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Citius, Maius, Potentius - Faster, Bigger, More Powerful

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- The International SAT Competitions have been contributing to the impressive performance boost of SAT solvers since 2002
 - A relatively objective testbed for the practical importance of novel search techniques
- Highlights from the SAT Competition 2014
 - High participation: 79 participants and 137 submitted solvers
 - Many resources: 5.000 (s) timeout, in total 400.000 CPU hours
 - Validation of results: witness for SAT and proof for UNSAT
- Three categories for both sequential and parallel solvers
 - Application category with benchmarks from industry
 - Hard-combinatorial category with benchmarks to obstruct solvers
 - Random category with scientifically interesting benchmarks





- 1. Sequential, Application SAT
- 2. Sequential, Application certified UNSAT
- 3. Sequential, Application SAT+UNSAT
- 4. Sequential, Hard-combinatorial SAT
- 5. Sequential, Hard-combinatorial certified UNSAT
- 6. Sequential, Hard-combinatorial SAT+UNSAT
- 7. Sequential, Random SAT
- 8. Parallel, Hard-combinatorial SAT+UNSAT
- 9. Parallel, Application SAT+UNSAT
- 10. Parallel, Random SAT new
- 11. Sequential, MiniSAT Hack, Application SAT+UNSAT





- 1. The source code of submitted SAT solvers must be made available;
- 2. Full source code submissions only (no libraries);
- 3. Each (co-)author was limited to four sequential solvers, two parallel solvers and one MiniSAT hack track submission;
- 4. At most two different SAT solving engines for all runs per solver;
- 5. Every solver and benchmark submission needs to be accompanied with a short solver / benchmark description;
- 6. A wrong answer will disqualify a solver for all tracks it participates in;
- 7. Solvers cannot be withdrawn after the submission deadline.





- We had 137 solver submissions of which 70 participated
- We had 79 participants from 14 countries







- Proofs were mandatory in UNSAT tracks as during SC 2013
- New checker DRAT-trim is able to validate all SAT techniques
- Example validation of proof by cryptominisat-4.1-st while solving q_query_3_l48_lambda.cnf using 126.26 (s) CPU time:

c reading proof from stdin

- c finished parsing
- c detected empty clause; start verification via backward checking
- c 34958 of 174528 clauses in core
- c 668933 of 1332081 lemmas in core using 30685879 resolution steps
- c 2766 RAT lemmas in core; 481098 redundant literals in core lemmas Verification took 177 seconds. Checker output: s VERIFIED





Number of times a user has submitted code in EDACC.

▶ 313 code submissions for 137 solvers \rightarrow 2.3 submissions per solver





- One phase competition
- Automatized testing phase for competitors to test their solvers
- No further changes possible after the testing phase
- Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC)
 - > 2 Hex-core Xeon 5680 processors, 3.33 GHz with 24GB RAM per node
 - ▶ Used ~90.000h of CPU time on 12 core nodes (wasting 5/6 CPU time)
 - Blocked ~400.000h of CPU time of resources
- Execution System: EDACC
 - Simple and transparent execution of solvers on distributed clusters
 - Automatic collection and (statistical) analysis of the results
 - Web front end provides a competition mode (with user management)





- Includes all submitted solver and benchmark descriptions
- Descriptions of benchmark selection and generation procedures
- Permanent URL: http://hdl.handle.net/10138/135571
- ISBN 978-951-51-0043-6
- Solver description and sources for each solver also available through the EDACC web front-end





Application and Hard-Combinatorial tracks

- Submissions: 7 Application, 7 Hard-Combinatorial.
- 50% of selected Application and 50% of selected Hard-Combinatorial benchmarks are new.
- Large diversity: 23 sources ("buckets") in Application;
 29 in Hard-Combinatorial.

Random tracks

- ► SAT benchmarks: k-SAT for k ∈ {3, 4, 5, 6, 7}
 - "Threshold" around the threshold, up to 13.000 vars.
 - "Huge" under threshold, up to 1.000.000 vars.
- No UNSAT benchmarks due to lack of competitive solvers





MiniSAT Hack Track

- 1. 222; MiniSat_HACK_999ED; Chanseok Oh
- 2. 213; minisat_blbd; Jingchao Chen
- 3. 191; ROKKminisat; Takeru Yasumoto





Parallel Application SAT + UNSAT

- 1. 277; Plingeling; Armin Biere
- 2. 248; PeneLoPe; Gilles Audemard, Benoît Hoessen, Saïd Jabbour, Jean-Marie Lagniez, and Cédric Piette
- 3. 248; Treengeling, Armin Biere

Parallel Hard-Combinatorial SAT + UNSAT

- 1. 227; Treengeling; Armin Biere
- 2. 221; Plingeling; Armin Biere
- 3. 205; Ricardo Marques, Luís Guerra e Silva, Paulo Flores and Luś Miguel Silveira





Sequential Random SAT

- 1. 115; dimentheus; Oliver Gableske
- 2. 101; BalancedZ, Chong Huang, Chumin Li, and Ruchu Xu
- 3. 98; CSCCSat2014; Chuan Luo, Shaowei Cai, Wei Wu, and Kaile Su

Parallel Random SAT

- 1. 108; pprobSAT; Adrian Balint and Uwe Schöning
- 2. 106; Plingeling; Armin Biere
- 3. 95; CSCCSat2014; Chuan Luo, Shaowei Cai, Wei Wu, and Kaile Su





Sequential Application SAT

- 1. 109; minisat_blbd; Jingchao Chen
- 2. 107; Riss BlackBox; Enrique Matos Alfonso and Norbert Manthey
- 3. 106; SWDiA5BY; Chanseok Oh

Sequential Hard-combinatorial SAT

- 1. 107; SparrowToRiss; Adrian Balint and Norbert Manthey
- 2. 106; CCAnr+glucose; Shaowei Cai, Chuan Luo, and Kaile Su
- 3. 104; SGSeq; Chumin Li, Hua Jiang, and Ruchu Xu





Sequential Application Certified UNSAT

- 1. 130; Lingeling (druplig); Armin Biere
- 2. 123; glucose; Gilles Audemard and Laurent Simon
- 3. 121; SWDiA5BY; Chanseok Oh

Sequential Hard-combinatorial Certified UNSAT

- 1. 105; Riss BlackBox; Enrique Matos Alfonso and Norbert Manthey
- 2. 96; Lingeling (druplig); Armin Biere
- 3. 92; glucose; Gilles Audemard and Laurent Simon





Sequential Application SAT + UNSAT

- 1. 231; Lingeling; Armin Biere
- 2. 228; SWDiA5BY; Chanseok Oh
- 3. 226; Riss BlackBox; Enrique Matos Alfonso and Norbert Manthey

Sequential Hard-Combinatorial SAT + UNSAT

- 1. 208; glueSplit_clasp; Jingchao Chen
- 2. 207; Lingeling; Armin Biere
- 3. 206; SparrowToRiss; Adrian Balint and Norbert Manthey





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- D. These techniques are not part of MiniSAT 2.2







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In acknowledgement of their impact on SAT research through the introduction of the highly-influential MiniSAT SAT solver.



SAT Competition 2014: Thanks!



Thanks to all the submitters of benchmarks and solvers!



- All results are available on the EDACC system: http://satcompetition.org
- Solver and benchmark descriptions in the proceedings: http://hdl.handle.net/10138/135571