MUStICCa: MUS Extraction with Interactive Choice of Candidates (Tool Paper)

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Interactive MUS Extraction

A Weakness of Current MUS Extraction Technology

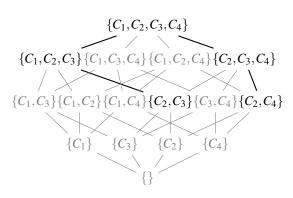
- MUS extraction tools are black boxes which return some arbitrary MUS
- no information about the search space, MUSes are difficult to compare

The Idea

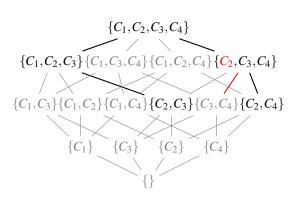
- explicitly visualize the search space as part of the powerset lattice
- allow the user to manually execute reduction steps

Advantages

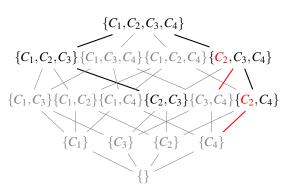
- we receive a good impression of search space structure
- experts can prioritize reduction attempts according to their domain knowledge in order to extract several interesting MUSes and compare them
- we can exploit synergies between different branches of the search space exploration by systematically sharing criticality information



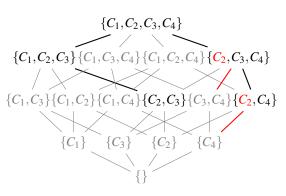
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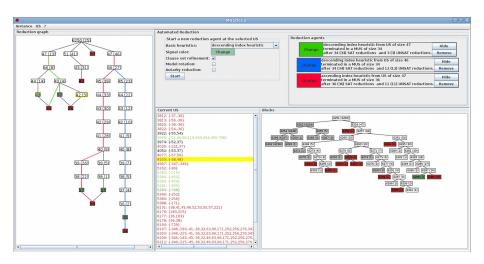
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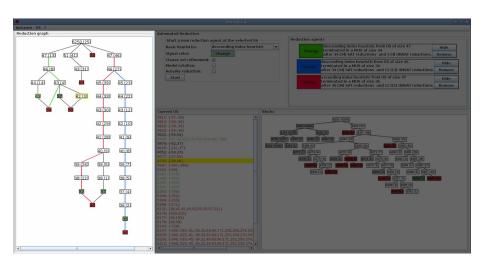


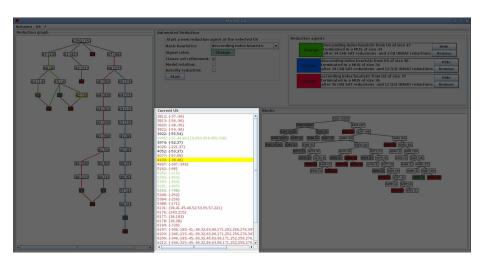
- powerset lattice of {C₁,C₂,C₃,C₄}
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- let C_2 be critical in $\{C_2, C_3, C_4\}$
- downward propagation via explored edges: C₂ critical in {C₂,C₄} as well
- lose information: e.g.
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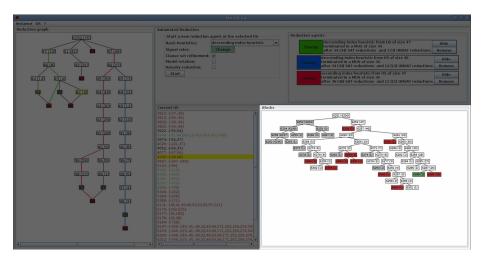


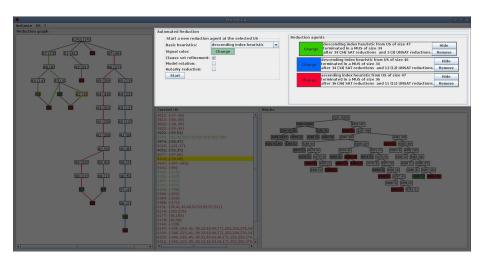
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- our solution: systematically sharing criticality information via constraints on selector variables

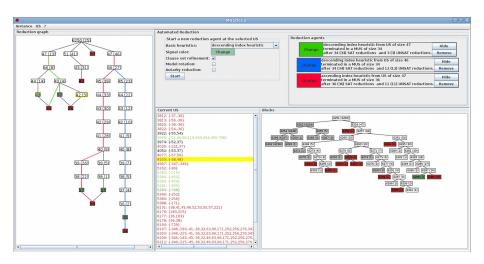












The End

JAR release and user's manual available at

algo.inf.uni-tuebingen.de/?site=forschung/sat/MUStICCa

source code available at

kahina.org

much more information in

Dellert, J.: Interactive Extraction of Minimal Unsatisfiable Cores Enhanced By Meta Learning. Diplomarbeit, Universität Tübingen (2013)

Thank you for your attention!