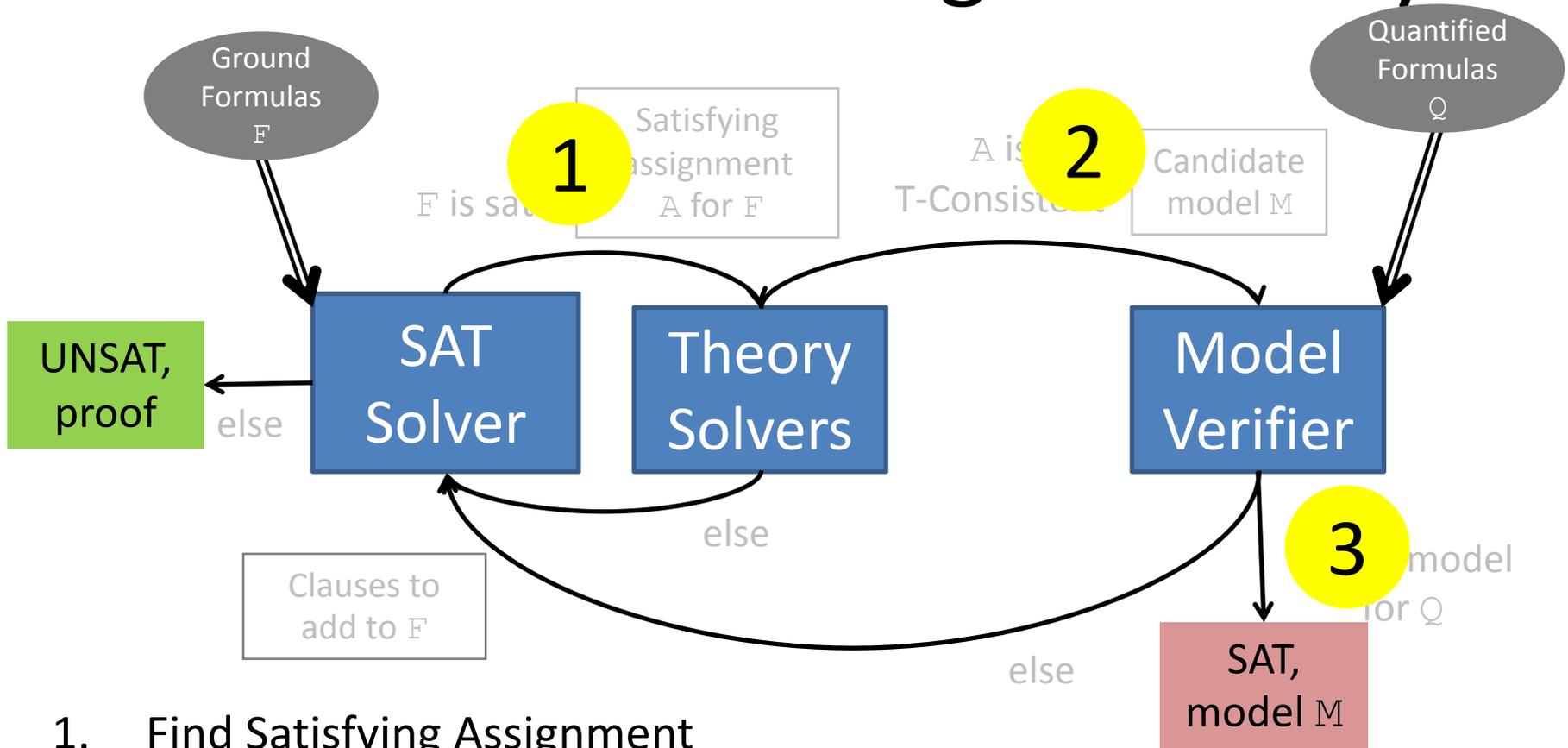
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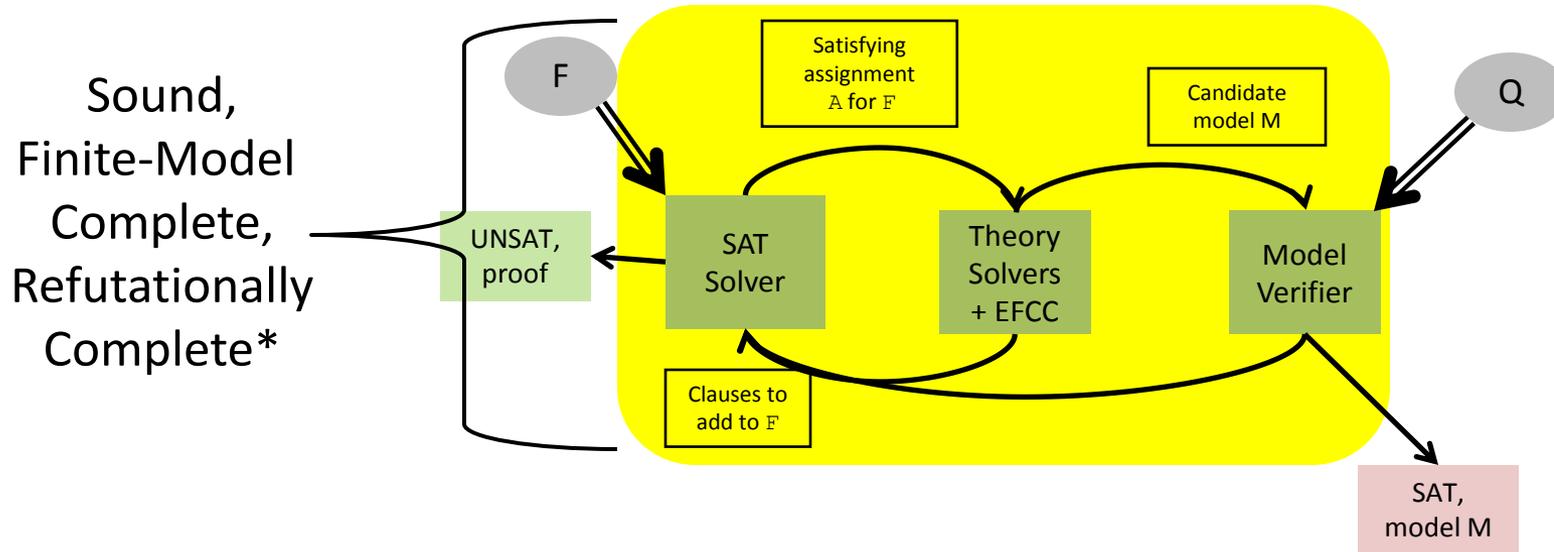
- Add  $Q[\text{person}_1/x, \text{Boston}/y]$  to  $\mathbb{F}$

# Finite Model Finding: Summary



1. Find Satisfying Assignment
  - Use **EFCC Solver** to find Small Candidate Models
2. Construct Candidate Models
3. Model-Based Quantifier Instantiation
  - Two methods: **Generalizing Evaluations**, **Constructing Interpretations**

# Properties : Finite Model Finding



- For inputs  $(F, Q)$ , quantifiers in  $Q$  over free sorts
  - Fixed-cardinality DPLL(T) + quantifier instantiation:
    - **Sound**
    - **Finite Model Complete**
      - If  $(F, Q)$  has a finite model, we will eventually answer “SAT”
    - **Refutationally Complete** (when containing no theory symbols)
      - If  $(F, Q)$  is unsatisfiable, we will eventually answer “UNSAT”

\* - under certain restrictions

# Finite Model Finding: Properties

- For unsatisfiable  $(\mathbb{F}, \mathbb{Q})$ , quant. of  $\mathbb{Q}$  over free sorts
  - When  $(\mathbb{F}, \mathbb{Q})$  contain theory symbols
    - Approach has **weaker completeness property**:
      - If there exists a set  $\mathbb{I}$  of instances of  $\mathbb{Q}$  where:
        - »  $\mathbb{I}$  is finite
        - »  $\mathbb{F} \wedge \mathbb{I}$  is UNSAT
      - Then,
        - » Fixed-cardinality DPLL(T)+QI terminates, answering UNSAT
- Thus, approach is only non-terminating when:
  - $(\mathbb{F}, \mathbb{Q})$  is **SAT**, but only has **infinite models**
  - $(\mathbb{F}, \mathbb{Q})$  is **UNSAT**, but **all finite subsets are SAT**

# Enhancements

- **Heuristic Instantiation**
  - First see if instantiations based on heuristics exist
    - If not, resort to model-based instantiation
  - May lead to:
    - Discovering easy conflicts, if they exist
    - Arriving at model faster
      - Instantiations rule out spurious models
- **Sort Inference**
  - Reduce symmetries in problem
- **Relevancy**
  - Reduce the size of satisfying assignments

# Experiments

- Implemented state of the art SMT solver CVC4
- Experiments on:
  - **DVF** Benchmarks
    - Taken from verification tool DVF used by Intel
    - Both SAT/UNSAT benchmarks
      - SAT benchmarks generated by removing necessary pf assumptions
    - Many theories: UF, arithmetic, arrays, datatypes
    - Quantifiers only over free sorts
      - Memory addresses, Values, Sets, ...
  - **TPTP** Benchmarks
    - Automated theorem proving community
    - No theory reasoning
  - **Isabelle** Benchmarks
    - Provable and unprovable goals, contains some arithmetic

# Results: DVF

SAT	german	refcount	agree	apg	bm	Total	Time
#	45	6	42	19	37	149	
z3	45	1	0	0	0	46	8.1
cvc4+i	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
cvc4+f	<b>45</b>	<b>6</b>	42	18	36	147	1413.1
cvc4+fi	45	<b>6</b>	<b>42</b>	19	36	148	1333.9
cvc4+fm	<b>45</b>	<b>6</b>	42	<b>19</b>	37	149	605.4
cvc4+fmi	<b>45</b>	<b>6</b>	42	19	<b>37</b>	<b>149</b>	409.8

UNSAT	german	refcount	agree	apg	bm	Total	Time
#	145	40	488	304	244	1221	
z3	145	<b>40</b>	<b>488</b>	304	244	<b>1221</b>	31.0
cvc4+i	<b>145</b>	40	484	<b>304</b>	<b>244</b>	1217	21.3
cvc4+f	145	40	476	298	242	1201	7512.2
cvc4+fi	145	40	488	302	244	1219	1181.4
cvc4+fm	145	40	471	300	242	1198	6949.7
cvc4+fmi	145	40	488	302	244	1219	1185.0

cvc4 :

- f : finite model
- i : heuristic
- m : model-based

600 second timeout

- CVC4 with finite model finding (cvc4+f)
  - Effective for answering **SAT**
  - Using heuristic instantiation, solves 4 **UNSAT** that cvc4 cannot

# Results: TPTP

	SAT					UNSAT				
	EPR (392)	NEQ (639)	SEQ (340)	PEQ (624)	Total (1995)	EPR (1114)	NEQ (1594)	SEQ (7875)	PEQ (2003)	Total (12586)
z3	320	155	164	249	888	<b>989</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>3310</b>	1320	<b>6031</b>
cvc3	27	0	0	0	27	787	381	3019	883	5070
iprover	<b>363</b>	128	107	396	994	835	105	2690	<b>1523</b>	5153
iprover+f	362	226	178	468	1234	213	1	121	48	383
paradox	340	<b>304</b>	185	<b>526</b>	<b>1355</b>	723	17	339	186	1265
cvc4+i	32	0	0	0	32	821	383	3152	1045	5401
cvc4+f	295	178	143	375	991	759	247	887	651	2544
cvc4+fm	298	221	178	391	1088	759	169	1010	703	2641
cvc4+fM	301	235	<b>200</b>	395	1131	759	198	1073	733	2763
cvc4+fMi	292	207	153	385	1037	762	236	1281	746	3025

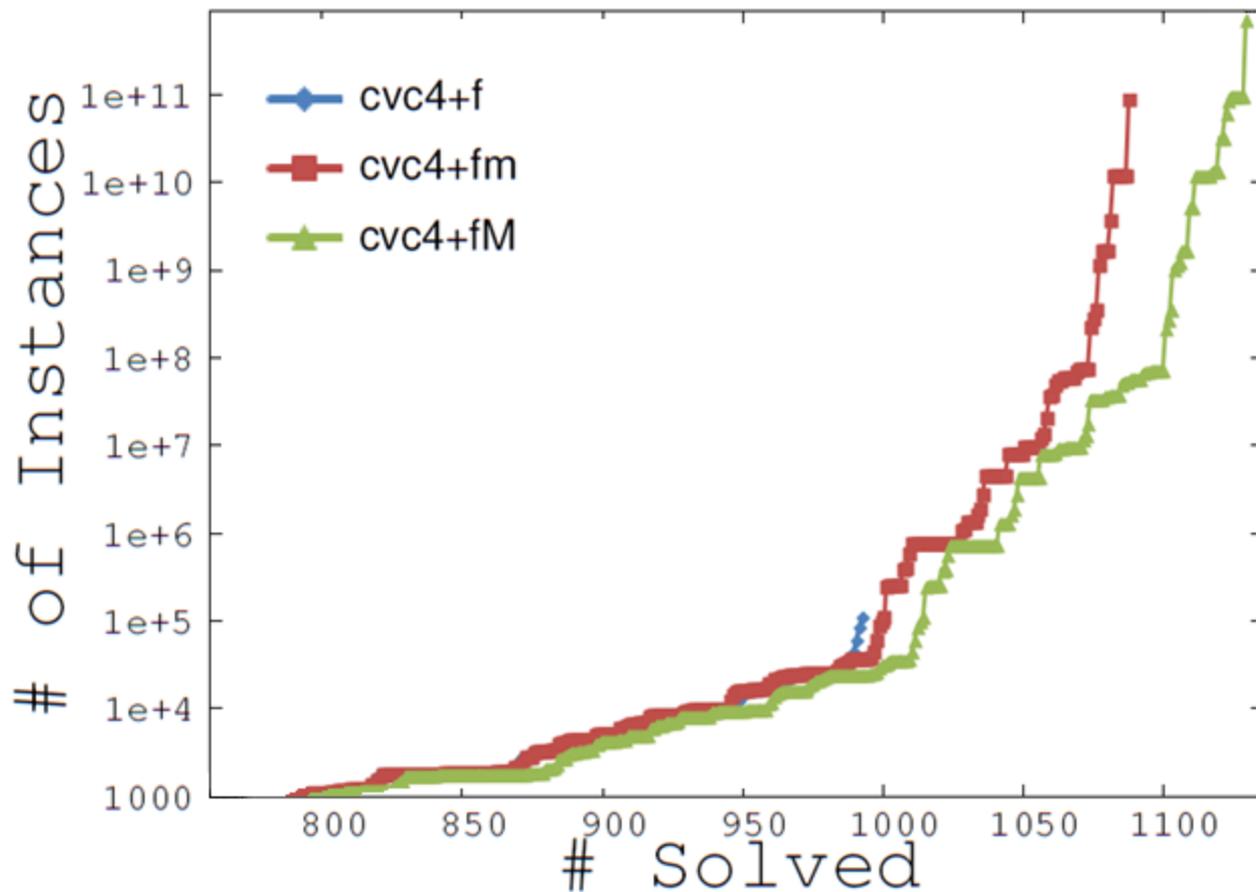
cvc4 :

- f : finite model
- i : heuristic
- m : model-based
- M : model-based (version 2)

10 second timeout

- CVC4 Placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in FNT (non-theorem) division of CASC 24

# Results : TPTP



cvc4 :

- f : finite model
- m : model-based
- M : model-based (version 2)

- Model-Based Instantiation is often essential
  - Solves when naïve approach requires ~775 billion instances

# Results: Isabelle

SAT	ArrowOrder	FFT	FTA	Hoare	NS_Shared	QEpres	StrongNorm	TwoSquares	TypeSafe	Total
cvc3	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	17
z3	1	19	24	46	10	47	1	17	12	177
cvc4+i	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	17
cvc4+f	26	123	<b>163</b>	149	56	75	12	<b>50</b>	84	738
cvc4+fi	26	133	158	<b>155</b>	<b>61</b>	80	12	44	<b>87</b>	756
cvc4+fm	22	120	152	147	36	75	12	46	87	697
cvc4+fM	28	126	163	151	44	94	12	43	87	748
cvc4+fMi	<b>31</b>	<b>136</b>	161	154	61	<b>101</b>	<b>12</b>	44	85	<b>785</b>

UNSAT	ArrowOrder	FFT	FTA	Hoare	NS_Shared	QEpres	StrongNorm	TwoSquares	TypeSafe	Total
cvc3	<b>287</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>577</b>	102	<b>291</b>	206	<b>552</b>	216	<b>3358</b>
z3	254	230	797	507	<b>135</b>	242	<b>240</b>	491	<b>329</b>	3225
cvc4+i	253	233	749	476	99	265	234	523	267	3099
cvc4+f	123	94	350	209	41	99	83	361	127	1487
cvc4+fi	155	164	509	374	37	168	100	452	195	2154
cvc4+fm	112	86	357	212	26	119	82	349	120	1463
cvc4+fM	88	92	381	202	29	109	93	365	149	1508
cvc4+fMi	154	164	515	371	37	167	100	452	195	2155

cvc4 :

- f : finite model
- i : heuristic
- m : model-based
- M : model-based (version 2)

10 second timeout

- For UNSAT, cvc4 with finite model finding is **orthogonal** :
  - Solves 170 unsat that cvc3 cannot, 365 z3 cannot, 229 that cvc4+i cannot

# Extension to (Bounded) Integers

- A formula of the form

$$\forall x_1 \dots x_n : \text{Int. } L_1 \leq x_1 \leq U_1 \wedge \dots \wedge L_n \leq x_n \leq U_n \Rightarrow \Psi$$

- Where  $x_i \notin \text{FV}(L_j, U_j)$ , for  $i < j$

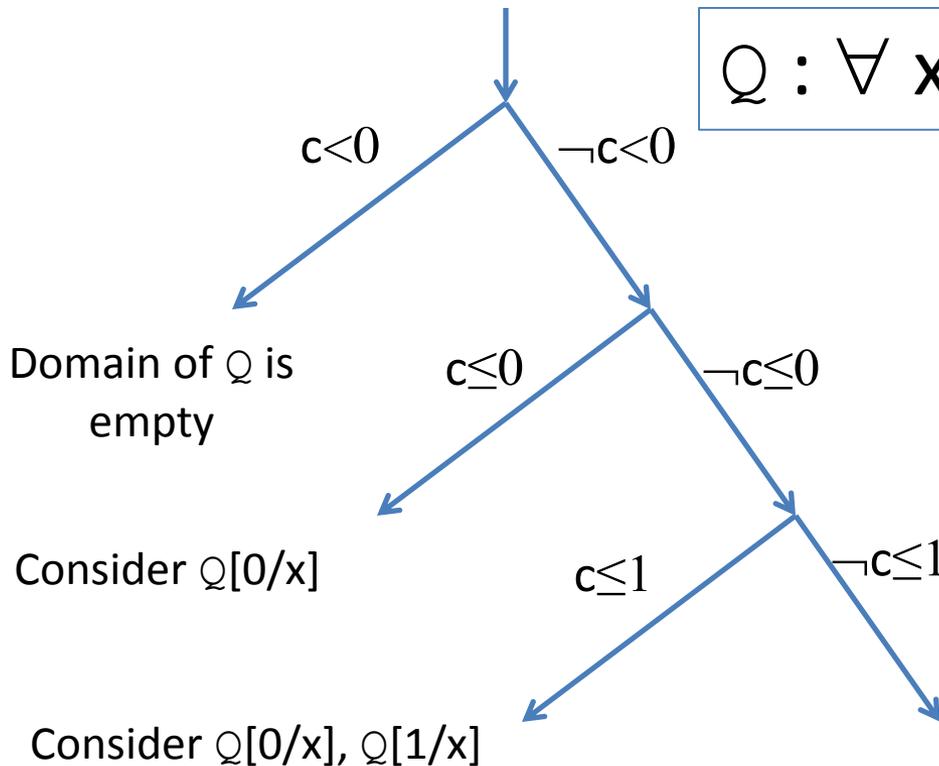
has *Bounded Integer Quantification*

- Example :  $\forall xy. 0 \leq x \leq 20 \wedge 0 \leq y \leq f(x) \Rightarrow P(x, y)$
- Can be handled similar as before
  - Minimize bounds, (naïvely) instantiate exhaustively

# Bounded Integer Quantification

- Idea: Fix values of bound  $c$

$$Q : \forall x : \text{Int. } 0 \leq x \leq c \Rightarrow P(x)$$



- Approach is **sound**, and **model complete**
  - When input has model, it eventually terminates with "SAT"

# Results

	SAT (263)		UNSAT (843)	
	solved	time	solved	time
z3	257	957.9	843	20.3
cvc4+i	0	0	<b>843</b>	17.4
cvc4+fi	<b>263</b>	90.8	843	308.7

cvc4 :

- f : bounded integer techniques
- i : heuristic

600 second timeout

- Set of **verification** benchmarks from Intel
  - Arrays, datatypes, integer arithmetic
  - Symbolic bounds for integer quantification, e.g.  
 $\forall x : \text{Int. } 0 \leq x \leq c \Rightarrow P(x)$ , where  $c$  is free constant
- CVC4 (with fmf) finds **small models**  $M$ , i.e.
  - Value of  $M[c]$  is 2 to 3, at most 10

# Summary

- CVC4 with finite model finding:
  - Incorporates various instantiation strategies:
    - **Model-based** quantifier instantiation
    - **Heuristic** instantiation (E-matching)
  - Has important properties:
    - **Finite-Model** Completeness
    - **Refutational** Completeness (under certain conditions)
  - Approach can be extended to integers, theory of strings
  - Improves the state-of-the-art, over:
    - SMT solvers
      - Increased ability to answer “**satisfiable**”
    - Automated Theorem Provers
      - Efficient reasoning about **background theories** at QF level

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