

## Temporal Team Semantics Revisited

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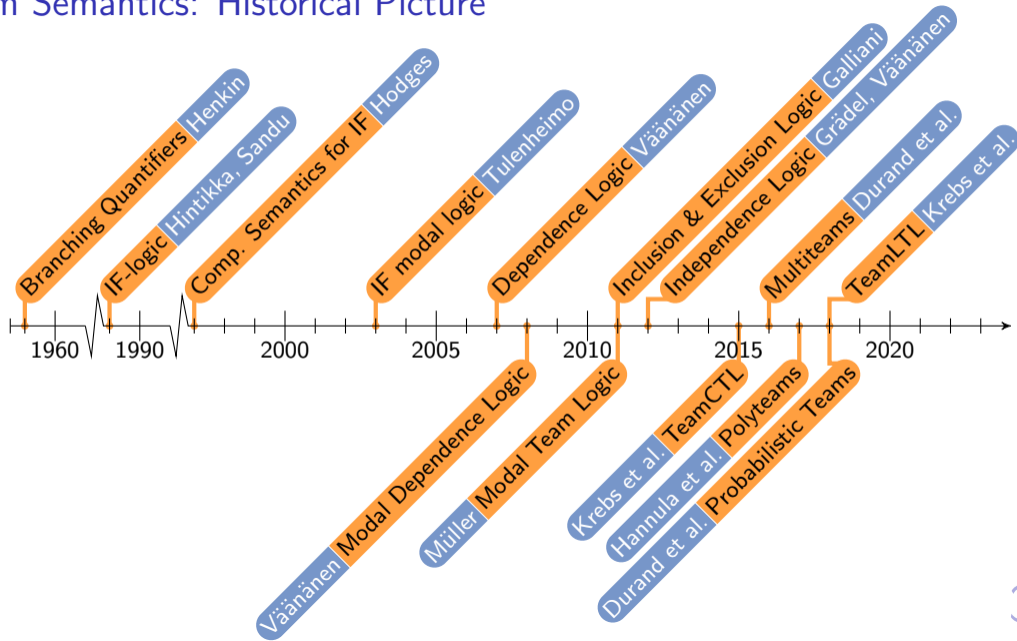
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- ▶ These sets of things are called **teams**.

# Team Semantics: Historical Picture



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  - ▶ **The system will terminate in bounded time.**
- ▶ A **trace property** is a *property of traces* (the set of satisfying traces) vs. a **hyperproperty** is a *property of sets of traces* (analogous to a set of teams).
- ▶ Logics for hyperproperties: HyperLTL, HyperCTL, TeamLTL, etc.
  - ▶ Termination in bounded time is in TeamLTL, but **not** in HyperLTL.
- ▶ Ongoing work on TeamLTL variants in Hannover, Helsinki, Münster, and Saarbrücken.

# LTL, HyperLTL, and TeamLTL

- ▶ In LTL the satisfying object is a trace.

$$\varphi ::= p \mid \neg\varphi \mid (\varphi \vee \varphi) \mid X\varphi \mid \varphi U\varphi$$

- ▶ In HyperLTL the satisfying object is a set of traces and a trace assignment.

$$\varphi ::= \exists\pi\varphi \mid \forall\pi\varphi \mid \psi$$

$$\psi ::= p_\pi \mid \neg\psi \mid (\psi \vee \psi) \mid X\psi \mid \psi U\psi$$

- ▶ In TeamLTL the satisfying object is a set of traces. We use team semantics.

$$\varphi ::= p \mid \neg p \mid (\varphi \vee \varphi) \mid (\varphi \wedge \varphi) \mid X\varphi \mid \varphi U \mid \varphi W\varphi$$

- + atomic statements of dependence (dependence and inclusion atoms etc.)
- + additional connectives (Boolean disjunction, contradictory negation, etc.)

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- ▶ Depending on an **unknown** input, execution traces either agree on  $a$  or on  $b$ .  
Expressible in HyperLTL with three trace quantifiers:

$$\exists \pi_1 \exists \pi_2 \forall \pi G(a_{\pi_1} \leftrightarrow a_\pi) \vee G(b_{\pi_2} \leftrightarrow b_\pi).$$

Expressible in synchronous TeamLTL:  $G(a \odot \neg a) \vee G(b \odot \neg b)$ .

## Motivation of the current work

- ▶ recent interest into **temporal** team semantics [KMVZ18, Lück20, VHFKY21]
- ▶ develop purely modal logics for **hyperproperties**
- ▶ investigate connections between HyperLTL variants and team semantics
- ▶ study different aspects of **asynchronicity** as most works on TeamLTL have concentrated on the synchronous semantics.

## Kripke structures and traces

A **rooted Kripke structure** is 4-tuple  $(W, R, V, r)$ , where

- ▶  $W$  is a (finite) set of states of the structure.
- ▶ the element  $r \in W$  is the root of the structure.
- ▶  $R$  is a right-total binary relation on  $W$  (i.e,  $\forall x \in W \exists y \in W$  s.t.  $xRy$ ).
- ▶  $V: W \rightarrow 2^{\text{AP}}$  is an evaluation function.

A **trace**  $t$  over  $\mathbb{K}$  is an infinite sequence s.t  $t[0] = r$  and  $t[i]Rt[i + 1]$ , for  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .  
( $t[i]$  is the  $i$ th element of the sequence  $t$ .)

# Time evaluation functions

## Definition

Given a (possibly infinite) set of traces  $T$  over some common Kripke structure, a **time evaluation function** (**tef** for short) for  $T$  is a function

$$\tau: \mathbb{N} \times T \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

that given a trace  $t \in T$  and a value of a the **global clock**  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  outputs the value  $\tau(i, t)$  of the **local clock** of trace  $t$  at global time  $i$ .

If  $\tau$  is a tef and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  a natural number, then  $\tau[k, \infty]$  is the  **$k$ -shifted tef** defined by putting  $\tau[k, \infty](i, t) := \tau(i + k, t)$ , for every  $t \in T$  and  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Note:** there exists a notion of trajectory for hyperproperties

[BCBFS21]

# Temporal teams

## Definition

A **temporal team** is a tuple  $(T, \tau)$ , where  $T$  is a set of traces over some common Kripke structure and  $\tau$  is a time evaluation function for  $T$ . A pair  $(T, \tau)$  is called a **stuttering temporal team**, if  $(S, \tau)$  is a temporal team for some  $T \subseteq S$ .

# Temporal team semantics

## Definition

Let  $(T, \tau)$  be a stuttering temporal team over a Kripke structure  $(W, R, V, r)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (T, \tau) \models p & \quad \text{iff} \quad \forall t \in T : p \in V(t[0]) & \quad (T, \tau) \models \neg p & \quad \text{iff} \quad \forall t \in T : p \notin V(t[0]) \\ (T, \tau) \models \phi \wedge \psi & \quad \text{iff} \quad (T, \tau) \models \phi \text{ and } (T, \tau) \models \psi & \quad (T, i) \models X\varphi & \quad \text{iff} \quad (T, \tau[1, \infty]) \models \varphi \\ (T, \tau) \models \phi \vee \psi & \quad \text{iff} \quad (T_1, \tau) \models \phi \text{ and } (T_2, \tau) \models \psi, \text{ for some } T_1, T_2 \text{ s.t. } T_1 \cup T_2 = T \\ (T, \tau) \models \phi U \psi & \quad \text{iff} \quad \exists k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } (T, \tau[k, \infty]) \models \psi \text{ and } \forall m : 0 \leq m < k \Rightarrow (T, \tau[m, \infty]) \models \phi \\ (T, \tau) \models \phi W \psi & \quad \text{iff} \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N} : (T, \tau[k, \infty]) \models \phi \text{ or } \exists m \text{ s.t. } m \leq k \text{ and } (T, \tau[m, \infty]) \models \psi \end{aligned}$$

**Note:** If  $\tau$  is the synchronous time evaluation function (i.e.,  $\forall t \forall i : \tau(t, i) = i$ ), then the above is exactly the semantics for synchronous TeamLTL as defined in [KMVZ18].

## Properties of tefs

\* marks optional properties

Strict Monotonicity:  $\forall i : \tau(i) < \tau(i + 1)$  (wrt. canonical order of tuples)

Stepwise:  $\forall i \forall t : \tau(i + 1, t) \in \{\tau(i, t), \tau(i, t) + 1\}$ .

Whenever a local clock ticks it ticks exactly one step.

Important to differentiate neXt operator from Future.

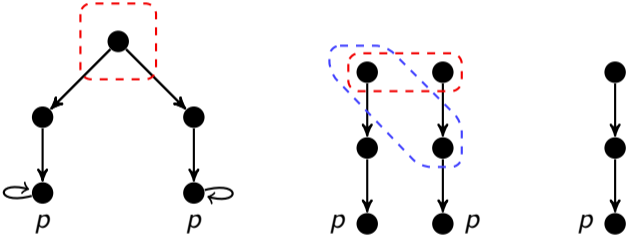
\*Fairness:  $\forall i \forall t \exists j : \tau(j, t) \geq i$ .

\*Non-Parallelism:  $\forall i : i = \sum_t \tau(i, t)$

\*Synchronosity:  $\tau(i, t) = \tau(i, t')$  for all  $i, t, t'$ .

# An initial example

The formula  $XX\neg p$  is not downward closed due to strict monotonicity!





# Quantification of tefs

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Fix a set AP of **atomic propositions**. The set of formulae of TeamLTL (over AP) is generated by the following grammar:

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where  $p \in AP$ .

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where  $p \in \text{AP}$  and  $\exists, \forall$  are **tef quantifiers**.

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$$\psi_{\text{synch}} := (p \wedge X_{\exists} \neg p) \oplus (\neg p \wedge X_{\exists} p),$$

$$\psi'_{\text{synch}} := (p \wedge X_{\exists} \neg p) \vee (\neg p \wedge X_{\exists} p),$$

$$\psi''_{\text{synch}} := (p \wedge X_{\forall} (\neg p \vee p \subseteq \neg p)) \vee (\neg p \wedge X_{\forall} (p \vee p \subseteq p)),$$

**Then:**  $G_{\exists} \psi_{\text{synch}}$  states that on every trace  $p$  flips from each time step to next one.

**without  $\oplus$ :**  $p \wedge G_{\forall} \psi'_{\text{synch}}$  and  $p \wedge G_{\forall} \psi''_{\text{synch}}$

**with fairness:**  $p \wedge G_{\exists} \psi'_{\text{synch}}$

**note:** formulas needed for SAT, for MC encode alternation of  $p$  into model.

## TeamCTL can simulate synch-TeamLTL: the existential fragment II

Now turn towards the formulas for the respective operators:

$$(F\varphi)^* := [\text{dep}(p)U_{\exists}\varphi \wedge \text{dep}(p)]$$

$$(G\varphi)^* := [\varphi \wedge \text{dep}(p)W_{\exists}\perp]$$

$$(X\varphi)^* := X_{\exists}(\text{dep}(p) \wedge \varphi)$$

$$(\varphi U\theta)^* := [\varphi \wedge \text{dep}(p)U_{\exists}\theta \wedge \text{dep}(p)]$$

$$(\varphi W\theta)^* := [\varphi \wedge \text{dep}(p)W_{\exists}\theta \wedge \text{dep}(p)]$$

The translation then is

$$\varphi \mapsto (\varphi)^* \wedge \theta,$$

where  $\theta$  is any of the formulas  $G_{\exists}\psi_{\text{synch}}$ ,  $p \wedge G_{\forall}\psi'_{\text{synch}}$ , or  $p \wedge G_{\exists}\psi'_{\text{synch}}$  (if fairness for time evaluation is stipulated), and where for Boolean connectives the translation is the identity.

## 2-Counter-Machines

### Definition

A **non-deterministic 2-counter machine**  $M$  consists of a list  $I$  of  $n$  instructions that manipulate two counters  $C_l$  and  $C_r$ . All instructions are of the following forms:

- ▶  $C_a^+$  goto  $\{j_1, j_2\}$ ,       $C_a^-$  goto  $\{j_1, j_2\}$ ,      if  $C_a = 0$  goto  $j_1$  else goto  $j_2$ ,

where  $a \in \{l, r\}$ ,  $0 \leq j_1, j_2 < n$ .

- ▶ **configuration**: tuple  $(i, j, k)$ , where  $0 \leq i < n$  is the next instruction to be executed, and  $j, k \in \mathbb{N}$  are the current values of the counters  $C_l$  and  $C_r$ .
- ▶ **computation**: infinite sequence of consecutive configurations starting from the initial configuration  $(0, 0, 0)$ .
- ▶ computation  **$b$ -recurring** if the instruction labelled  $b$  occurs infinitely often in it.

### Theorem (Alur & Henzinger 1994 )

*Deciding whether a given non-deterministic 2-counter machine has a  $b$ -recurring computation for a given  $b$  is  $\Sigma_1^1$ -complete.*

## TeamCTL( $\forall$ ) is highly undecidable

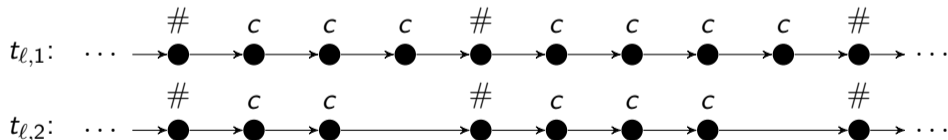
### Theorem

*Model checking for TeamCTL( $\forall$ ) is  $\Sigma_1^1$ -hard.*

**Proof Idea:** reduce existence of  $b$ -recurring computation of given 2-counter machine  $M$  and instruction label  $b$  to model checking problem of TeamCTL( $\forall$ ).

## Using traces to simulate the counters

- ▶ use two traces  $t_{\ell,1}, t_{\ell,2}$  for counter  $C_\ell$  and two traces  $t_{r,1}, t_{r,2}$  for counter  $C_r$
- ▶ each  $t \in \{t_{\ell,1}, t_{\ell,2}, t_{r,1}, t_{r,2}\}$  has  $p_t$  that is globally true in each state of trace
- ▶ trace-pairs simulate incrementing, resp., decrementing value of respective counter
- ▶ counter-value  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  simulated via sequence of  $n$  states containing  $c$ .
- ▶ between such sequence use separation symbol  $\#$





## Use TeamCTL-formulas to express the details

### Excerpt of details:

- ▶ label  $b$  reoccurs infinitely often:  $G_{\forall}F_{\exists}b$
- ▶ Increment  $C_{\ell}$ :  $\neg\#U_{\text{synch}}\left(c \wedge (p_{t_{s,2}} \wedge X_{\exists}\neg c) \vee (p_{t_{s,1}} \wedge X_{\exists}c)\right)$
- ▶ Decrement  $C_{\ell}$ :  $\neg\#U_{\text{synch}}\left(c \wedge (p_{t_{s,2}} \wedge X_{\exists}c) \vee (p_{t_{s,1}} \wedge X_{\exists}\neg c)\right)$
- ▶ Stay  $C_{\ell}$ :  $\neg\#U_{\text{synch}}(c \wedge X_{\exists}\neg c)$
- ▶ instruction formulas:
  - $i: C_s^+ \text{ goto } \{j, j'\}: (c_s\text{-inc} \wedge (p_{t_{s,1}} \vee p_{t_{s,2}})) \vee (c_{\bar{s}}\text{-stay} \wedge (p_{t_{\bar{s},1}} \vee p_{t_{\bar{s},2}}))$
  - $i: C_s^- \text{ goto } \{j, j'\}: (c_s\text{-dec} \wedge (p_{t_{s,1}} \vee p_{t_{s,2}})) \vee (c_{\bar{s}}\text{-stay} \wedge (p_{t_{\bar{s},1}} \vee p_{t_{\bar{s},2}}))$
  - $i: \text{if } C_s = 0 \text{ goto } j, \text{ else goto } j':$   
 $(p_{t_{s,2}} \wedge ((\# \wedge X_{\exists}(\neg c \wedge j)) \oplus (\# \wedge X_{\exists}(c \wedge j')))) \vee p_{t_{s,1}} \vee p_{t_{\bar{s},1}} \vee p_{t_{\bar{s},2}}$

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**Thank you!**

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