

Automatic Design of Reliable Systems by Cooperation of Numerical Optimization and Logic

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Our research

- We achieved **automatic & efficient discovery** of reliable gas turbine system designs
- **Without mathematical re-modeling** of the system, our method directly uses a realistic (**black-box**) simulators as a model
- The key enabler is the **logical structure** of requirement specifications

Advantage

- Design process is automated and the result is **comparable to a manual tuning by human expertise**, in our case study
- The method is generally applicable to black-box control systems. Expected to be useful in **various fields of system design** such as autonomous driving

Background & Goals

Background: Quality assurance of black-box system

Finding an input such that the corresponding output satisfies **all of requirements**

Mandatory 1 : Both of $H_1 \geq \theta_1^1$ and $H_2 \geq \theta_2^1$ must be true at certain stage.
 Mandatory 2 : The value of G must not reach Region 4, i.e., must keep $G \leq \theta^4$.
 Desirable 1 : (H_1, H_2) should not reach Region 2.
 Desirable 2 : H_2 should not reach Region 1, i.e., should keep $H_2 \leq \theta_2^1$.
 Desirable 3 : F should not reach Region 3, i.e., should keep $F \leq \theta^3$.

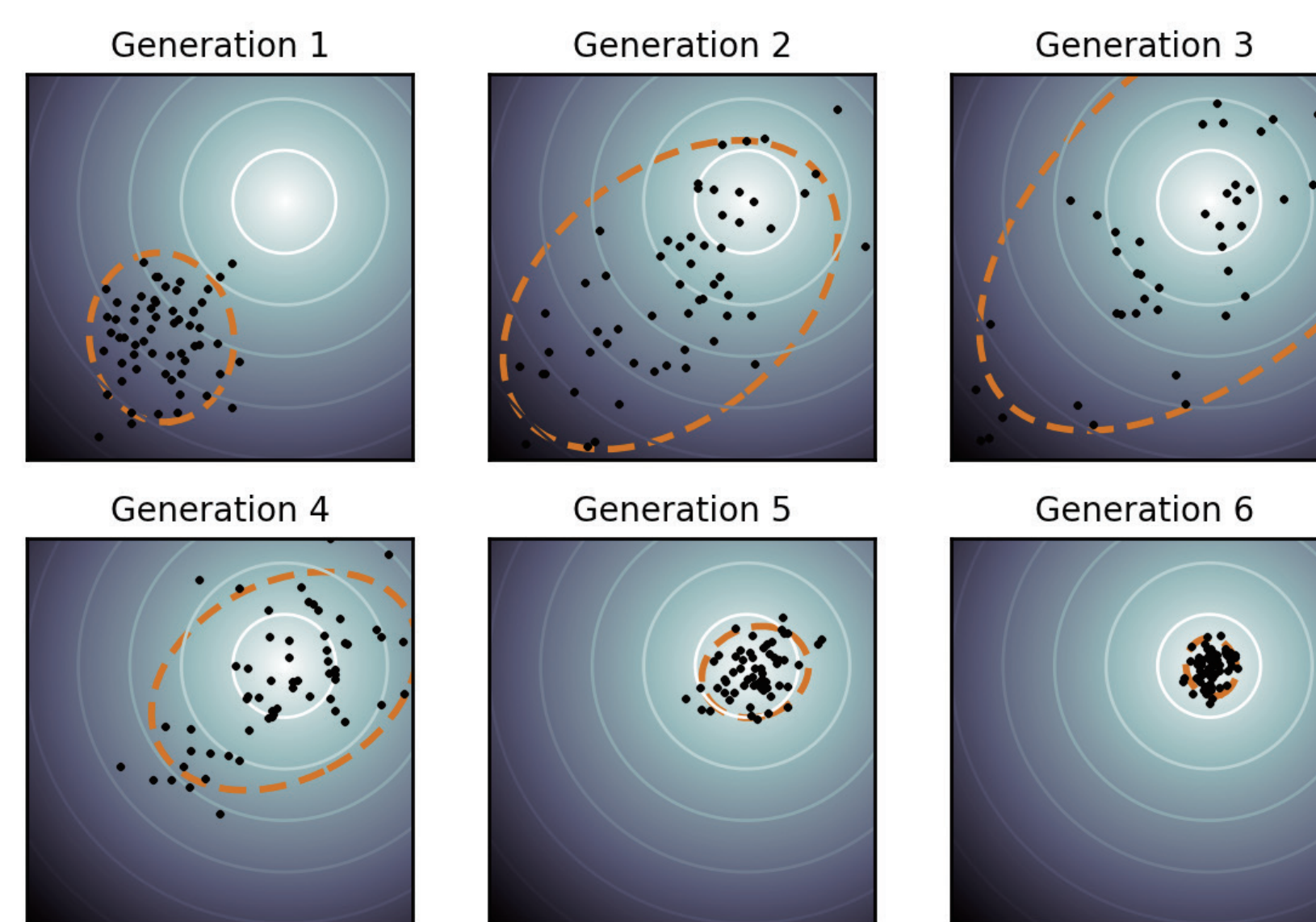
Translation to STL formula

where $\sigma_1 = \frac{\theta_1^1 - \theta_1^2}{\theta_1^1 - \theta_1^2}, \sigma_2 = \frac{\theta_2^1 - \theta_2^2}{\theta_2^1 - \theta_2^2}, \beta_1 = -\alpha_1 \theta_1^1 + \theta_1^2, \beta_2 = -\alpha_2 \theta_2^1 + \theta_2^2$

Only the correspondence of output and input values provided

often there appears trade-off, so careful balancing is required

Goals: Exploiting domain knowledge to effectively find a desirable design



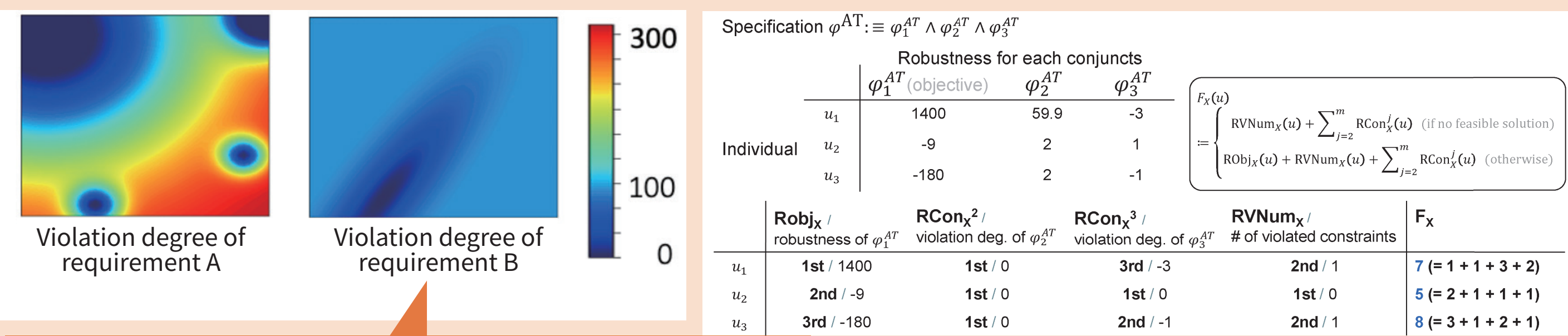
By quantifying how “nearly satisfying” the output is, system design is translated into **numerical optimization**.

- To solve it in realistic time frame, we need to address:
- 1) Broad search space (30 dim)
 - 2) Stuck in local optimum or plateau

Method

Multiple constraint technique

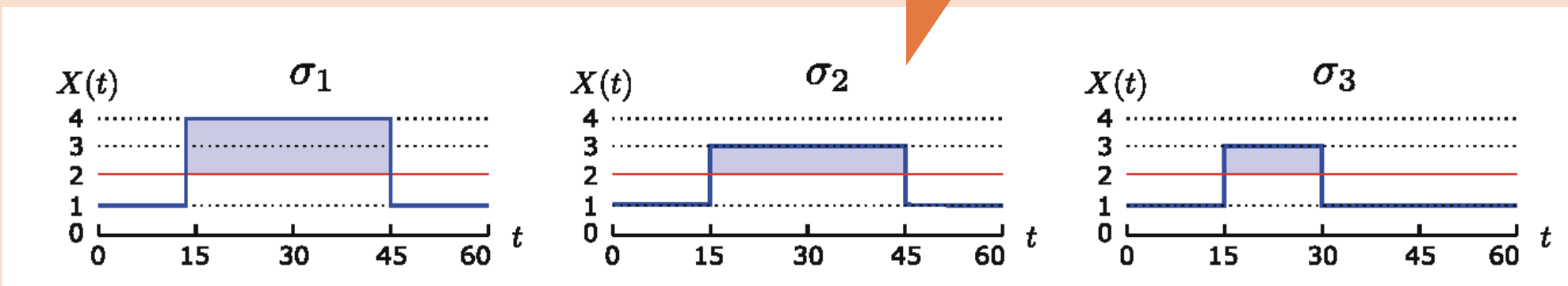
- We treat some of violation degrees as “constraint functions”
- Each violation degree is separately evaluated in scale-invariant way



Merging two violation degree into one objective function may result a masking of small-scale one

Area modality

Requirement: the signal value should not be above 2



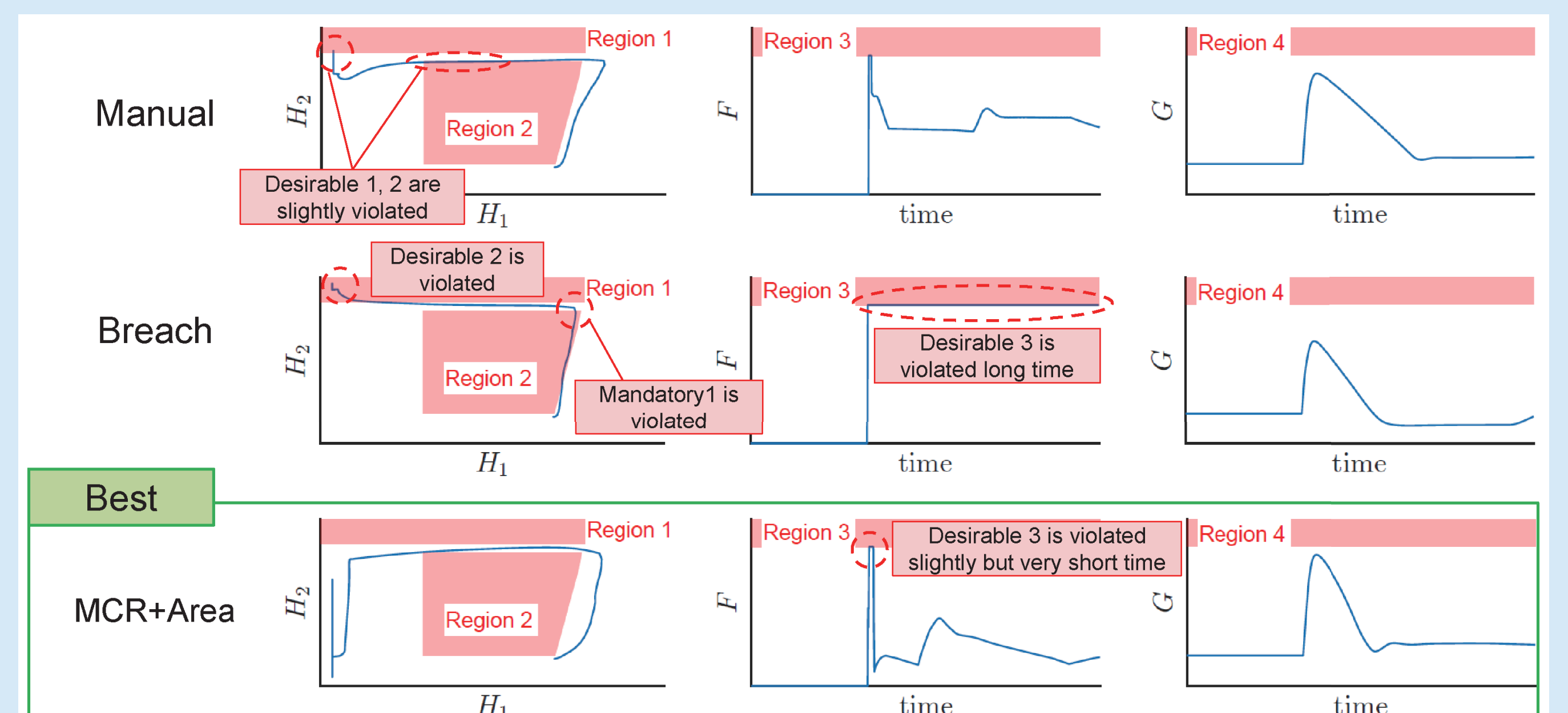
- Counterintuitively, these signals are equally valued in conventional framework of STL formula evaluation
- We introduced new modality into STL system to reflect the time-and-value violation degree

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_1^{Mand} &: \square_{[0,60]} (H_1 \geq \theta_1^1 \wedge H_2 \geq \theta_2^1) \\ \varphi_2^{Mand} &: \square_{[0,60]} (G \leq \theta^4) \\ (\varphi_1^{Desir})^{Area} &: \neg \text{Area}_{[0,60]} (H_1 > \theta_1^1 \wedge H_2 < \theta_2^1 \wedge H_2 > \theta_2^1 \wedge H_1 > \theta_1^1 \wedge H_2 > \alpha_1 H_1 + \beta_1 \wedge H_2 > \alpha_2 H_1 + \beta_2) \\ (\varphi_2^{Desir})^{Area} &: \neg \text{Area}_{[0,60]} (H_2 > \theta_2^1) \\ (\varphi_3^{Desir})^{Area} &: \neg \text{Area}_{[0,60]} (F > \theta^3) \end{aligned}$$

Result

Our method automates the design process that costs 7 person-days of manual tuning

	Quality	Automation	Cost
Manual	+	no	-- (7 person-days)
Existing tool	-	yes	+(3 hours)
Our method	++	yes	+(3 hours)



The resulting behavior is comparable to the one by human expertise